JASKE JOHN B Form 4 March 04, 2005

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 4 or Form 5

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(Print or Type Responses)

obligations

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JASKE JOHN B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Middle)

GANNETT CO INC /DE/ [GCI]

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

03/03/2005

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

GANNETT CO., INC., 7950 JONES **BRANCH DRIVE**

(Street)

SrVP/Labor Relns and Assist GC

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

MCLEAN, VA 22107

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab l	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 1)	
Common Stock	03/03/2005		M	8,350	A	\$ 54.31	18,310.526	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005		M	13,500	A	\$ 56.25	31,810.526	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005		M	16,100	A	\$ 59.5	47,910.526	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005		S	2,000	D	\$ 78.98	45,910.526	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2005		S	4,000	D	\$ 78.99	41,910.526	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		D	\$ 79.07		D	
Common Stock						1,047.9 (1)	I	By 401(k) Plan

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration I (Month/Day	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 54.31	03/03/2005		M	8,350	(2)	12/05/2010	Common Stock	8,350	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 56.25	03/03/2005		M	13,500	(3)	07/24/2010	Common Stock	13,500	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 59.5	03/03/2005		М	16,100	<u>(4)</u>	12/09/2007	Common Stock	16,100	

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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

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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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