

SCRIPPS E W CO /DE
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(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)

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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 | |

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|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------|
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 28,276 ⁽¹⁾ | 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 | Class A Common 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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