EHRMAN DANIEL S JR

Form 4

December 13, 2004

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * EHRMAN DANIEL S JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

below)

GANNETT CO INC /DE/ [GCI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

GANNETT CO., INC., 7950 JONES

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year)

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

(Street)

(First)

12/10/2004

below) VP/Planning and Development

BRANCH DRIVE

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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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)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported Transaction(s)

Following

(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 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 (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares Employee

Employee Stock

Option \$80.9

\$ 80.9 12/10/2004

A 24,000

<u>(1)</u> 12/10/2012

Common Stock 24,000

(right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EHRMAN DANIEL S JR GANNETT CO., INC. 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE MCLEAN, VA 22107

VP/Planning and Development

Signatures

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

12/13/2004

**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 December 10, 2005.

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