GANNETT CO INC /DE/

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Van Lare Wendell J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

below)

GANNETT CO INC /DE/ [GCI]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director

10% Owner Other (specify

GANNETT CO., INC., 7950 JONES

(Street)

02/28/2007

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title below) Senior VP/Labor Relations

BRANCH DRIVE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

(Instr. 4)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

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)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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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 of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

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

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

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 61.26	02/28/2007		A	15,000		<u>(1)</u>	02/27/2015	Common Stock	15,000
Phantom Stock	<u>(2)</u>	02/28/2007		A	715.519		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	715.51

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Van Lare Wendell J GANNETT CO., INC. 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE MCLEAN, VA 22107

Senior VP/Labor Relations

Signatures

/s/ Todd A. Mayman, Attorney-in-Fact 03/02/2007

**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 option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on February 28, 2008.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Gannett Common Stock.
- (3) Each share of phantom stock is payable in cash or stock, at the election of the reporting person, on various dates selected by the reporting person or as otherwise provided in the Issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan.

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