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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Ad DAVIDSON	*	orting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GANNETT CO INC /DE/ [GCI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
` '	, ,	` '	(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
GANNETT CO., INC., 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE			03/02/2010	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				Chief Exec/Newsquest Media Grp		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
MCLEAN, VA 22107				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zin)				

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/02/2010		M	16,250	A	\$ 3.75	26,276.696	D	
Common Stock	03/02/2010		S	16,250	D	\$ 15.89	10,026.696	D	

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Derivative Expiration Date Gecurities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of D) Instr. 3, 4,		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)	\$ 3.75	03/02/2010		M	16,250	<u>(1)</u>	02/24/2017	Common Stock	16,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
2.0po.1.mg	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DAVIDSON PAUL GANNETT CO., INC. 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE MCLEAN, VA 22107			Chief Exec/Newsquest Media Grp				

Signatures

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

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** 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 vested as to 16,250 shares on February 25, 2010 and vests as to the remaining shares in three equal annual installments beginning on February 25, 2011.

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