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 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Wimmer Kurt A

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  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/02/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior VP/General Counsel

MCLEAN, VA 22107  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code	(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Num Share
Phantom Stock	<u>(1)</u>	02/02/2009	A		2,236.3465		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	2,23
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.75	02/25/2009	A		60,000		<u>(3)</u>	02/24/2017	Common Stock	60

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wimmer Kurt A GANNETT CO., INC. 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE MCLEAN, VA 22107			Senior VP/General Counsel	

## Signatures

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

02/27/2009

\_\_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) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Gannett common stock.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock is payable in cash or stock, at the election of the reporting person, on various dates selected by the reporting person or as otherwise provided in the Issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (3) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on February 25, 2010.

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