FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Name and Address of Reporting Person*     MCCORKINDALE DOUGLAS H					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GANNETT CO INC /DE/ [ GCI ]							(Ch	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) GANNETT CO., INC. 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE			(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/15/2004								Officer (give title below) Chairman, Pres			Other (sp below)	1	
(Street)  MCLEAN VA 22107  (City) (State) (Zip)				4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Line	ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable )  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Date				Fransactio	action 2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. Transac Code (In 8)	4. Securi Disposed		ities Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar		5. Amoun Securities Beneficia Owned Fo Reported Transacti	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially		Direct Indirect Estr. 4)	7. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Dwnership Instr. 4)		
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		opiration ate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)				
Phantom Stock	(1)	07/15/2004		A		691.846		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	691.846	\$81.33	75,134.	973	D		

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. These shares of phantom stock convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- 2. These shares of phantom stock are payable on various dates selected by the reporting person or as otherwise provided in the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan.

## Remarks:

Todd A. Mayman, Attorney-in-

**Fact** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

07/19/2004

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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