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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1. Name and Ad Miller Larry F.			me and Tic		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)							
(Last) Gannett Co., In 7950 Jones Bra	of Reporting Person,					statement for nth/Day/Year cember 13, 2002	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)					
									Executive Vice President/Operations and Chief Financial Officer			
	(Street)							f Amendment,	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing			
McLean, VA 22107								e of Original onth/Day/Year)	(Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip)				able	I Non-D	eri vati	sposed of, or Beneficially Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	Execution Date,	action Code		4. Securitie (A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4 Amount	osed of		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Follow- ing Reported	ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
		Year)				(D)		Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 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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Derivative	sion or	action	Deemed	Trans-	of	and Expiration	Amount of	Derivative	Derivative	Owner-	of Indire
Security	Exercise	Date	Execution	action	Derivative	Date	Underlying	Security	Securities	ship	Beneficia
	Price of		Date,	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/	Securities	(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Form	Ownersh
(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	

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				(Instr. 3, & 5)	4						((D) or Indirect		
			Code	V	(A)		Exer-cisable	Expira- tion Date		Amount or Number of Shares			(I) (Instr. 4)	
Phantom Stock	1-for-1	12/13/02	A		163.299		Immed.		Common Stock	163.299	\$71.1909	15,940.914 <u>(1)</u>	D	

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

December 16, 2002
Date

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