

BURLEIGH WILLIAM R  
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM 4**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

**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**

Check this box if no longer  
subject to Section 16.  
Form 4 or Form 5  
obligations may continue.  
See Instruction 1(b).

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**1. Name and Address of Reporting**

**Person\*** (*Last, First, Middle*) **2. Issuer Name and Ticker or**

**Trading Symbol 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting**

**Person, if an entity** (*Voluntary*) Burleigh, William, R.

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The E. W. Scripps Company (SSP)

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312 Walnut Street, 28th Floor

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4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) 03/26/2003

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(Street) 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s)

to Issuer (Check All Applicable) 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing

(Check Applicable Line) Cincinnati, OH 45202

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(City) (State) (Zip)  Director  10% Owner  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Officer (give title below)   
Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  Other (specify below) Chairman

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see instruction 4(b)(v).

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

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**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 Transactions(s)**

*(Instr. 3 and 4)* **6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)**

*(Instr. 4)* **7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership**  
*(Instr. 4)*

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**Code V Amount (A)**  
**or**  
**(D) Price**

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Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share    03/26/2003    G V    5,200    D    40,060    I    Indirectly by wife's Trust

Common Voting Shares, \$.01 par value per share    None

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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)*

	Code	V	(A)	(D)
Option	\$18.64	12/9/94	A	V 1
Option	\$27.20	5/23/96	A	V 1
Option	\$27.20	5/23/96	A	V 1
Option	\$34.50	1/10/97	A	V 1
Option	\$47.22	1/15/98	A	V 1
Option	\$47.31	1/19/99	A	V 1
Option	\$49.00	1/24/00	A	V 1
Option	\$64.32	5/10/01	A	V 1
Option	\$78.01	5/9/02	A	V 1

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned - Continued**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

**6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date**  
(Month/Day/Year) **7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities**  
(Instr. 3 and 4) **8. Price of Derivative Security**  
(Instr. 5) **9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)**  
(Instr. 4) **10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)**  
(Instr. 4) **11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership**  
(Instr. 4)

Date	Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
12/9/95	12/9/04	Class A Common	48,500		D
5/23/97	9/30/05	Class A Common	28,600		D
5/23/97	9/30/05	Class A Common	33,300		D
1/10/98	9/30/05	Class A Common	35,000		D
1/15/99	9/30/05	Class A Common	40,000		D
1/19/00	1/18/09	Class A Common	60,000		D
1/24/01	1/23/10	Class A Common	75,000		D
5/10/02	5/9/11	Class A Common	5,000		D
5/9/03	5/8/12	Class A Common	5,000	9	D

**Explanation of Responses:**

/s/ M. Denise Kuprionis, Attorney-in-fact for William R. Burleigh 3/26/2003

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a). Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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