

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 \*  
**BURLINGAME JOHN H**

(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)  
**09/30/2008**

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|  |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |                                   |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share |                                      |  |                                |   | 13,064,074  | I (1)  | Family Trust                      |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,476   | D  |                                   |
| Common Voting                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 10,693,333  | I (1)  | Family Trust                      |

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Shares, \$.01  
par value  
per share

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Phantom Stock                              | \$ 6.63  | 09/30/2008                           |  | J(2)                           | 3.14<br>(2)   | (2)      (2)   | Class A Common  | 151.14                        |
| Option                                     | \$ 6.87  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/10/2002    05/09/2011                                 | Class A Common  | 4,694                         |
| Option                                     | \$ 8.31  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/09/2003    05/08/2012                                 | Class A Common  | 4,694                         |
| Option                                     | \$ 8.49  |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/29/2004    04/28/2013                                 | Class A Common  | 4,694                         |
| Option                                     | \$ 11.28   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/15/2005    04/14/2014                                 | Class A Common  | 4,694                         |
| Option                                     | \$ 10.92   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/14/2006    04/13/2015                                 | Class A Common  | 4,694                         |
| Option                                     | \$ 9.96  |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/04/2007    05/03/2016                                 | Class A Common  | 4,694                         |
| Option                                     | \$ 9.24  |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/26/2008    04/25/2017                                 | Class A Common  | 4,694                         |
| Option                                     | \$ 9.93  |                                      |  |                                |   | 06/13/2009    06/12/2018                                 | Class A Common  | 23,474                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BURLINGAME JOHN H<br>312 WALNUT STREET, 28TH FLOOR<br>CINCINNATI, OH 45202 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| /s/ Mary Denise Kuprionis, Attorney-in-fact for John H.<br>Burlingame | 10/02/2008 |
| **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).
- The reporting person is a Trustee of the Edward W. Scripps Trust (the "Trust") and has the power, together with the other Trustees of the
- (1) Trust, to vote and dispose of the shares of the company held by the Trust. Mr. Burlingame disclaims any beneficial interest in the shares held by the Trust.
  - (2) Pursuant to the company's 1997 Deferred Compensation and Stock Plan for Directors, Mr. Burlingame previously deferred fees into a phantom stock fund. Under this plan, dividends are converted quarterly into phantom shares at the fair market value of the company's Class A Common Shares on the last trading day of each quarter. Upon retirement as a director or at another specified date, the balance may be paid in either shares or cash.

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