

SCRIPPS E W CO /DE  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BURLEIGH WILLIAM R**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**312 WALNUT STREET, 28TH FLOOR**

(Street)

**CINCINNATI, OH 45202**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SCRIPPS E W CO /DE [SSP]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**09/11/2008**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	09/10/2008		M		112,676	A	\$ 5.04
Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	09/10/2008		S		112,676	D	\$ 7.2045
					0	D	

Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	28,276 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Wife's Trust
Common Voting Shares, \$.01 par value per share	0	D	

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)

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) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Option	\$ 5.04	09/10/2008		M	112,676	01/19/2000	01/18/2009	Class A Common	112,676
Option	\$ 5.22					01/24/2001	01/23/2010	Class A Common	140,840
Option	\$ 6.87					05/10/2002	05/09/2011	Class A Common	9,389
Option	\$ 8.31					05/09/2003	05/08/2012	Class A Common	9,389
Option	\$ 8.49					04/29/2004	04/28/2013	Class A Common	9,389
Option	\$ 11.28					04/15/2005	04/14/2014	Class A Common	9,389
Option	\$ 10.92					04/14/2006	04/13/2015	Class A Common	9,389
Option	\$ 9.96					05/04/2007	05/03/2016		9,389

				Class A Common	
Option	\$ 9.24	04/26/2008	04/25/2017	Class A Common	9,389
Option	\$ 9.93	06/13/2009	06/12/2018	Class A Common	46,948

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BURLEIGH WILLIAM R 312 WALNUT STREET, 28TH FLOOR CINCINNATI, OH 45202		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Mary Denise Kuprionis, Attorney-in-fact for William R.  
Burleigh

09/11/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Effective July 16, 2008, shareholders approved an amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation to effect a 1-for-3 reverse share split. The holdings for this individual were adjusted accordingly.

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