GANNETT CO INC /DE/

Form 4

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MCCORKINDALE DOUGLAS H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GANNETT CO INC /DE/ [GCI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

GANNETT CO., INC., 7950 JONES

(Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2005

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

BRANCH DRIVE

below) below) Chairman

(Street)

(Middle)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

MCLEAN, VA 22107

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

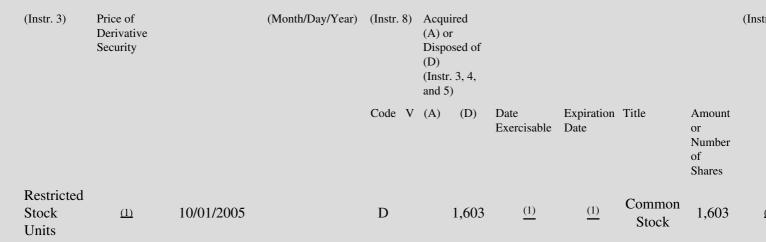
6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCCORKINDALE DOUGLAS H GANNETT CO., INC. 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE MCLEAN, VA 22107	X		Chairman	

Signatures

/s/ Thomas L. Chapple, Attorney-in-Fact

**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).

Election by reporting person, effective upon vesting of 1,603 restricted stock units on October 1, 2005, to dispose of the units to the issuer (1) by receiving a credit in a deferred compensation account for the fair market value on that date, or if not a business day, on the next business day thereafter, of the shares of common stock underlying the units, at the rate of \$68.62 per share.

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