

JASKE JOHN B  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
JASKE JOHN B

(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)  
03/03/2005

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)  
SrVP/Labor Relns and Assist GC

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	03/03/2005		M		8,350 A \$ 54.31	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005		M		13,500 A \$ 56.25	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005		M		16,100 A \$ 59.5	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005		S		2,000 D \$ 78.98	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005		S		4,000 D \$ 78.99	D	

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Common Stock	03/03/2005	S	13,700	D	\$ 79	28,210.526	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005	S	7,300	D	\$ 79.01	20,910.526	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005	S	4,950	D	\$ 79.03	15,960.526	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005	S	6,000	D	\$ 79.07	9,960.526	D	
Common Stock						1,047.9 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By 401(k) Plan

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 54.31	03/03/2005		M	8,350	<sup>(2)</sup> 12/05/2010	Common Stock	8,350	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 56.25	03/03/2005		M	13,500	<sup>(3)</sup> 07/24/2010	Common Stock	13,500	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 59.5	03/03/2005		M	16,100	<sup>(4)</sup> 12/09/2007	Common Stock	16,100	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JASKE JOHN B GANNETT CO., INC. 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE MCLEAN, VA 22107			SrVP/Labor Relns and Assist GC	

## Signatures

/s/ Todd A. Mayman, Attorney-in-Fact	03/04/2005
__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 information in this report is based on a plan statement dated as of March 1, 2005.
  - (2) The initial option for 24,500 shares vested in four equal installments beginning on December 5, 2001.
  - (3) The initial option for 13,500 shares vested in four equal installments beginning on July 24, 2001.
  - (4) The initial option for 16,100 shares vested in four equal installments beginning on December 9, 1998.

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