FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MCCORKINDALE DOUGLAS H						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol GANNETT CO INC /DE/ [ GCI ]									all appli Directo	cable) r	g Per	son(s) to Iss	vner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) GANNETT CO., INC. 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE					09/	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2004									X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Chairman, Pres and CEO					
(Street)  MCLEA	ICLEAN VA 22107				4. If									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
		Tab	le I - Non	-Deriva	ative	Sec	curiti	ies Ac	quired, D	ispose	d c	of, or Be	neficia	ılly C	Dwned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da						ction 2A. Deemed Execution Date,			Code (In: 8)	Transaction Code (Instr. 3 5)  Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3 5)			str. 3, 4 ar	5. Amour 4 and Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reportec		es Form ially (D) of Following (I) (I		n: Direct r Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (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 D if any (Month/Day	Date, T	4. Transacti Code (Ins 8)				6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	d	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		Der Sec	Price of erivative curity estr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Ownersl Form: y Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instr.	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				c	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expirati Date	on	Title	Amount or Number of Shares							
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	09/01/2004			D			1,603	(1)	(1)		Common Stock	1,603		(1)	35,266	5	D		

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Election by reporting person, effective upon vesting of 1,603 restricted stock units on September 1, 2004, to dispose of the units to the issuer by receiving credit in a deferred compensation plan account for the fair market value on that date of the shares of common stock underlying the units, at the rate of \$84.87 per share.

## Remarks:

/s/ Todd A. Mayman, Attorneyin-Fact 09/01/2004

\*\* 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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