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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

Common Stock

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owned directly or indirectly.

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] Hart Michael A. (Month/Day/Year) 05/14/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O GANNETT CO., (Check all applicable) INC., Â 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE 10% Owner Director (Street) \_X\_\_ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) Vice President and Treasurer \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person MCLEAN. VAÂ 22107 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

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or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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By 401(k) Plan

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security
2. Date Exercisable and (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

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Derivative Security

3. Title and Amount of 4.

Securities Underlying Ownership or Exercise

Ownership Ownership

Ownership

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			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Numl	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Phantom Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	4,424.62	\$ (2)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	12/12/2012	12/12/2012	Common Stock	3,000	\$ (3)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	12/11/2013	12/11/2013	Common Stock	3,700	\$ (3)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	12/10/2014	12/10/2014	Common Stock	6,000	\$ (3)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	12/31/2015	12/31/2015	Common Stock	5,385	\$ (3)	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	12/03/2012	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 70.21	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(5)	12/12/2013	Common Stock	11,000	\$ 87.33	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(6)	12/10/2012	Common Stock	10,500	\$ 80.9	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(7)	12/09/2013	Common Stock	7,200	\$ 60.29	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(8)	12/08/2014	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 59.96	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(9)	12/07/2015	Common Stock	3,600	\$ 35.84	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(10)	12/12/2016	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 7.53	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(11)	12/11/2017	Common Stock	11,000	\$ 13.16	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(12)	12/10/2018	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 15.69	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
· · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Hart Michael A. C/O GANNETT CO., INC. 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE MCLEAN, VA 22107	Â	Â	Vice President and Treasurer	Â	

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### **Signatures**

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

05/17/2012

\*\*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) 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.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Gannett common stock.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive on share of the underlying common stock.
- (4) The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 3, 2003.
- (5) The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 12, 2004.
- (6) The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 10, 2005.
- (7) The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 9, 2006.
- (8) The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 8, 2007.
- (9) The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on December 7, 2008.
- (10) The option vested as to 7,500 shares in three equal annual installments beginning on December 12, 2009 and will vest as to the remaining 2,500 on December 12, 2012.
- (11) The option vested as to 5,500 shares in two equal annual installments beginning on December 11, 2010 and will vest as to the remaining 5,500 in two equal annual installments beginning on December 11, 2012.
- (12) The option vested as to 3,750 shares on December 10, 2011 and will vest as to the remaining 11,250 in three equal annual installments beginning on December 10, 2012.

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