#### SCRIPPS E W CO /DE

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### FORM 4

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**SECURITIES** 

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| BURLEIGH WILLIAM R                        | Symbol                               |
|   | SCRIPPS E W CO /DE [SSP]             |

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 04/25/2005

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

312 WALNUT STREET, 28TH **FLOOR** 

(First)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

#### CINCINNATI, OH 45202

| (City)   | (State)                                 | (Zip) Tab   | le I - Non-     | Derivative Securit  | ties Acquir       | ed, Disposed of,   | or Beneficially  | <b>Owned</b>  |
|--|---|---|-----------------|---|-------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)             | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquord Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or | 0)                | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 04/25/2005                              |   | Code V  M       |   | Price<br>\$ 17.25 | 0  | D  |   |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 04/25/2005                              |   | S               | 70 000 13   | \$<br>50.5136     | 0  | D  |   |

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| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share               | 04/25/2005 | M | 74,000 | A | \$ 23.61      | 0      | D |                 |
|--|------------|---|--------|---|---------------|--------|---|-----------------|
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share               | 04/25/2005 | S | 74,000 | D | \$<br>50.5136 | 0      | D |                 |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share               | 04/26/2005 | M | 6,000  | A | \$ 23.61      | 0      | D |                 |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share               | 04/26/2005 | S | 6,000  | D | \$<br>50.5127 | 0      | D |                 |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share               |            |   |        |   |               | 34,830 | I | Wife's<br>Trust |
| Common<br>Voting<br>Shares,<br>\$.01 par<br>value per<br>share |            |   |        |   |               | 0      | D |                 |

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

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$ 

| 1. Title of | 2.         | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5.      | 6. Date Exercisable and |
|-------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|---------|-------------------------|
| Derivative  | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transactio | nNumber | Expiration Date         |

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7. Title and Amount of

**Underlying Securities** 

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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |            | any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |                     | ear)               | (Instr. 3 and     | 4)                               | Sec<br>(In |
|---------------------|---|------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------|
|                     |   |            |                         | Code V          | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title             | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |            |
| Option              | \$ 17.25  | 01/10/1997 |                         | A               | 1   | 01/10/1998          | 09/30/2005         | Class A<br>Common | 20,000                           | 50         |
| Option              | \$ 23.61  | 01/15/1998 |                         | A               | 1   | 01/15/1999          | 09/30/2005         | Class A<br>Common | 80,000                           | 50         |
| Option              | \$ 23.655   |            |                         |                 |   | 01/19/2000          | 01/18/2009         | Class A<br>Common | 120,000                          |            |
| Option              | \$ 24.5   |            |                         |                 |   | 01/24/2001          | 01/23/2010         | Class A<br>Common | 150,000                          |            |
| Option              | \$ 32.16  |            |                         |                 |   | 05/10/2002          | 05/09/2011         | Class A<br>Common | 10,000                           |            |
| Option              | \$ 39.005   |            |                         |                 |   | 05/09/2003          | 05/08/2012         | Class A<br>Common | 10,000                           |            |
| Option              | \$ 39.82  |            |                         |                 |   | 04/29/2004          | 04/28/2013         | Class A<br>Common | 10,000                           |            |
| Option              | \$ 52.91  |            |                         |                 |   | 04/15/2005          | 04/14/2014         | Class A<br>Common | 10,000                           |            |
| Option              | \$ 51.26  |            |                         |                 |   | 04/14/2006          | 04/13/2015         | Class A<br>Common | 10,000                           |            |
| Option              | \$ 17.25  |            |                         |                 |   | 01/10/1998          | 09/30/2005         | Class A<br>Common | 50,000                           |            |

# **Reporting Owners**

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

## **Signatures**

/s/ M. Denise Kuprionis, Attorney-in-fact for William R.
Burleigh 04/26/2005

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\*\*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) On 4/25/05 Mr. Burleigh exercised 74,000 shares at \$50.5136 and on 4/26/05 he exercised the remaining 6,000 shares at \$50.5127.

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