

GANNETT CO INC /DE/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HARPER ARTHUR H**

(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)  
**04/28/2009**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Amount                                                                                        |                                                          |                                              |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | 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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative 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<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Phantom<br>Stock                                 | (1)                                | 04/28/2009       | A          | 29,441                                                           |      |   | (2) | (2) |                     |                    | Common<br>Stock | 29,441                              |
| Director<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 3.4                             | 04/28/2009       | A          | 5,000                                                            |      |   | (3) |     | 04/28/2017          |                    | Common<br>Stock | 5,000                               |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                      | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                     | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HARPER ARTHUR H<br>GANNETT CO., INC.<br>7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE<br>MCLEAN, VA 22107 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

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

04/29/2009

\_\_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) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Gannett common stock.
- (2) These shares of phantom stock are 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.
- (3) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on April 28, 2010.

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