

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>GAVAGAN GEORGE R</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) GANNETT CO., INC. 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE  (Street) MCLEAN VA 22107  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>GANNETT CO INC /DE/ [ GCI ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Vice President and Controller</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/10/2005</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/10/2005		M		10,000	A	\$54.31	11,986	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		M		7,000	A	\$56.25	18,986	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		M		7,400	A	\$59.5	26,386	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		200	D	\$78.52	26,186	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		400	D	\$78.55	25,786	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		200	D	\$78.56	25,586	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		200	D	\$78.57	25,386	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		500	D	\$78.58	24,886	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		200	D	\$78.6	24,686	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		500	D	\$78.62	24,186	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		100	D	\$78.63	24,086	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		4,000	D	\$78.67	20,086	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		200	D	\$78.69	19,886	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		200	D	\$78.75	19,686	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		400	D	\$78.77	19,286	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		1,300	D	\$78.78	17,986	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		300	D	\$78.8	17,686	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		700	D	\$78.81	16,986	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		1,100	D	\$78.82	15,886	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		700	D	\$78.85	15,186	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		1,500	D	\$78.9	13,686	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		700	D	\$78.91	12,986	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		4,200	D	\$78.93	8,786	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		500	D	\$78.94	8,286	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2005		S		5,000	D	\$78.95	3,286	D	
Common Stock								1,155.86 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By 401(k) Plan

**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)	Table of Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Exercised (e.g., Puts, Calls, Warrants, Options, Convertible Securities)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. 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) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$54.31	03/10/2005		M			10,000	(2)	12/05/2010	Common Stock	10,000	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$56.25	03/10/2005		M			7,000	(3)	07/24/2010	Common Stock	7,000	\$0	0	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$59.5	03/10/2005		M			7,400	(4)	12/09/2007	Common Stock	7,400	\$0	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of March 1, 2005.
- The initial option for 10,000 shares vested in four equal installments beginning on December 5, 2001.
- The initial option for 7,000 shares vested in four equal installments beginning on July 24, 2001.
- The initial option for 7,400 shares vested in four equal installments beginning on December 9, 1998.

**Remarks:**

First of two reports filed to report transactions by the reporting person on March 10, 2005.

/s/ Todd A. Mayman, Attorney-in-Fact 03/11/2005

\*\* 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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