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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

Person *

Payne David A.

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

03/16/2011

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GANNETT CO INC /DE/ [GCI]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(give title below) (specify below)

Sr . VP/Chief Digital Officer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O GANNETT CO.,

INC., Â 7950 JONES BRANCH

DRIVE

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

MCLEAN. VAÂ 22107

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

0

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5)

(I) (Instr. 5)

No securities are beneficially owned.

D

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. 5. Ownership Conversion or Exercise Form of

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Security Number of

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Shares

Payne David A.

C/O GANNETT CO., INC. 7950 JONES BRANCH DRIVE

Â Sr . VP/Chief Digital Officer Â

MCLEAN, VAÂ 22107

Signatures

/s/ Todd A. Mayman, 03/18/2011 Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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