GANNETT CO INC /DE/ Form 8-K October 31, 2008

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

# CURRENT REPORT

### PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

#### **SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): October 29, 2008

**GANNETT CO., INC.** 

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**Delaware** (State or Other Jurisdiction of

1-6961 (Commission File Number) 16-0442930 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**Incorporation or Organization of Registrant)** 

7950 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, Virginia (Address of principal executive offices)

22107-0910 (Zip Code)

(703) 854-6000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

#### Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- " Soliciting material pursuant to rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

# Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On October 29, 2008, the Gannett Board of Directors elected Howard Elias and Scott McCune to serve as directors of the Company, effective October 30, 2008. Their Board committee assignments will be determined at a later date.

A press release announcing the election of Mr. Elias and Mr. McCune to the Gannett Board of Directors is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibit 99.1

Press Release issued October 30, 2008.

#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Gannett Co., Inc.

Date: October 30, 2008 By: /s/ Todd A. Mayman

Todd A. Mayman Vice President,

Associate General Counsel, Secretary and

Chief Governance Officer

### INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release announcing the election of Mr. Elias and Mr. McCune to the Company s Board.