

DAVIDSON PAUL
Form 4
December 16, 2004

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DAVIDSON PAUL

(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
GANNETT CO INC /DE/ [GCI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Chief Exec/Newsquest Media Grp

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/15/2004		M		1,625	A	\$ 56.25
Common Stock	12/15/2004		M		3,375	A	\$ 54.31
Common Stock	12/15/2004		S		3,300	D	\$ 80.34
Common Stock	12/15/2004		S		1,700	D	\$ 80.33

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 56.25	12/15/2004		M	1,625	<u>(1)</u> 07/24/2010	Common Stock	1,625
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 54.31	12/15/2004		M	3,375	<u>(2)</u> 12/05/2010	Common Stock	3,375

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DAVIDSON PAUL GANNETT CO., INC. 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE MCLEAN, VA 22107			Chief Exec/Newsquest Media Grp	

Signatures

/s/ Todd A. Mayman,
Attorney-in-Fact

12/16/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

(1) The initial option for 6,500 shares vested in four equal annual installments beginning on July 24, 2001.

(2) The initial option for 13,500 shares vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 5, 2001.

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