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SCHEDULE 14A
(RULE 14A-101)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION
PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(A) OF THE
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(AMENDMENT NO.)

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Welcome to Internet voting for the Knight Ridder 1999 Annual Meeting to be held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 12, at the Fairmont Hotel, 170 South Market St., San Jose.

This year, for the first time, we are asking that you give your proxy for your Knight Ridder shares by Internet.

In the past, you have received a proxy card in the mail, along with a proxy statement and an annual report. This year, in an effort to reduce costs and facilitate voting, all of this material will be supplied electronically.

To see the proxy statement and annual report, simply connect to the company's Web site, at www.kri.com, and look under "Financial News." (If you wish to have a paper copy of these documents and/or a paper proxy card, contact Knight Ridder's literature line at 408-938-7878 and they will be mailed to you.)

To vote on the five items contained in the proxy, you will need to link to our electronic voting site at <http://www.eproxy.com/kri/>. To do that, you will need to use your unique control number, which is _____.

Your vote is important to us. Please record your votes as soon as possible. If you change your mind after voting, simply vote again; the tabulator will record your most recent instruction. Finally, if you experience difficulty connecting to the site, please reply to this message for assistance.

Thank you for making this new option a success.