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FORM 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from to

Commission File Number 0-16914

THE E. W. SCRIPPS COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 31-1223339
(State or other jurisdiction of (IRS Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification Number)

312 Walnut Street 45202
Cincinnati, Ohio (Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (513) 977-3000

Title of each class Name of each exchange on which registered
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the New York Stock Exchange
Act:

Class A Common shares, \$.01 par value

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the
Act:

Not applicable

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities
Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the
Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was
required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if
any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§
232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to
submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained
herein, and will not be contained to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information
statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer
(do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No
The aggregate market value of Class A Common shares of the registrant held by non-affiliates of the registrant, based on the \$15.58 per share closing price for such stock on June 28, 2013, was approximately \$482,000,000. All Class A Common shares beneficially held by executives and directors of the registrant and descendants of Edward W. Scripps have been deemed, solely for the purpose of the foregoing calculation, to be held by affiliates of the registrant. There is no active market for our Common Voting shares.

As of January 31, 2014, there were 44,212,605 of the registrant’s Class A Common shares, \$.01 par value per share, outstanding and 11,932,722 of the registrant’s Common Voting shares, \$.01 par value per share, outstanding. Certain information required for Part III of this report is incorporated herein by reference to the proxy statement for the 2014 annual meeting of shareholders.

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As used in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, the terms “Scripps,” “Company,” “we,” “our” or “us” may, depending on the context, refer to The E. W. Scripps Company, to one or more of its consolidated subsidiary companies, or to all of them taken as a whole.

Additional Information

Our Company Web site is <http://www.scripps.com>. Copies of all of our SEC filings filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 are available free of charge on this Web site as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file the material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. Our Web site also includes copies of the charters for our Compensation, Nominating & Governance and Audit Committees, our Corporate Governance Principles, our Insider Trading Policy, our Ethics Policy and our Code of Ethics for the CEO and Senior Financial Officers. All of these documents are also available to shareholders in print upon request or by request via e-mail to secretaries@scripps.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K contains certain forward-looking statements related to our businesses. We base our forward-looking statements on our current expectations. Forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks, trends and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the expectations expressed in the forward-looking statements. Such risks, trends and uncertainties, which in most instances are beyond our control, include changes in advertising demand and other economic conditions; consumers’ tastes; newsprint prices; program costs; labor relations; technological developments; competitive pressures; interest rates; regulatory rulings; and reliance on third-party vendors for various products and services. The words “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “intend” and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. You should evaluate our forward-looking statements, which are as of the date of this filing, with the understanding of their inherent uncertainty. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of the statement.

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PART I

Item 1. Business

We are a diverse, 135-year-old media enterprise with interests in television stations, newspapers, and local and national digital media sites. Our mission is to do well by doing good – providing value to customers, employees and owners by informing, engaging and empowering the communities we serve. We serve audiences and businesses through a growing portfolio of television, print and digital media brands. We own 19 local television stations, as well as daily newspapers in 13 markets across the United States. We also run an expanding collection of local and national digital journalism and information businesses including digital video news service Newsy. We also produce television programming, run an award-winning investigative reporting newsroom in Washington, D.C., and serve as the longtime steward of one of the nation's largest, most successful and longest-running educational programs, the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Founded in 1879, we are focused on the stories of tomorrow. For a full listing of our media companies and their associated Web sites, visit <http://www.scripps.com>.

At the beginning of 2011, we signaled our commitment to developing our local digital media business by combining all of our digital initiatives into a single organization. Under the direction of our digital leadership, working closely with the leadership of both of our divisions, this focus is beginning to deliver long-term financial benefits as we find new and efficient platforms for bringing together advertisers and audiences. Under this structure, our digital media group develops products and offerings that enable our television stations and newspapers to provide unique and compelling content through the Web, on tablets and smartphones. The digital group also develops content and applications specifically for digital platforms to make the user experience unique. Our digital group drives the coordinated local and national digital sales efforts for our television and newspaper divisions.

Beginning in 2013, we expanded our digital sales force in many of our markets. We believe that a broad deployment of additional sales resources supporting our digital initiatives will allow us to take advantage of opportunities in the digital space. In 2013, we hired 107 digital-only sales professionals for our television and newspaper segments and expect to hire an additional 50 in 2014.

On January 1, 2014, we acquired Media Convergence Group which operates as Newsy, a digital video news provider, for \$35 million in cash. Newsy adds a new dimension to our video news strategy with a multi-source, multi-platform approach to storytelling, specifically geared for digital audiences.

In February 2014, we agreed to acquire two television stations owned by Granite Broadcasting Corporation for \$110 million in cash. The acquisition includes an ABC-affiliated station and a MyNetworkTV affiliate, which will be operated as a duopoly with our Detroit ABC affiliate. We expect this acquisition to close in the first half of 2014. On December 30, 2011, we acquired the television station group owned by McGraw-Hill Broadcasting Company, Inc., for \$212 million in cash, plus a working capital adjustment of \$4.4 million. The acquisition included four ABC-affiliated television stations, as well as five Azteca America Spanish-language affiliates.

In the first quarter of 2011, we entered into a five-year agreement with Universal Uclick (“Universal”) to provide syndication services for the news features and comics of United Media. Universal provides editorial and production services, sales and marketing, sales support and customer service, and distribution and fulfillment for all the news features and comics of United Media. Under the terms of the agreement, Scripps receives a fixed fee from Universal and continues to own certain copyrights and control the licenses for those properties and manages the business relationships with the creative talent that produces those comics and features.

In the fourth quarter of 2009, we began a review of our strategic options for United Media Licensing, the character licensing operation of United Media, which resulted in the sale of United Media Licensing to Iconix Brand Group for \$175 million in cash in the second quarter of 2010. The sale also included certain intellectual property including the rights to syndicate the Peanuts and Dilbert comic strips.

After an unsuccessful search for a buyer, we closed the Rocky Mountain News after it published its final edition on February 27, 2009.

Financial information for each of our business segments can be found under “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements of this Form 10-K.

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Television

Scripps has operated broadcast television stations since 1947, when it launched Ohio's first television station, WEWS-TV in Cleveland. Today, our television station group reaches approximately 13% of the nation's households and includes 10 ABC affiliates, three NBC affiliates, one independent station that we operate as a duopoly with our Kansas City NBC affiliate and five Azteca America affiliates.

We produce high quality news and information content that informs and engages local and national communities. We distribute our content to four platforms — broadcast, Web, smartphones and tablets. It is our objective to develop content and applications designed to enhance the user experience on each of those platforms. Our ability to cover our communities across multiple digital platforms allows us to expand our audiences beyond our traditional broadcast television boundaries.

Our digital sites offer comprehensive local news and information and user-generated content. We continue to enhance our online and digital services, using features such as long-form text articles, in addition to streaming video and audio, to deliver our news and information content. Many of our journalists routinely produce videos for consumption through our digital platforms and use an array of social media sites, such as Facebook, YouTube and Twitter, to communicate with and build our audiences. We have embraced mobile technology by offering our products on apps available on the Apple, Android, Kindle Fire and Windows 8 platforms.

We continue to invest in platforms for digital technology including smartphone and tablet applications for mobile delivery of our news and information content. Currently, our stations in Cincinnati, Detroit, Kansas City, Phoenix, Tampa, Tulsa, and West Palm Beach are broadcasting a mobile signal from their towers. We also are working with Mobile Content Venture, of which we are a charter member, to further exploit the potential of mobile broadcasting in our markets.

We believe that the most critical component of our product mix is compelling news content, which is an important link to the community and aids our stations' efforts to expand viewership. In addition, local news programming can provide access to advertising sources specifically to local news viewers. We have trained employees in our news departments to be multi-media journalists, allowing us to pursue a "hyper-local" strategy by having more reporters covering local news for our over-the-air and digital platforms. In 2013, a number of our television stations earned media industry awards, including the Edward R. Murrow Award, George Foster Peabody Award, Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Award, and the Scripps Howard Foundation Award.

In our non-news hours, our television stations also broadcast network programming, syndicated programming and internally produced programming. Some of the Scripps-owned programming that we broadcast on our television stations offers viewers an interactive experience. In 2012, we began a strategy to rely less on expensive syndicated programming and develop our own programming. In September 2012, we launched two original shows — a new game show called Let's Ask America and a nightly infotainment magazine called The List — aired during the access period between evening news and prime time. One or both of these shows have been launched in the access hour just before prime time in eight of our markets, with the intention of rolling them out in the rest of our markets when commitments to air other programming during that time period expire. Let's Ask America and The List were developed internally or in partnership with others and replaced expensive syndicated content. We believe this strategy has the potential to improve our television division's financial performance for years to come. We also air RightThisMinute, another program owned in partnership with others, in the majority of our markets. In the upcoming years, we will look to further expand our strategy of internally developed programming with additional new programming.

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Information concerning our full-power television stations, their network affiliations and the markets in which they operate is as follows:

Station	Market	Network Affiliation/ DTV Channel	Affiliation Agreement Expires in	FCC License Expires in	Rank of Market (1)	Stations in Market (2)	Station Rank in Market (3)	Percentage of U.S. Television Households in Mrk (4)	Average Audience Share (5)
WXYZ-TV	Detroit, Ch. 7	ABC/41	2015	2013 (6)	11	9	1	1.6 %	11
KNXV-TV	Phoenix, Ch. 15	ABC/15	2015	2014	12	13	4	1.6 %	5
WFTS-TV	Tampa, Ch. 28	ABC/29	2015	2013 (6)	14	12	3	1.6 %	6
KMGH-TV	Denver, Ch. 7	ABC/7	2014	2014	17	11	3	1.4 %	7
WEWS-TV	Cleveland, Ch. 5	ABC/15	2015	2013 (6)	19	8	3	1.3 %	8
WRTV-TV	Indianapolis, Ch. 6	ABC/25	2014	2013 (6)	26	9	3T	0.9 %	6
WMAR-TV	Baltimore, Ch. 2	ABC/38	2015	2012 (6)	27	6	4	0.9 %	4
KGTV-TV	San Diego, Ch. 10	ABC/10	2014	2014	28	11	3	0.9 %	5
KSHB-TV	Kansas City, Ch. 41	NBC/42	2015	2014	31	8	4	0.9 %	7
KMCI-TV	Lawrence, Ch. 38	Ind./41	N/A	2014	31	8	6T	0.8 %	2
WCPO-TV	Cincinnati, Ch. 9	ABC/22	2015	2021	35	5	3	0.8 %	8
WPTV-TV	W. Palm Beach, Ch. 5	NBC/12	2015	2013 (6)	38	7	1	0.7 %	10
KJRH-TV	Tulsa, Ch. 2	NBC/8	2015	2014	60	10	3	0.5 %	7
KERO-TV	Bakersfield, Ch. 23	ABC/10	2014	2014	127	4	3	0.2 %	6

All market and audience data is based on the November 2013 Nielsen survey.

(1) Rank of Market represents the relative size of the television market in the United States.

(2) Stations in Market represents stations within the Designated Market Area per the Nielsen survey excluding public broadcasting stations, satellite stations, and lower-power stations.

(3) Station Rank in Market is based on Average Audience Share as described in (5).

(4) Percentage of U.S. Television Households in Market represents the number of U.S. television households in Designated Market Area as a percentage of total U.S. television households.

(5) Average Audience Share represents the number of television households tuned to a specific station from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. M-SU, as a percentage of total viewing households in the Designated Market Area.

(6) Renewal application pending. Under FCC rules, a license is automatically extended pending FCC processing and granting of the renewal application.

Historically, we have been successful in renewing our expiring FCC licenses.

We also operate five low-power stations affiliated with the Azteca America network, a Hispanic network producing Spanish-language programming. The stations are clustered around our California and Denver stations.

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Revenue cycles and sources

Broadcast Advertising

We sell advertising to local, national and political customers. The sale of local, national and political commercial spots accounted for approximately 84% of the television segment's revenues in 2013. Pricing of advertising is based on audience size and share, the demographics of our audiences and the demand for our limited inventory of commercial time. Our television stations compete for advertising revenues with other sources of local media, including competitors' television stations in the same markets, radio stations, cable television systems, newspapers, digital platforms and direct mail.

Cyclical factors influence revenues from our core advertising categories. Some of the cycles are periodic and known well in advance, such as election campaign seasons and special programming events like the Olympics or the Super Bowl. For example, our NBC affiliates benefited from incremental advertising demand from the coverage of the 2012 Summer Olympics. Economic cycles are less predictable and beyond our control.

Advertising revenues increase significantly during even-numbered years when local, state and federal elections occur.

Due to increased demand in the spring and holiday seasons, the second and fourth quarters normally have higher advertising revenues than the first and third quarters.

Retransmission Revenues

We earn revenues from retransmission consent agreements with multi-channel video programming distributors ("MVPDs") in our markets. Retransmission revenues were 10% of television segment operating revenues in 2013. The MVPDs are cable operators and satellite carriers who pay us to offer our programming to their customers. The revenue we receive is typically based on the number of subscribers the MVPD has in our local market. There are approximately 14.5 million subscribers in our markets. When we have renewed retransmission consent agreements, they have generally been at higher rates and for a three-year term.

Prior to the spin off in 2008 of Scripps Networks Interactive (SNI), we granted retransmission rights to MVPDs in exchange for carriage of cable networks. Pursuant to an agreement entered into as part of the spin off, SNI pays us an annual fee for carriage of our broadcast signals by certain MVPDs, including Comcast and Time Warner Cable. Our agreement with Comcast expires at the end of 2019 and with Time Warner at the end of 2015.

The number of our subscribers covered by agreements expiring in future years is as follows: 5.6 million in 2014, 3.0 million in 2015, 3.4 million in 2016, 0.1 million in 2017 and 2.6 million in 2019.

Digital Revenues

We sell advertising across all of our digital platforms. Digital advertising provided approximately 4% of our television segment operating revenues in 2013. Digital advertising includes fixed duration campaigns whereby, for a fee, a banner, text or other advertisement appears for a specified period of time; impression-based campaigns where the fee is based upon the number of times the advertisement appears in digital pages viewed by a user; and click-through campaigns where the fee is based upon the number of users who click on an advertisement and are directed to the advertisers' Web site. We utilize a variety of audience-extension programs to enhance the reach of our Web sites and garner a larger share of local advertising dollars that are spent online. We also offer our local advertising customers additional marketing services, such as managing their search engine marketing campaigns.

We are also exploring a subscription model for our television station Web sites. In late 2013, we launched in-depth news content features on the Web site of our Cincinnati station, WCPO. In 2014, we began charging the users of the WCPO Web site a subscription fee to access premium content. Based on the success of the WCPO subscription model, we will consider launching similar models in additional television markets in future years.

Other

In addition to selling commercials during our programming, we also offer marketing opportunities for our business customers, including sponsorships and community events.

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Expenses

Employee costs accounted for 55% of segment costs and expenses in 2013.

We have been centralizing certain functions at company-owned hubs that do not require a presence in the local markets, enabling each of our stations to focus local resources on the creation of content and revenue-producing activities.

Programming costs, which include syndicated programming, shows produced for us or in partnership with others, and network affiliation fees, were 17% of total segment costs and expenses in 2013. Consistent with the industry trend, our ABC and NBC network-affiliated stations pay the networks for the programming that is supplied to us in various dayparts. Our network affiliation agreements also require us to pay a portion of retransmission revenues above a threshold to the network.

Federal Regulation of Broadcasting — Broadcast television is subject to the jurisdiction of the FCC pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (“Communications Act”). The Communications Act prohibits the operation of broadcast television stations except in accordance with a license issued by the FCC and empowers the FCC to revoke, modify and renew broadcast television licenses, approve the transfer of control of any entity holding such licenses, determine the location of stations, regulate the equipment used by stations and adopt and enforce necessary regulations. The FCC also exercises limited authority over broadcast programming by, among other things, requiring certain children's programming and limiting commercial content therein, regulating the sale of political advertising, and restricting indecent programming. The FCC also requires television broadcasters to close caption their programming for the benefit of the hearing impaired and to ensure that any of their programming that is later transmitted via the Internet is captioned. Network-affiliated broadcasters in large markets must also offer audio narration of certain television programming for the benefit of the visually impaired.

Broadcast television licenses are granted for a term of up to eight years and are renewable upon request, subject to FCC review of the licensee's performance. Renewal applications for stations WMAR-TV, WFTS-TV, and WPTV-TV were filed in 2012, and remain pending. Renewal applications for stations WRTV-TV, WCPO-TV, WEWS-TV, WXYZ-TV, KSHB-TV, and KMGH-TV were filed during 2013, and station WCPO-TV was granted renewal. Renewal applications for our other full-power stations will be due in 2014. While there can be no assurance regarding the renewal of our broadcast television licenses and — as is the case with many network-affiliated stations — some of our stations' renewal applications remain pending due to unresolved complaints at the FCC about alleged indecent programming (see discussion below), we have never had a license revoked, have never been denied a renewal, and all previous renewals have been for the maximum term.

FCC regulations govern the ownership of television stations and other media. Under the FCC's current rules, a license for a television station will generally not be granted or renewed if the grant of the license would result in (i) the applicant owning or controlling more than one television station, or in some markets under certain conditions, more than two television stations in the same market (the “television duopoly rule”), or (ii) the grant of the license would result in the applicant's owning or controlling television stations whose total national audience reach exceeds 39% of all television households. The FCC also has generally prohibited “cross ownership” of a television station and a daily newspaper in the same community, but the scope of this restriction has varied in recent years. A 2007 FCC order slightly relaxing the restriction was first stayed by a reviewing court, then permitted to take effect, and then overturned by that court. In accord with its statutory obligation to revisit its multiple ownership rules every four years, the FCC in 2010 initiated a broad new ownership rulemaking looking toward, among other things, again relaxing the newspaper-broadcast cross ownership limits. However, the FCC now may initiate a new review of all these rules in 2014, without taking action based on the existing record. When the FCC does address the existing newspaper-broadcast rule, an expected change in the manner of measuring the rule's geographic scope could bring the Company's Treasure Coast newspapers and nearby station WPTV-TV within the rule's terms, but the FCC in the past has permitted the continuation of such preexisting relationships after a rule change. In addition, the FCC is

considering whether to impose the television duopoly rule's ownership restrictions on independent stations within a market that have agreed to share news or other program production or to engage in joint advertising sales. Station WPTV-TV has entered into such a shared program services agreement with another local station. We cannot predict the outcome of the FCC's ongoing consideration of these ownership issues or the effect of any FCC revision of these policies on our stations' operations or our business.

The FCC has concluded that the transition to more efficient digital television broadcasting permits further reductions in the amount of spectrum allocated to over-the-air broadcasting. In order to provide additional spectrum for mobile broadband services, Congress granted the FCC authority to conduct spectrum auctions in which some broadcasters would voluntarily give up spectrum in return for a share of the auction proceeds. Auction proposals are under active consideration by the FCC, and the FCC's chairman has recently announced a revised schedule whereby the agency would adopt procedures during 2014 and then hold the auction in mid-2015. Broadcasters support sufficient delay to permit the FCC to better address the variety of complex issues associated with this auction, including encouraging broadcasters' voluntary participation, adequately compensating those stations that will be required to change their facilities due to "repacking" of the remaining broadcast spectrum, and protecting

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the remaining broadcast stations from a reduction of their over-the-air coverage. Implementing the required changes in broadcast stations' frequency use will be costly, and stations located near the Canadian and Mexican borders are at particular risk of service loss due to the need to coordinate international frequency use. The repacking of broadcast spectrum could also have particular adverse effects on the ability of low-power television stations to offer service, since these stations enjoy only "secondary" status and would not be protected from interference caused by a full-power station that was forced to relocate. Separately, the FCC has issued rules and authorizations permitting the non-broadcast use of broadcast spectrum in the "white spaces" between stations' service areas despite broadcaster concerns about harmful interference to their operations. We cannot predict the effect of these proceedings on our offering of digital television service or our business.

Broadcast television stations generally enjoy "must-carry" rights on any cable television system defined as "local" with respect to the station. Stations may waive their must-carry rights and instead negotiate retransmission consent agreements with local cable companies. Similarly, satellite carriers, upon request, are required to carry the signal of those television stations that request carriage and that are located in markets in which the satellite carrier chooses to retransmit at least one local station, and satellite carriers cannot carry a broadcast station without its consent. The Company has elected to negotiate retransmission consent agreements with cable operators and satellite carriers for our network-affiliated stations and our independent station. Some members of Congress have introduced legislation to address concerns about cable and satellite subscribers occasionally losing television service during retransmission consent negotiations, and the FCC is conducting a rulemaking proceeding to reexamine the process. As part of this rulemaking, the FCC has asked whether it should eliminate the "network nonduplication" and "syndicated exclusivity" rules that permit broadcasters to enforce certain contractual programming exclusivity rights through the FCC's processes rather than by judicial proceedings. Some parties are also urging the FCC to restrict the practice whereby some stations with shared services or joint sales agreements are jointly negotiating retransmission consent rights. We cannot predict the outcome of these proceedings or their possible impact on the Company.

Other proceedings before the FCC and the courts are reexamining policies that now protect television stations' rights to control the distribution of their programming within their local service areas. For example, in a dispute that does not directly involve broadcasting, the FCC's Media Bureau has sought comment on the degree to which an entity relying upon the Internet to deliver video programming should be subject to the regulations that apply to multi-channel video programming distributors ("MVPD's") such as cable operators and satellite systems. Should the FCC determine that Internet-based distributors may avoid its MVPD rules, broadcasters' ability to rely on the protection of the MVPD retransmission consent requirements could be jeopardized. Substantial ongoing litigation is also addressing the extent to which copyright holders may restrict the online distribution of their programming. For example, courts have reached varying conclusions as to whether copyright restrictions apply to a multi-channel video distribution service that receives and records broadcast signals over-the-air via an antenna and then retransmits that information digitally to an individual customer's computer or mobile device. Aereo, one of these service providers, is pursuing an aggressive expansion of its service into a number of new television markets, including some of the Company's markets, and the U.S. Supreme Court has recently agreed to review the legality of Aereo's service. Other ongoing copyright disputes involve, for example, broadcasters' opposition to digital recorders that can automatically remove commercials from broadcast programming during playback. We cannot predict the outcome of these and other proceedings that address the use of new technologies to challenge traditional means of redistributing broadcast programming or their possible impact on the Company.

During recent years, the FCC has considered substantially increasing its scrutiny of broadcasters' programming practices. In particular, it has heightened its attention to enforcement of the restrictions on indecent programming. Congress' decision to greatly increase the financial penalty for airing such programming has also increased the threat to broadcasters from such enforcement. Litigation continues over the scope of the FCC's authority to regulate indecency, and a U.S. Supreme Court decision has remanded the issue for further consideration by lower courts. Thus, substantial uncertainty remains concerning FCC indecency enforcement, and the FCC continues to defer action on a

large number of television stations' renewal applications where viewer complaints remain unaddressed by the agency. In addition, the FCC continues to consider requiring far more detailed reporting of television stations' public service-related programming, and it now requires the online posting of stations' public inspection files, including, for larger market stations, their political sales files. The FCC also continues to maintain an open docket addressing how the evolution of digital media may be affecting children, including whether commercial television broadcasters are adequately addressing children's educational needs and whether steps should be taken to better protect children from exposure to potentially harmful media content, including harmful advertising messages. We cannot predict the outcome of these proceedings or their possible impact on the Company.

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Newspapers

We have operated newspapers since 1878, when our founder, Edward W. Scripps, began publishing the Penny Press in Cleveland, Ohio. Today, the Scripps newspaper division operates in 13 local markets across the United States. We produce content that informs and engages local communities. We distribute our content primarily to four platforms: print, Web, smartphones and tablets. It is our objective to develop content and applications designed to enhance the user experience on each of those platforms. Our ability to serve our communities by providing content across multiple digital platforms allows us to expand our audiences beyond our traditional print boundaries.

Our digital sites offer comprehensive local news and information and user-generated content. We continue to enhance our digital offerings, using features such as streaming video and audio, to deliver our news and information content. Many of our journalists routinely produce videos for consumption through our digital sites and use an array of social media sites, such as Facebook, YouTube and Twitter, to communicate with and build our audiences. We have embraced mobile technology by offering our products on apps available on the Apple, Android, Kindle Fire and Windows 8 platforms.

We believe all of our newspapers have an excellent reputation for journalistic quality and content, which we believe is key in retaining readership. Our newspapers were recognized during 2013 by numerous regional and national journalism organizations for high-quality reporting across multiple platforms.

Over the years, we have supplemented our daily newspapers with an array of niche products, including direct-mail advertising, total market coverage publications, zoned editions, specialty publications, and event-based publications. These product offerings allow existing advertisers to reach their target audiences in multiple ways, while giving us a portfolio of products with which to acquire new clients, particularly small- and mid-sized advertisers.

The daily circulation, which includes print and E-edition, for our newspaper markets and audiences that we serve is as follows:

(in thousands)(1)	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Abilene (TX) Reporter-News	21	22	24	24	27
Anderson (SC) Independent-Mail	21	22	23	23	26
Corpus Christi (TX) Caller-Times	39	42	43	45	47
Evansville (IN) Courier & Press	43	47	52	52	57
Henderson (KY) Gleaner	8	9	10	10	10
Kitsap (WA) Sun	19	20	21	23	23
Knoxville (TN) News Sentinel	73	80	92	93	101
Memphis (TN) Commercial Appeal	88	96	109	118	136
Naples (FL) Daily News	58	59	54	63	53
Redding (CA) Record-Searchlight	19	20	21	22	25
San Angelo (TX) Standard-Times	17	18	18	18	21
Treasure Coast (FL) News/Press/Tribune (2)	67	69	76	75	87
Ventura County (CA) Star	49	54	62	65	67
Wichita Falls (TX) Times Record News	19	22	22	23	25
Total Daily Circulation	541	580	627	654	705

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Circulation information for the Sunday edition of our newspapers is as follows:

(in thousands)(1)	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Abilene (TX) Reporter-News	25	28	31	31	35
Anderson (SC) Independent-Mail	27	28	30	29	30
Corpus Christi (TX) Caller-Times	51	55	58	58	65
Evansville (IN) Courier & Press	61	68	73	74	77
Henderson (KY) Gleaner	9	10	11	11	11
Kitsap (WA) Sun	21	23	23	24	26
Knoxville (TN) News Sentinel	100	108	121	116	126
Memphis (TN) Commercial Appeal	124	131	147	151	172
Naples (FL) Daily News	70	71	65	73	61
Redding (CA) Record-Searchlight	21	23	24	25	28
San Angelo (TX) Standard-Times	20	22	22	21	24
Treasure Coast (FL) News/Press/Tribune (2)	84	88	94	95	105
Ventura County (CA) Star	64	74	81	82	82
Wichita Falls (TX) Times Record News	22	25	25	26	28
Total Sunday Circulation	699	754	805	816	870

Based on Audit Bureau of Circulation Publisher's Statements ("Statements") for the six-month periods ended (1) September 30, except figures for the Naples Daily News and the Treasure Coast News/Press/Tribune, which are from the Statements for the twelve-month periods ended September 30.

(2) Represents the combined Sunday circulation of The Stuart News, the Indian River Press Journal and The St. Lucie News Tribune.

Revenue sources

Our newspapers derive revenue by selling marketing and advertising services to businesses in our markets and our news and information content to subscribers.

Advertising

We believe that compelling news and information content and a diverse portfolio of product offerings on multiple platforms are critical components to garnering the most profitable share of local advertising dollars in our markets. Our range of products and audience reach give us the ability to deliver the specific audiences desired by our advertisers. While many advertisers want the broad reach delivered by our daily newspaper, others want to target their message by demography, geography, buying habits or consumer behavior. We develop advertising campaigns that utilize products within our portfolio to best reach the advertisers' targeted audience with the appropriate frequency. We sell advertising based upon audience size, demographics, price and effectiveness. Advertising rates and revenues vary among our newspapers depending on circulation, type of advertising, local market conditions and competition. Each of our newspapers operates in highly competitive local media marketplaces, where advertisers and media consumers can choose from a wide range of alternatives, including other news publications, radio, broadcast and cable television, magazines, Internet sites, outdoor advertising, directories and direct-mail products.

Print advertising

Print advertising provided approximately 57% of newspaper segment operating revenues in 2013. Print advertising includes Run-of-Press ("ROP") advertising, preprinted inserts, advertising in niche publications, and direct mail. Advertisements, located throughout the newspaper, include local, classified and national advertising. Local advertising refers to any advertising purchased by in-market advertisers that is not included in the paper's classified section. Classified advertising includes all auto, real estate and help-wanted advertising and other ads listed together in sequence by the nature of the ads. National advertising includes advertising purchased by businesses outside our local market. National advertisers typically procure advertising from numerous newspapers using advertising agency buying services. Preprinted inserts are stand-alone, multi-page circulars inserted into and distributed with the daily newspaper, niche publications and shared mail products.

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Digital advertising and marketing services

We sell advertising across all of our digital platforms. Digital advertising provided approximately 7% of our newspaper segment operating revenues in 2013. Digital advertising includes fixed duration campaigns whereby a banner, text or other advertisement appears for a specified period of time for a fee; impression-based campaigns where the fee is based upon the number of times the advertisement appears in Web pages viewed by a user; and click-through campaigns where the fee is based upon the number of users who click on an advertisement and are directed to the advertisers' Web site. We also utilize a variety of audience-extension programs to enhance the reach of our Web sites and garner a larger share of local advertising dollars that are spent online.

We are members of a newspaper consortium that partners with Yahoo! in an advertising and content sharing arrangement that increases our access to local Web-focused advertising dollars. We have similar arrangements with other digital marketing services. We also offer our local advertising customers additional marketing services, such as managing their search engine marketing campaigns.

Circulation (subscriptions)

We deliver our news and other content on four platforms — print, Web, smartphones and tablets. In the third quarter of 2013, we completed the implementation of a strategy to meter the access to content that is delivered on our digital platforms. We introduced bundled subscription offerings for our print and digital products in all of our markets in 2013. Under our bundled model, home delivery subscribers receive access to all of our newspaper content on all digital platforms, and only limited digital content is available to non-subscribers. We also offer digital-only subscriptions.

Approximately 30% of our total revenue comes from readers who pay us to receive a printed newspaper. Our print product may be delivered directly to subscribers (home delivery) or purchased from a retail store or vending machine (single copy). Home delivery copies account for more than 80% of our total daily subscription revenues.

Daily and Sunday circulation has declined during the past five years, due in part to readers who consume more news and information through the Web or on mobile devices. Some of the declines are due to a deliberate decision to eliminate distribution to outlying areas. More recently we have implemented marketing and pricing strategies intended to stabilize home delivery subscription revenues.

Expenses

Our newspaper business is characterized as having high fixed costs with much of our expense base dedicated to employees and production and distribution capabilities.

Employees — Employee costs accounted for approximately 46% of segment costs and expenses in 2013. Our workforce is comprised of non-union and union employees. See "Employees." During the past five years, we have reduced our workforce from 4,100 employees to approximately 2,300.

Distribution — We primarily outsource the physical distribution of our products to independent contractors. Distribution costs are affected by the cost of fuel and the number of papers being delivered. We also coordinate the distribution of other publications, such as the Wall Street Journal and Barron's, in a number of our markets.

Newsprint — We consumed approximately 50,000 metric tons of newsprint in 2013. Newsprint is a basic commodity and its price is sensitive to changes in the balance of worldwide supply and demand. Mill closures and industry consolidation have decreased overall newsprint production capacity and could lead to future price increases. We purchase newsprint from various suppliers, many of which are Canadian. Based on our expected newsprint consumption, we believe that our supply sources are sufficient.

Capital Expenditures

During the past several years, our newspaper operations have consumed a historically low level of capital for ongoing operations. We will continue to make necessary investments to maintain the physical operations and to ensure employee safety. We will focus additional capital on projects that expand our ability to deliver news and improve sales, which will likely include software development and technological capabilities that improve audience or revenue growth directly.

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Newspaper Operation Structure

Our newspaper operations are organized functionally with divisional executives leading content, sales, finance, operations, information technology and human resources across the enterprise. We believe this organization enables us to take advantage of scale and consolidate functions that do not require a presence in our local markets. The primary areas of focus in each local market are content, sales and the manufacturing and distribution of our products.

Syndication and Other

Syndication and other primarily include syndication of news features and comics. Under the trade name United Media, we distribute news columns, comics and other features for the newspaper industry. Newspapers typically pay a weekly fee for their use of the features.

In 2011, we entered into a five-year agreement with Universal Uclick (“Universal”) to provide syndication services for the news features and comics of United Media. Universal provides editorial and production services, sales and marketing, sales support and customer service, and distribution and fulfillment for all the news features and comics of United Media. Under the terms of the agreement, Scripps receives a fixed fee from Universal and continues to own certain copyrights and control the licenses for those properties, and manages the business relationships with the creative talent that produces those comics and features.

Employees

As of December 31, 2013, we had approximately 4,800 full-time equivalent employees, of whom approximately 1,900 were with television, 2,300 with newspapers and 300 with our digital operations.. Various labor unions represent approximately 700 employees, 300 of which are in television and 400 are in newspapers. We have not experienced any work stoppages at our current operations since 1985. We consider our relationships with our employees to be generally satisfactory.

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Item 1A. Risk Factors

For an enterprise as large and complex as ours, a wide range of factors could materially affect future developments and performance. The most significant factors affecting our operations include the following:

We derive the majority of our revenues from marketing and advertising spending by businesses, which is affected by numerous factors. Declines in advertising revenues will adversely affect the profitability of our business.

The demand for advertising on our television stations or in our newspapers is sensitive to a number of factors, both locally and nationally, including the following:

The advertising and marketing spending by our customers can be subject to seasonal and cyclical variations and are likely to be adversely affected during economic downturns.

Television advertising revenues in even-numbered years benefit from political advertising, which are affected by campaign finance laws, as well as the competitiveness of the campaigns in the markets where our television stations operate.

The impact of advertiser consolidation and contraction in our local markets. The majority of the broadcast and print advertising is sold to local businesses in our markets. Continued consolidation and contraction of local advertisers could adversely impact our operating results.

The size and demographics of the audience reached by advertisers through our media businesses. Continued declines in our newspaper circulation could have an effect on the rate and volume of advertising, which are dependent on the size and demographics of the audience we provide to our advertisers. Television audiences have also fragmented in recent years as the broad distribution of cable and satellite television has greatly increased the options available to the viewing public. Continued fragmentation of television audiences could adversely impact the rates we obtain for advertising.

Our television stations have significant exposure to automotive advertising. Advertising revenue from the automotive category represented approximately 26% and 19% of our total advertising revenue in our television segment for 2013 and 2012, respectively.

If we are unable to respond to any or all of these factors, our advertising revenues could decline and affect our profitability.

Our local media businesses operate in a changing and increasingly competitive environment. We must continually invest in new business initiatives and modify strategies to maintain our competitive position. Investment in new business strategies and initiatives could disrupt our ongoing business and present risks not originally contemplated. The profile of our newspaper and television audience has shifted dramatically in recent years as readers and viewers access news and other content online or through mobile devices and as they spend more discretionary time with social media. While slow and steady declines in audiences have been somewhat offset by growing viewership on digital platforms, digital advertising rates are typically much lower than print and broadcast advertising rates on a cost-per-thousand basis. This audience shift results in lower profit margins. To remain competitive we must adjust business strategies and invest in new business initiatives, particularly within digital media. Development of new products and services may require significant costs. The success of these initiatives depends on a number of factors, including timely development and market acceptance. Investments we make in new strategies and initiatives may not perform as expected.

Our print newspaper business is in secular decline. Our profitability may be adversely affected if we are unsuccessful in creating other revenue opportunities or in aligning costs with declining revenues.

In recent years, the advertising industry generally has experienced a secular shift toward digital advertising and away from other traditional media. In addition, the Company's newspaper circulation has declined, reflecting general trends in the newspaper industry, including consumer migration toward the Internet and other media for news and information. The Company faces increasing competition from other digital sources for both advertising and subscription revenues. This competition has intensified as a result of the continued development of digital media technologies. Distribution of news, entertainment and other information over the Internet, as well as through smartphones, tablets and other devices, continues to increase in popularity. These technological developments are

increasing the number of media choices available to advertisers and audiences. As media audiences fragment, the Company expects advertisers to continue to allocate larger portions of their advertising budgets to digital media.

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In response to the ongoing secular changes, we must continually monitor and align our cost structure to the declining revenues. The alignment of our costs includes measures such as reduction in force initiatives, standardization and centralization of systems and processes, outsourcing of certain financial processes and the implementation of new software for our circulation, advertising and editorial systems.

If we are unsuccessful in creating other revenue opportunities or aligning our costs with declining revenues, our profitability could be affected.

A significant portion of our operating cost for the newspaper segment is newsprint, so an increase in price or reduction in supplies may adversely affect our operating results.

Newsprint is a significant component of the operating cost of our newspaper operations, comprising 9% of newspaper costs in 2013. The price of newsprint has historically been volatile, and increases in the price of newsprint could materially reduce our operating results. In addition, the continued reduction in the capacity of newsprint producers increases the risk that supplies of newsprint could be limited in the future.

The loss of affiliation agreements could adversely affect our television stations' operating results.

Ten of our stations have affiliations with the ABC television network and three have affiliations with the NBC television network. These television networks produce and distribute programming in exchange for each of our stations' commitment to air the programming at specified times and for commercial announcement time during the programming.

The non-renewal or termination of our network affiliation agreements, which expire in 2014 and 2015, would prevent us from being able to carry programming of the relevant network. Loss of programming would require us to obtain replacement programming, which may involve higher costs and may not be as attractive to our target audiences, resulting in lower revenues.

Our retransmission consent revenue may be adversely affected by renewals of retransmission consent agreements and network affiliation agreements, by consolidation of cable or satellite television systems, or by new technologies for the distribution of broadcast programming.

As our retransmission consent agreements expire, there can be no assurance that we will be able to renew them at comparable or better rates. As a result, retransmission revenues could decrease and retransmission revenue growth could decline over time. Major networks that we are affiliated with currently require us to share our retransmission revenue with them. There can be no assurance that these networks will not require an increase in their share of this revenue as a condition to renewal of our affiliation agreements. If an MVPD in our markets acquires additional distribution systems, our retransmission revenue could be adversely affected if our retransmission agreement with the acquiring MVPD has lower rates or a longer term than our retransmission agreement with the MVPD whose systems are being sold.

The use of new technologies to redistribute broadcast programming, such as those that rely upon the Internet to deliver video programming or those that receive and record broadcast signals over the air via an antenna and then retransmit that information digitally to customers' computer or mobile devices, could adversely affect our retransmission revenue if such technologies are not found to be subject to copyright law restrictions or regulations that apply to multi-channel video programming distributors such as cable operators or satellite carriers.

Our television stations are subject to government regulations which, if revised, could adversely affect our operating results.

Pursuant to FCC rules, local television stations must elect every three years to either (1) require cable operators and/or direct broadcast satellite carriers to carry the stations' over the air signals or (2) enter into retransmission consent negotiations for carriage. At present, all of our stations have retransmission consent agreements with cable operators and satellite carriers. If our retransmission consent agreements are terminated or not renewed, or if our broadcast signals are distributed on less-favorable terms than our competitors, our ability to compete effectively may be adversely affected.

If we cannot renew our FCC broadcast licenses, our broadcast operations will be impaired. Our television business depends upon maintaining our broadcast licenses from the FCC, which has the authority to revoke licenses, not renew them, or renew them only with significant qualifications, including renewals for less than a full term. We cannot assure that future renewal applications will be approved, or that the renewals will not include conditions or

qualifications that could adversely affect our operations. If the FCC fails to renew any of our licenses, it could prevent us from operating the affected stations. If the FCC renews a license with substantial conditions or modifications (including renewing the license for a term of fewer than eight years), it could have a material adverse effect on the affected station's revenue-generation potential.

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The FCC and other government agencies are considering various proposals intended to promote consumer interests, including proposals to encourage locally-focused television programming, to restrict certain types of advertising to children, and to repurpose some of the broadcast spectrum. New government regulations affecting the television industry could raise programming costs, restrict broadcasters' operating flexibility, reduce advertising revenues, raise the costs of delivering broadcast signals, or otherwise affect our operating results. We cannot predict the nature or scope of future government regulation or its impact on our operations.

There are proceedings before the FCC and the courts reexamining policies that now protect television stations' rights to control the distribution of their programming within their local service areas. For example, in a dispute that does not directly involve broadcasting, the FCC's Media Bureau is seeking comment on the degree to which an entity relying upon the Internet to deliver video programming should be subject to the regulations that apply to multi-channel video programming distributors ("MVPD's") such as cable operators and satellite carriers. Should the FCC determine that Internet-based distributors may avoid its MVPD rules, broadcasters' ability to rely on the protection of the MVPD retransmission consent requirements could be jeopardized. Ongoing litigation is also addressing the extent to which copyright holders may restrict the online distribution of their programming. For example, a New York district court has found that copyright restrictions may not apply to a multi-channel video distribution service that receives and records broadcast signals over-the-air via an antenna and then retransmits that information digitally to an individual customer's computer or mobile device. While this litigation continues, the service provider pursues an aggressive expansion of its service into a number of new television markets, including some of the Company's markets. We cannot predict the outcome of these and other proceedings that address the use of new technologies to challenge traditional means of redistributing broadcast programming or their possible impact on the Company.

Sustained increases in costs of employee health and welfare plans and funding requirements of our pension obligations may reduce the cash available for our business.

Employee compensation and benefits account for approximately 50% of our total operating expenses. In recent years, we have experienced significant increases in employee benefit costs. Various factors may continue to put upward pressure on the cost of providing medical benefits. Although we have actively sought to control increases in these costs, there can be no assurance that we will succeed in limiting cost increases, and continued upward pressure could reduce the profitability of our businesses.

The projected benefit obligations of our pension plans exceed plan assets by \$63 million at December 31, 2013. In 2009, we froze the accrual of service credits under our defined benefit pension plans that cover a majority of our employees, including our Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan ("SERP"). Our pension plans invest in a variety of equity and debt securities, many of which were affected by the disruption in the credit and capital markets in 2008 and 2009. Future volatility and disruption in the stock and bond markets could cause further declines in the asset values of our pension plans. In addition, a decrease in the discount rate used to determine minimum funding requirements could result in increased future contributions. If either occurs, we may need to make additional pension contributions above what is currently estimated, which could reduce the cash available for our businesses.

We may be unable to effectively integrate any new business we acquire.

We may make future acquisitions and could face integration challenges and acquired businesses could significantly under-perform relative to our expectations. If acquisitions are not successfully integrated, our revenues and profitability could be adversely affected and impairment charges may result if acquired businesses significantly under-perform relative to our expectations.

Ownership of our Common Voting shares could inhibit potential changes of control.

Certain descendants of Edward W. Scripps own approximately 93% of our Common Voting Shares and are signatories to the Scripps Family Agreement, which governs the transfer and voting of Common Voting Shares held by them.

As a result of the foregoing, these descendants have the ability to elect two-thirds of the Board of Directors and to direct the outcome of any matter on which Ohio law does not require a vote of the Class A Common Shares. Because this concentrated control could discourage others from initiating any potential merger, takeover or other change of

control transaction, the market price of our Class A Common shares could be adversely affected.

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Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

Item 2. Properties

We own substantially all of the facilities and equipment used by our television stations. We own, or co-own with other broadcast television stations, the towers used to transmit our television signals.

We own substantially all of the facilities and equipment used in our newspaper operations.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

We are involved in litigation arising in the ordinary course of business, such as defamation actions, and governmental proceedings primarily relating to renewal of broadcast licenses, none of which is expected to result in material loss.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

None.

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Executive Officers of the Company — Executive officers serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

Name	Age	Position
Richard A. Boehne	57	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (since July 2008); Executive Vice President (1999 to 2008) and Chief Operating Officer (2006 to 2008)
Timothy M. Wesolowski	56	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer (since August 2011); Senior Vice President Finance - Call Center Division, Convergys Corporation (2010 to 2011); Senior Vice President Finance/Controller, Convergys Corporation (2006 to 2009)
William Appleton	65	Senior Vice President and General Counsel (since July 2008); Managing Partner Cincinnati office, Baker & Hostetler, LLP (2003 to 2008)
Timothy E. Stautberg	51	Senior Vice President/Newspapers (since August 2011); Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (July 2008 to August 2011); Vice President/Corporate Communications and Investor Relations (1999-2008)
Lisa A. Knutson	48	Senior Vice President/Chief Administrative Officer (since September 2011); Senior Vice President/Human Resources (2008 to 2011)
Brian G. Lawlor	47	Senior Vice President/Television (since January 2009); Vice President/General Manager of WPTV (2004 to 2008)
Adam Symson	39	Senior Vice President/Digital (since February 2013); Chief Digital Officer (2011 to February 2013); Vice President Interactive Media/Television (2007 to 2011)
Douglas F. Lyons	57	Vice President/Controller (since July 2008); Vice President Finance/Administration (2006 to 2008), Director Financial Reporting (1997 to 2006)

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PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Our Class A Common shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under the symbol "SSP." As of December 31, 2013, there were approximately 7,700 owners of our Class A Common shares, based on security position listings, and 43 owners of our Common Voting shares (which do not have a public market). We did not pay any cash dividends in 2013 or 2012.

The range of market prices of our Class A Common shares, which represents the high and low sales prices for each full quarterly period, are as follows:

	Quarter 1st	2nd	3rd	4th
2013				
Market price of common stock:				
High	\$12.04	\$15.73	\$18.35	\$21.78
Low	10.37	11.82	14.44	17.45
2012				
Market price of common stock:				
High	\$9.99	\$9.95	\$11.25	\$11.13
Low	8.18	8.47	8.92	9.17

There were no sales of unregistered equity securities during the quarter for which this report is filed.

The following table provides information about Company purchases of Class A Common shares during the quarter ended December 31, 2013, and the remaining amount that may still be repurchased under the program:

Period	Total number of shares purchased	Average price paid per share	Total market value of shares purchased	Maximum value that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs
10/1/13 - 10/31/13	—	—	—	\$30,686,675
11/1/13 - 11/30/13	—	—	—	30,686,675
12/1/13 - 12/31/13	249,432	\$19.59	\$4,885,632	25,801,043
Total	249,432	\$19.59	\$4,885,632	

Our board of directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$100 million of our Class A Common shares in November 2012. We have repurchased a total of \$74 million of shares under this authorization through December 31, 2013. An additional \$26 million of shares may be repurchased pursuant to the authorization, which expires December 31, 2014.

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Performance Graph — Set forth below is a line graph comparing the cumulative return on the Company's Class A Common shares, assuming an initial investment of \$100 as of December 31, 2008, and based on the market prices at the end of each year and assuming dividend reinvestment, with the cumulative return of the Standard & Poor's Composite-500 Stock Index and an Index based on a peer group of media companies.

	12/31/2008	12/31/2009	12/31/2010	12/31/2011	12/31/2012	12/31/2013
E.W. Scripps Company	\$ 100.00	\$ 314.93	\$ 459.28	\$ 362.44	\$ 489.14	\$ 982.81
S&P 500 Index	\$ 100.00	\$ 126.46	\$ 145.51	\$ 148.59	\$ 172.37	\$ 228.19
Peer Group Index	\$ 100.00	\$ 192.53	\$ 202.98	\$ 182.68	\$ 241.83	\$ 527.21

We continually evaluate and revise our peer group index as necessary so that it is reflective of our Company's portfolio of businesses. The companies that comprise our current peer group are A.H. Belo, Gannett Company, Gray Television, Inc., Journal Communications, Inc., LIN TV Corporation, McClatchy Company, Media General, Nexstar Broadcasting Group, New York Times Company, and Sinclair Broadcast Group. Our peer group was revised in 2013 to include Nexstar Broadcasting Group in place of Belo Corporation due to the company being acquired during the year. The peer group index is weighted based on market capitalization.

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Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The Selected Financial Data required by this item is filed as part of this Form 10-K. See Index to Consolidated Financial Statement Information at page F-1 of this Form 10-K.

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations required by this item is filed as part of this Form 10-K. See Index to Consolidated Financial Statement Information at page F-1 of this Form 10-K.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The market risk information required by this item is filed as part of this Form 10-K. See Index to Consolidated Financial Statement Information at page F-1 of this Form 10-K.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The Financial Statements and Supplementary Data required by this item are filed as part of this Form 10-K. See Index to Consolidated Financial Statement Information at page F-1 of this Form 10-K.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

The Controls and Procedures required by this item are filed as part of this Form 10-K. See Index to Consolidated Financial Statement Information at page F-1 of this Form 10-K.

Item 9B. Other Information

None.

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PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

Information regarding executive officers is included in Part I of this Form 10-K as permitted by General Instruction G(3).

Information required by Item 10 of Form 10-K relating to directors is incorporated by reference to the material captioned “Election of Directors” in our definitive proxy statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders (“Proxy Statement”). Information regarding Section 16(a) compliance is incorporated by reference to the material captioned “Report on Section

16(a) Beneficial Ownership Compliance” in the Proxy Statement.

We have adopted a code of conduct that applies to all employees, officers and directors of Scripps. We also have a code of ethics for the CEO and Senior Financial Officers that meets the requirements of Item 406 of Regulation S-K and the NYSE listing standards. Copies of our codes of ethics are posted on our Web site at <http://www.scripps.com>. Information regarding our audit committee financial expert is incorporated by reference to the material captioned “Corporate Governance” in the Proxy Statement.

The Proxy Statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with our 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information required by Item 11 of Form 10-K is incorporated by reference to the material captioned “Compensation Discussion and Analysis” and “Compensation Tables” in the Proxy Statement.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

The information required by Item 12 of Form 10-K is incorporated by reference to the material captioned “Report on the Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners,” “Report on the Security Ownership of Management,” and “Equity Compensation Plan Information” in the Proxy Statement.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

The information required by Item 13 of Form 10-K is incorporated by reference to the materials captioned “Corporate Governance” and “Report on Related Party Transactions” in the Proxy Statement.

Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services

The information required by Item 14 of Form 10-K is incorporated by reference to the material captioned “Report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors” in the Proxy Statement.

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PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

Documents filed as part of this report:

(a) The consolidated financial statements of The E. W. Scripps Company are filed as part of this Form 10-K. See Index to Consolidated Financial Statement Information at page F-1.

The reports of Deloitte & Touche LLP, an Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, dated March 4, 2014, are filed as part of this Form 10-K. See Index to Consolidated Financial Statement Information at page F-1.

(b) The Company's consolidated supplemental schedules are filed as part of this Form 10-K. See Index to Consolidated Financial Statement Schedules at page S-1.

(c) An exhibit index required by this item appears at page S-3 of this Form 10-K.

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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE E. W. SCRIPPS COMPANY

Dated: March 4, 2014

By: /s/ Richard A. Boehne

Richard A. Boehne
President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant in the capacities indicated, on March 4, 2014.

Signature	Title
/s/ Richard A. Boehne Richard A. Boehne	Chairman of the Board of Directors, President, Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ Timothy M. Wesolowski Timothy M. Wesolowski	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer
/s/ Douglas F. Lyons Douglas F. Lyons	Vice President and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)
/s/ Kelly P. Conlin Kelly P. Conlin	Director
/s/ John W. Hayden John W. Hayden	Director
/s/ Anne M. La Dow Anne M. La Dow	Director
/s/ Roger L. Ogden Roger L. Ogden	Director
/s/ Mary Peirce Mary Peirce	Director
/s/ J. Marvin Quin J. Marvin Quin	Director
/s/ Paul K. Scripps Paul K. Scripps	Director

Paul K. Scripps

/s/ Kim Williams

Director

Kim Williams

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Five-Year Financial Highlights

(in millions, except per share data)	For the years ended December 31,					
	2013 (1)	2012 (1)	2011 (1)	2010 (1)	2009 (1)	
Summary of Operations (3)						
Operating revenues:						
Television	\$423	\$494	\$301	\$321	\$255	
Newspapers	385	399	414	435	455	
Syndication and other	10	10	14	21	22	
Total operating revenues	\$817	\$903	\$729	\$777	\$732	
Segment profit (loss):						
Television	\$100	\$160	\$52	\$77	\$26	
Newspapers	28	28	26	56	62	
Syndication and other	—	—	(1) (2) —	
Shared services and corporate	(53) (40) (30) (33) (26)
Depreciation and amortization of intangibles	(48) (49) (40) (45) (44)
Impairment of goodwill, indefinite and long-lived assets (2)	—	—	(9) —	(216)
(Losses) gains, net on disposals of property, plant and equipment	—	—	—	(1) —	
Defined benefit pension plan expense	(9) (9) (8) (7) (21)
Acquisition and related integration costs (2)	—	(6) (3) —	—	
Separation and restructuring costs	(5) (9) (10) (13) (10)
Interest expense	(10) (12) (2) (4) (3)
Miscellaneous, net (2)	(12) (5) (1) 2	1	
Benefit (provision) for income taxes	8	(17) 10	(1) 32	
(Loss) income from continuing operations	\$(1) \$40	\$(16) \$29	\$(199)
Per Share Data						
(Loss) income from continuing operations - diluted	\$(0.01) \$0.69	\$(0.27) \$0.45	\$(3.69)
Cash dividends	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	
Market Value of Common Shares at December 31						
Per share	\$21.72	\$10.81	\$8.01	\$10.15		