

GANNETT CO INC /DE/  
Form 4  
December 16, 2002

**FORM 4**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Miller Larry F.</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>Gannett Co., Inc.</b> <b>7950 Jones Branch Drive</b>  (Street) <b>McLean, VA 22107</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Gannett Co., Inc. ("GCI")</b>			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)  <b>Executive Vice President/Operations and Chief Financial Officer</b>		
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>December 13, 2002</b>			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			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 & 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price			

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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				(Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		Date Exer-cisable	Expira-tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)
				Code	V							
<b>Phantom Stock</b>	<b>1-for-1</b>	<b>12/13/02</b>		<b>A</b>	<b>163.299</b>	<b>Immed.</b>		<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>163.299</b>	<b>\$71.1909</b>	<b>15,940.914<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>D</b>

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The shares of Phantom Stock reported in Table II, Column 9 of this Form 4 were acquired under the issuer's Deferred Compensation Plan. Prior Forms 4 reported some of these shares in Table I, as Common Stock.

By: /s/ **Todd A. Mayman**  
**Attorney-in-Fact**

**December 16, 2002**  
 Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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