### 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*<br>MCCORKINDALE DOUGLAS H |            |           | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GANNETT CO INC /DE/ [ GCI ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|------------|-----------|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| MCCORR   | INDALE DU  | JUGLAS II |   | X Director 10% Owner  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Last)   | (First)    | (Middle)  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)                        | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ( )        | (Middle)  | 11/01/2004  | Chairman, Pres and CEO  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GANNETT (  | CO., INC.  |           | 11/01/2004  | Chairman, Tres and CEO  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7950 JONES   | BRANCH DRI | VE        |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| ,  |            |           | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)   |            |           |   | Line)   |  |  |  |  |  |
| MCLEAN   | VA         | 22107     |   | X Form filed by One Reporting Person                                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| ,  |            |           |   | Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person                         |  |  |  |  |  |
| (City)   | (State)    | (Zip)     |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Date, Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and<br>5) |               |       | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | (D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|---------------|-------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code                              | v | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |                                   | (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) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of E |       | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 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  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | (1)   | 11/01/2004                                 |   | D                            |   |      | 1,603 | (1)  | (1)                | Common<br>Stock  | 1,603                                  | (1)   | 32,060   | D  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Election by reporting person, effective upon vesting of 1,603 restricted stock units on November 1, 2004, to dispose of the units to the issuer by receiving a credit in a deferred compensation account for the fair market value on that date of the shares of common stock underlying the units, at the rate of \$82.38 per share.

#### **Remarks:**

#### Todd A. Mayman, Attorney-in-<u>11/02/2004</u>

<u>Fact</u>

\*\* 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).

\*\* 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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