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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement GANNETT CO INC /DE/ [GCI] JOHNSON SUSAN CLARK (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) GANNETT CO., INC., 7950 (Check all applicable) JONES BRANCH DRIVE (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Pres/Gannett Newspaper Div Person MCLEAN, VAÂ 22107 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â D Common Stock 16,132 Common Stock 1,031.907 I By $401(k)^{(1)}$ By spouse (2) Common Stock 1,052 I Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and Ginstr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Governing Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial

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			Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		or Exercise Price of	Form of Derivative	Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Phantom Stock	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	1,909.69	\$ (4)	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	12/09/2007	Common Stock	4,750	\$ 59.5	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(6)	12/08/2008	Common Stock	27,500	\$ 65	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(7)	12/07/2009	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 74.5	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(8)	07/24/2010	Common Stock	17,500	\$ 56.25	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(8)	12/07/2009	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 56.25	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(9)	12/05/2010	Common Stock	12,500	\$ 54.31	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	12/04/2001	12/04/2011	Common Stock	2,800	\$ 69.35	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(10)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	60,000	\$ 69.35	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(11)	12/03/2012	Common Stock	60,000	\$ 70.21	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(12)	12/12/2013	Common Stock	51,000	\$ 87.33	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	(13)	12/10/2012	Common Stock	48,000	\$ 80.9	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
JOHNSON SUSAN CLARK					
GANNETT CO., INC.	â	Â	Pres/Gannett Newspaper Div	â	
7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE	А	A	A Fles/Gaillett Newspaper Div	A	
MCLEAN, VA 22107					

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Signatures

/s/ Thomas L. Chapple, Attorney-in-Fact

10/04/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Based on the most recent quarterly plan statement available dated as of September 23, 2005.
- (2) Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (3) These shares of phantom stock are payable on various dates selected by the reporting person or as otherwise provided in the Issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (4) These shares of phantom stock convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (5) The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 9, 1998.
- (6) The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 8, 1999.
- (7) The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 7, 2000.
- (8) The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on July 24, 2001.
- (9) The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 5, 2001.
- (10) The option vested as to 45,000 shares in three equal annual installments beginning on December 4, 2002, and will vest as to the remaining 15,000 on December 4, 2005.
- (11) The option vested as to 30,000 shares in two equal annual installments beginning on December 3, 2003, and will vest as to the remaining 30,000 shares in two equal annual installments beginning on December 3, 2005.
- (12) The option vested as to 12,750 shares on December 12, 2004, and vested as to the remaining 38,250 shares on December 23, 2004.
- (13) The option will vest in four equal annual installments beginning on December 10, 2005.

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