GANNETT CO INC /DE/

Form 4

December 05, 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 Ad  Miller Larry F.         |  |                    | me and Tic   |      | 6. Relationship of Reporting<br>Person(s)<br>to Issuer (Check all applicable) |  |  |   |  |  |
|---|--|--------------------|--|------|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| (Last)  Gannett Co., In 7950 Jones Brai | of Reporting Person,                                 |                    |  |      |   | Statement for onth/Day/Year /03/02   | Director   |   |  |  |
|   |  |                    |  |      |   |  | Executive Vice President/Operations and Chief Financial Officer  |   |  |  |
| McLean, VA 22                           | ļ  |                    |  |      |   | If Amendment,<br>te of Original<br>onth/Day/Year)  | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                    |  |                    |  | able | e I Non-E   | )erivat  | osed of, or Beneficially Owned   |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2. Trans-<br>action<br>Date<br>(Month/ Day/<br>Year) | Execution<br>Date, | 3. Trans- 4. Securities Acquired action Code (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) |      |   | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4) | 6. Owner-ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)  | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |  |  |

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

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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)

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|---|------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| 1. Title of   | 2. Conver- | 3. Trans- | 3A.       | 4.      | 5. Number   | 6. Date Exercisable | 7. Title and   | 8. Price of | 9. Number of   | 10.       | 11. Nat   |  |
| Derivative  | sion or    | action    | Deemed    | Trans-  | of          | and Expiration      | Amount of      | Derivative  | Derivative     | Owner-    | of Indir  |  |
| Security  | Exercise   | Date      | Execution | action  | Derivative  | Date                | Underlying     | Security    | Securities     | ship      | Benefic   |  |
|   | Price of   |           | Date,     | Code    | Securities  | (Month/Day/         | Securities     | (Instr. 5)  | Beneficially   | Form      | Owners    |  |
| (Instr. 3)  | Derivative | (Month/   | if any    |         | Acquired    | Year)               | (Instr. 3 & 4) |             | Owned          | of Deriv- | (Instr. 4 |  |
|   | Security   | Day/      | (Month/   | (Instr. | (A) or      |                     |                |             | Following      | ative     |           |  |
|   |            | Year)     | Day/      | 8)      | Disposed of |                     |                |             | Reported       | Security: |           |  |
|   |            |           | Year)     |         | (D)         |                     |                |             | Transaction(s) | Direct    |           |  |
|   |            |           |           |         |             |                     |                |             | 1              |           |           |  |

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

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|  |         |          |      |   | (Instr. 3,<br>& 5) | 4 |              |                         |                 |  | - |                   | (D)<br>or<br>Indirect |  |
|--|---------|----------|------|---|--------------------|---|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|---|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
|  |         |          | Code | V | (A)                |   | Exer-cisable | Expira-<br>tion<br>Date |                 | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   | (I)<br>(Instr. 4) |                       |  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$70.21 | 12/03/02 | A    |   | 100,000            |   | (1)          |                         | Common<br>Stock | 100,000                                |   | 100,000           | D                     |  |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 3, 2003.

By: /s/ <u>Todd A. Mayman</u>
Attorney-in-Fact
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

December 4, 2002
Date

\*\*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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CONSTITUTES AND APPOINTS EACH OF THOMAS L. CHAPPLE, BARBARA W. WALL AND TODD A. MAYMAN, SIGNING SINGLY, THE UNDERSIGNED'S TRUE AND LAWFUL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT TO:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Gannett Co., Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, 5 and 144 in accordance with the Securities laws of the United States and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms and timely file such forms with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or other authority where such filing is required; and

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(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 1st day of October, 2002.

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/s/ Larry F. Miller WITNESS: /s/ Jennifer L. Albosta

Signature Jennifer L. Albosta

Larry F. Miller

Print Name