FORM 4

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

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| (Last) GANNE  | CRAIG<br>(F<br>TT CO., IN  | Reporting Person*  First)  C.  CH DRIVE    | (Middle)   | <u>[</u>  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GANNETT CO INC /DE/ [ GCI ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2006 |  |     |  |  |   | elationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer eck all applicable) Director 10% Owner  Conflicer (give title below)  Pres./Publisher of USA Today |   |   |   |                              |  |  |  |
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| (Street)  MCLEA  (City)                             |  | A<br>State)                                | 22107<br>(Zip)   |   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |  |     |  |  |   | 6. Indi<br>Line)<br>X   |   |   |   |                              |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date      |  |  | 2. Transact  | Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) Transaction Code (Instr. 3, 4 |  |  | or  | 5. Amount of Securities Form Beneficially (D) of               |  | Form:   | Direct I<br>Indirect I<br>tr. 4)  | 7. Nature of<br>ndirect<br>Beneficial<br>Dwnership<br>Instr. 4) |   |   |                              |  |  |  |
|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |  |   |  |  |     |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |                              |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year | Code (Instr.  |  | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D) (Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | 7. Title and Amou<br>Securities Underl<br>Derivative Securi<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | lying   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Numb<br>derivativ<br>Securitie<br>Beneficia<br>Owned<br>Followin<br>Reported | re<br>es<br>ally<br>g        | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|   |  |  |  | Code  | v  | (A)  | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  |  | epiration<br>ate  | Title   | Amou<br>Numb<br>Share   | er of   |   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock                                    | (1)  | 02/21/2006                                 |  | A   |  | 1,182.085  |     | (2)  |  | (2)   | Common<br>Stock   | 1,182   | 2.085   | \$62.39   | 8,899.                       | 353  | D  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock.
- 2. These shares of phantom stock are payable in cash or stock, at the election of the reporting person, on various dates selected by the reporting person or as otherwise provided in the Issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan.

## Remarks:

/s/ Todd A. Mayman, Attorney-

in-Fact

02/22/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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).
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