

Van Lare Wendell J
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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 *
Van Lare Wendell J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GANNETT CO INC /DE/ [GCI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
GANNETT CO., INC., 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/26/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior VP/Labor Relations

(Street)
MCLEAN, VA 22107

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

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

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/26/2010 | | M | 8,500 A \$ 3.75 | 9,001.577 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/26/2010 | | S | 8,500 D \$ 15.3403 (2) | 501.577 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 4,252.125 | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.75 | 02/26/2010 | | M | 8,500 | <u>(1)</u> 02/24/2017 | Common Stock | 8,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|---|
| Van Lare Wendell J GANNETT CO., INC. 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE MCLEAN, VA 22107 | Director 10% Owner Officer Senior VP/Labor Relations |

Signatures

/s/ Todd A. Mayman,
Attorney-in-Fact
Date: 03/01/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) 8500 of the options vested on February 25, 2010. The remaining options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 25, 2011.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is the weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$15.3401 to \$15.345, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

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