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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or  
 Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

[ ] Check this box if no longer subject of Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5  
 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

Curley Thomas  
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 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
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 Gannett Co., Inc. 7950 Jones Branch Drive  
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 (Street)  
 -----  
 McLean Virginia 22107  
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 (City) (State) (Zip)

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Gannett Co., Inc. ("GCI")

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3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

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4. Statement for Month/Day/Year

October 2, 2002

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5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

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6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

[ ] Director [ ] 10% Owner  
 [ X ] Officer (give title below) [ ] Other (specify below)

President and Publisher of USA TODAY and Senior Vice President/Administration  
 Gannett Co., Inc.

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7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

[ X ] Form filed by one Reporting Person  
 [ ] Form filed by more than one Reporting Person

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Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of,  
 or Beneficially Owned

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| 1.<br>Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Transaction<br>Date<br>(mm/dd/yy) | 2.A<br>Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any<br>(mm/dd/yy) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8)<br>-----<br>Code V | 4.<br>Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                  |         | 5.<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned at End<br>of Month<br>(Instr. 3<br>and 4) | 6.<br>Owner-<br>ship<br>Form:<br>Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr.4) | 7.<br>Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|------------------|---------|--|---|--|
|                                       |   |  |  | Amount   | (A)<br>or<br>(D) | Price   |  |   |  |
| Common Stock                          |   |  |  |  |                  |         | 32,904   | D   |  |
| Common Stock                          | 10/02/02                                | 10/07/02   | P  | 54.461   | A                | \$74.31 | 16,916.795   | I   | (1)  |
| Common Stock                          | To 09/30/02                             |  |  |  |                  |         | 2,078.435  | I   | (2)  |
| Common Stock                          |   |  |  |  |                  |         | 741.987  | I   | (3)  |

\* If the Form is filed by more than one Reporting Person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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

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

Table with 11 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned, 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security, 11. Nature of Ownership.

- Explanation of Responses:
(1) Held by the trustee of the Company's Deferred Compensation Plan, The Northern Trust Company.
(2) Held by the trustee of the Company's 401(k) Plan, Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company.
(3) Held by the spouse and/or immediate family member of reporting person.

/s/ Thomas Curley 10/09/02
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedures.

Alternatively, this Form is permitted to be submitted to the Commission in electronic format at the option of the reporting person pursuant to rule 101(b)(4) of Regulation S-T.

