UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2008

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 **(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)**	**31-1223339** **(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)**
312 Walnut Street **Cincinnati, Ohio** **(Address of principal executive offices)**	**45202** **(Zip Code)**

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

Not Applicable
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.)

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 and 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 is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer ☒ Accelerated filer ☐ Non-accelerated filer ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date. As of June 30, 2008 there were 42,307,064 of the Registrant's Class A Common shares outstanding and 12,189,409 of the Registrant's Common Voting shares outstanding.

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PART I

As used in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the terms “we,” “our,” “us” or “Scripps” 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.

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

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

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

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

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

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

PART II

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are involved in litigation arising in the ordinary course of business, such as defamation actions, employment and employee relations and various governmental and administrative proceedings, none of which is expected to result in material loss.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes to the factors disclosed in Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

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ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY AND USE OF PROCEEDS

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

Under a share repurchase program authorized by the Board of Directors on October 28, 2004, we were authorized to repurchase up to 5.0 million Class A Common shares. As of June 30, 2008, we are authorized to repurchase 1.3 million additional shares. Due to the separation of Scripps Networks Interactive, Inc. from the Company, the repurchase of shares was suspended in the first quarter of 2008. There is no expiration date for the program and we are under no commitment or obligation to repurchase any particular amount of Class A Common shares under the program.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

There were no defaults upon senior securities during the quarter for which this report is filed.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

The following table presents information on matters submitted to a vote of security holders at the June 13, 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders:

Description of Matters Submitted	In Favor	Authority Witheld
1. Election of Directors:		
Class A Common Shares:		
William R. Burleigh	86,395,418	32,536,887
David A. Galloway	100,274,626	18,657,679
David M. Moffett	101,980,971	16,951,334
Jarl Mohn	99,992,299	18,940,006
Common Voting Shares:		
John H. Burlingame	36,363,746	
Kenneth W. Lowe	36,363,746	
Nicholas B. Paumgarten	36,363,746	
Jeffrey Sagansky	36,363,746	
Nackey E. Scagliotti	36,363,746	
Paul K. Scripps	36,363,746	
Ronald W. Tysoe	36,363,746	
1. Approve spin-off:		
Common Voting Shares:	36,363,746	
2. Amend the LTIP:		
Common Voting Shares:	36,363,746	
3. Amend the AIP:		
Common Voting Shares:	36,363,746	
4. Amend the ESPP:		
Common Voting Shares:	36,363,746	

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

The information required by this item is filed as part of this Form 10-Q. See Index to Exhibits at page E-1 of this Form 10-Q.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements 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: August 11, 2008

BY: /s/ Douglas F. Lyons
Douglas. F. Lyons
Vice President and Controller

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands)	June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)	As of December 31, 2007	June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 49,309	$ 31,632	$ 18,778
Short-term investments	49,935	44,831	2,064
Accounts and notes receivable (less allowances - $8,611, $8,414, $14,586)	557,785	561,929	538,211
Programs and program licenses	225,809	215,127	201,736
Deferred income taxes	19,297	17,124	19,117
Assets of discontinued operations	152	1,825	967
Miscellaneous	59,512	54,325	34,674
Total current assets	961,799	926,793	815,547
Investments	94,209	226,660	220,639
Property, plant and equipment	584,534	559,673	528,324
Goodwill and other intangible assets:			
Goodwill	880,619	1,666,206	1,955,285
Other intangible assets	175,679	188,227	309,441
Total goodwill and other intangible assets	1,056,298	1,854,433	2,264,726
Other assets:			
Programs and program licenses (less current portion)	262,013	265,938	272,820
Unamortized network distribution incentives	120,093	135,367	146,004
Prepaid pension	9,128	8,975	9,133
Miscellaneous	25,960	27,453	45,841
Total other assets	417,194	437,733	473,798
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 3,114,034	$ 4,005,292	$ 4,303,034

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except share data)

	June 30, 2008 (Unaudited)	As of December 31, 2007	June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	$ 65,693	$ 78,923	$ 73,917
Customer deposits and unearned revenue	49,807	57,174	64,497
Accrued liabilities:			
Employee compensation and benefits	64,324	76,776	57,662
Network distribution incentives	5,182	4,616	4,388
Accrued income taxes	2,378	11,347	31,311
Accrued marketing and advertising costs	21,020	18,537	14,714
Accrued interest	24	5,757	10,459
Miscellaneous	71,955	70,005	61,508
Liabilities of discontinued operations	138	3,017	3,213
Other current liabilities	21,417	20,650	32,932
Total current liabilities	301,938	346,802	354,601
Deferred income taxes	105,368	362,234	340,610
Long-term debt	386,236	504,663	623,881
Other liabilities (less current portion)	212,148	199,302	181,257
Minority interests	132,465	141,930	114,311
Shareholders' equity:			
Preferred stock, $.01 par - authorized: 25,000,000 shares; none outstanding			
Common stock, $.01 par:			
Class A - authorized: 80,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding: 42,307,064, 42,140,428 and 42,293,870 shares	423	421	423
Voting - authorized: 20,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding: 12,189,409, 12,189,409 and 12,189,409 shares	122	122	122
Total	545	543	545
Additional paid-in capital	508,176	476,142	462,653
Retained earnings	1,468,466	1,971,848	2,210,303
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes:			
Unrealized gains on securities available for sale		4,338	9,775
Pension liability adjustments	(56,428)	(57,673)	(53,657)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	55,120	55,163	58,755
Total shareholders' equity	1,975,879	2,450,361	2,688,374
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	$3,114,034	$4,005,292	$4,303,034

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

(in thousands, except per share data)	Three months ended June 30, 2008	Three months ended June 30, 2007	Six months ended June 30, 2008	Six months ended June 30, 2007
Operating Revenues:				
Advertising	$ 462,554	$459,245	$ 893,113	$ 874,434
Referral fees	66,372	59,176	142,902	121,261
Network affiliate fees, net	69,684	58,672	137,114	116,524
Circulation	27,989	29,579	58,503	60,457
Licensing	19,499	17,421	38,105	35,694
Other	18,043	15,981	36,878	33,128
Total operating revenues	664,141	640,074	1,306,615	1,241,498
Costs and Expenses:				
Employee compensation and benefits	175,614	179,585	361,292	362,292
Production and distribution	70,983	70,350	141,841	142,650
Programs and program licenses	82,982	70,209	159,537	133,054
Marketing and advertising	55,946	49,662	115,207	111,323
Other costs and expenses	87,683	72,100	158,293	140,988
Total costs and expenses	473,208	441,906	936,170	890,307
Depreciation, Amortization, and (Gains) Losses:				
Depreciation	23,417	20,864	45,880	39,411
Amortization of intangible assets	6,286	11,343	12,585	27,234
Write-down of newspaper goodwill	778,900		778,900	
Losses (gains) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(2,364)	243	(1,497)	332
Net depreciation, amortization, write-down and (gains) losses	806,239	32,450	835,868	66,977
Operating income (loss)	(615,306)	165,718	(465,423)	284,214
Interest expense	(4,874)	(10,729)	(10,706)	(20,930)
Equity in earnings of JOAs and other joint ventures	7,543	13,628	19,732	17,249
Write-down of investments in newspaper partnerships	(95,000)		(95,000)	
Gains (losses) on repurchases of debt	(26,380)	317	(26,380)	317
Miscellaneous, net	7,431	2,601	8,192	3,449
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and minority interests	(726,586)	171,535	(569,585)	284,299
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(219,786)	54,781	(168,912)	86,316
Income (loss) from continuing operations before minority interests	(506,800)	116,754	(400,673)	197,983
Minority interests	24,441	20,988	46,734	38,968
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(531,241)	95,766	(447,407)	159,015
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax		1,695	234	6,930
Net income (loss)	$(531,241)	$ 97,461	$ (447,173)	$ 165,945
Net income (loss) per basic share of common stock:				
Income (loss) from continuing operations	$ (9.78)	$ 1.76	$ (8.25)	$ 2.92
Income from discontinued operations	.00	.03	.00	.13
Net income (loss) per basic share of common stock	$ (9.78)	$ 1.79	$ (8.24)	$ 3.05
Net income (loss) per diluted share of common stock:				
Income (loss) from continuing operations	$ (9.78)	$ 1.75	$ (8.25)	$ 2.90
Income from discontinued operations	.00	.03	.00	.13
Net income (loss) per diluted share of common stock	$ (9.78)	$ 1.78	$ (8.24)	$ 3.02

Net income (loss) per share amounts may not foot since each is calculated independently.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

(in thousands)	Six months ended June 30, 2008	Six months ended June 30, 2007
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net income (loss)	$(447,173)	$ 165,945
Income from discontinued operations	(234)	(6,930)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(447,407)	159,015
Adjustments to reconcile income from continuing operations to net cash flows from operating activities:		
Programs and program licenses costs	159,537	133,054
Depreciation and intangible assets amortization	58,465	66,645
Asset impairments, net of deferred income tax	582,786	
Losses (gains) on repurchases of debt	26,380	(317)
Network distribution incentive amortization	16,547	13,715
Equity in earnings of JOAs and other joint ventures	(19,732)	(17,249)
Deferred income taxes	42,671	(592)
Excess tax benefits of stock compensation plans	(1,228)	(2,070)
Stock and deferred compensation plans	14,025	19,971
Minority interests in income of subsidiary companies	46,734	38,968
Program payments	(169,290)	(176,178)
Dividends received from JOAs and other joint ventures	20,562	22,779
Capitalized network distribution incentives and payments	(3,513)	(5,476)
Prepaid and accrued pension expense	10,323	7,325
Other changes in certain working capital accounts, net	(41,925)	(15,182)
Miscellaneous, net	1,457	(185)
Net cash provided by continuing operating activities	296,392	244,223
Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operating activities	(972)	(11,599)
Net operating activities	295,420	232,624
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Purchase of subsidiary companies, minority interest, and long-term investments	(816)	(2,821)
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(68,231)	(52,429)
Increase (decrease) in short-term investments	(5,104)	808
Sale of long-term investments	37,074	1,339
Miscellaneous, net	2,656	69
Net cash used in continuing investing activities	(34,421)	(53,034)
Net cash used in discontinued investing activities		60,927
Net investing activities	(34,421)	7,893
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Increase in long-term debt	387,105	
Payments on long-term debt	(506,355)	(142,616)
Bond redemption premium payment	(22,517)	
Dividends paid	(45,724)	(42,581)
Dividends paid to minority interests	(56,199)	(47,086)
Repurchase Class A Common shares	(11,442)	(30,103)
Proceeds from employee stock options	15,492	11,776
Excess tax benefits of stock compensation plans	1,228	2,070
Miscellaneous, net	(4,835)	(3,749)
Net cash used in continuing financing activities	(243,247)	(252,289)
Net cash used in discontinued financing activities		(43)
Net financing activities	(243,247)	(252,332)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(75)	143
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	17,677	(11,672)
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Beginning of year	31,632	30,450
End of period	$ 49,309	$ 18,778

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (UNAUDITED)

(in thousands, except share data)

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Shareholders' Equity	Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the Three Months Ended June 30
As of December 31, 2006	$ 545	$432,523	$2,145,875	$ 2,492	$2,581,435	
Comprehensive income:						
Net income			165,945		165,945	$ 97,461
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments, net of tax of $465 and $(1,004)				(816)	(816)	1,765
Amortization of prior service costs, actuarial losses, and transition obligations, net of tax of $(653) and $(323)				1,147	1,147	568
Equity in investee's adjustments for FAS 158, net of tax of $(39) and $(20)				59	59	29
Currency translation, net of tax of $(590) and $(518)				11,991	11,991	9,470
Total comprehensive income					178,326	$ 109,293
FIN 48 transition adjustment			(30,869)		(30,869)	
Dividends: declared and paid - $.78 per share			(42,581)		(42,581)	
Repurchase 217,667 Class A Common shares	(2)	(2,034)	(28,067)		(30,103)	
Compensation plans, net: 200,961 shares issued; 14,898 shares repurchased; 433 shares forfeited	2	28,992			28,994	
Tax benefits of compensation plans		3,172			3,172	
As of June 30, 2007	$ 545	$462,653	$2,210,303	$ 14,873	$2,688,374	
As of December 31, 2007	$ 543	$476,142	$1,971,848	$ 1,828	$2,450,361	
Comprehensive loss:						
Net loss			(447,173)		(447,173)	$ (531,241)
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments, net of tax of $79 and $(1,786)				(682)	(682)	2,609
Adjustment for losses (gains) in income on investments, net of tax of $1,968 and $1,968				(3,655)	(3,655)	(3,655)
Change in unrealized gains (losses) on investments				(4,337)	(4,337)	(1,046)
Amortization of prior service costs, actuarial losses, and transition obligations, net of tax of $(757) and $(378)				1,339	1,339	670
Equity in investee's adjustments for FAS 158, net of tax of $60 and $30				(95)	(95)	(48)
Currency translation adjustment, net of tax of $307 and $(79)				(43)	(43)	(2)
Total comprehensive loss					(450,309)	$ (531,667)
Dividends: declared and paid - $.84 per share			(45,724)		(45,724)	
Repurchase 93,333 Class A Common shares	(1)	(956)	(10,485)		(11,442)	
Compensation plans, net: 278,130 shares issued; 15,897 shares repurchased; 2,264 shares forfeited	3	30,900			30,903	
Tax benefits of compensation plans		2,090			2,090	
As of June 30, 2008	$ 545	$508,176	$1,468,466	$ (1,308)	$1,975,879	

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

CONDENSED NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation - The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. The interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements, including the notes thereto included in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K. In management's opinion all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) necessary for a fair presentation of the interim periods have been made. Certain amounts in prior periods have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation.

Results of operations are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for future interim periods or for the full year.

Nature of Operations - We are a diverse media concern with interests in national television networks, newspaper publishing, broadcast television, interactive media, and licensing and syndication. All of our media businesses provide content and advertising services via the Internet. Our media businesses are organized into the following reportable business segments: Scripps Networks, Newspapers, Broadcast television, and Interactive media. Licensing and other media aggregates our operating segments that are too small to report separately, and primarily includes syndication and licensing of news features and comics. Additional information for our business segments is presented in Note 19. Information on the spin-off of the national television networks and interactive media is in Note 20.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires us to make a variety of decisions that affect the reported amounts and the related disclosures. Such decisions include the selection of accounting principles that reflect the economic substance of the underlying transactions and the assumptions on which to base accounting estimates. In reaching such decisions, we apply judgment based on our understanding and analysis of the relevant circumstances, including our historical experience, actuarial studies and other assumptions.

Our financial statements include estimates and assumptions used in accounting for our defined benefit pension plans; the recognition of certain revenues; rebates due to customers; the periods over which long-lived assets are depreciated or amortized; the fair value of long-lived assets and goodwill; income taxes payable; estimates for uncollectible accounts receivable; and self-insured risks.

While we re-evaluate our estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis, actual results could differ from those estimated at the time of preparation of the financial statements.

Newspaper Joint Operating Agreements ("JOA") - We include our share of JOA earnings in "Equity in earnings of JOAs and other joint ventures" in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. The related editorial costs and expenses are included within costs and expenses in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. Our residual interest in the net assets of the Denver JOA is classified as an investment in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Revenue Recognition - Revenue is recognized when persuasive evidence of a sales arrangement exists, delivery occurs or services are rendered, the sales price is fixed or determinable and collectibility is reasonably assured. When a sales arrangement contains multiple elements, such as the sale of advertising and other services, revenue is allocated to each element based upon its relative fair value. Revenue recognition may be ceased on delinquent accounts depending upon a number of factors, including the customer's credit history, number of days past due, and the terms of any agreements with the customer. Revenue recognition on such accounts resumes when the customer has taken actions to remove their accounts from delinquent status, at which time any associated deferred revenues would also be recognized. Revenue is reported net of our remittance of sales taxes, value added taxes and other taxes collected from our customers.

Our primary sources of revenue are from:

- The sale of print, broadcast, and Internet advertising.
- Referral fees and commissions from retailers and service providers.
- Fees for programming services ("network affiliate fees").
- The sale of newspapers.
- Licensing royalties.

The revenue recognition policies for each source of revenue are described in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

Share-Based Compensation - - We have a Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") which is described more fully in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. The Plan provides for the award of incentive and nonqualified share options, share appreciation rights, restricted and unrestricted Class A Common shares and performance units to key employees and non-employee directors.

In accordance with Financial Accounting Standard No. 123(R) - Share Based Payment ("FAS 123(R)"), compensation cost is based on the grant-date fair value of the award. The fair value of awards that grant the employee the right to the appreciation of the underlying shares, such as share options, is measured using a lattice-based binomial model. The fair value of awards that grant the employee the underlying shares is measured by the fair value of a Class A Common share.

Certain awards of Class A Common shares have performance conditions under which the number of shares granted is determined by the extent to which such performance conditions are met. Compensation costs for such awards are measured by the grant-date fair value of a Class A Common share and the number of shares earned. In periods prior to completion of the performance period, compensation costs are based upon estimates of the number of shares that will be earned.

Compensation costs, net of estimated forfeitures due to termination of employment or failure to meet performance targets, are recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period of the award. The requisite service period is generally the vesting period stated in the award. However, because share compensation grants vest upon the retirement of the employee, grants to retirement-eligible employees are expensed immediately and grants to employees who will become retirement eligible prior to the end of the stated vesting period are expensed over such shorter period. The vesting of certain awards is also accelerated if performance measures are met. If it is expected those performance measures will be met, compensation costs are expensed over the accelerated vesting period.

Compensation costs of share options are estimated on the date of grant using a lattice-based binomial model. The weighted-average assumptions used in the model are as follows:

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Weighted-average fair value of options granted	$27.54	$37.74	$27.54	$37.74
Assumptions used to determine fair value:				
Dividend yield	1.3%	1.0%	1.3%	1.0%
Risk-free rate of return	3.1%	4.7%	3.1%	4.7%
Expected life of options (years)	6.0	5.35	6.0	5.35
Expected volatility	19.3%	20.6%	19.3%	20.6%

Share based compensation costs totaled $6.2 million for the second quarter of 2008 and $6.0 million for the second quarter of 2007. Year-to-date share based compensation costs totaled $15.8 million in 2008 and $17.2 million in 2007.

Share Split – On July 15, 2008, the holders of our Common Voting Shares and Class A Common Shares approved a 1-for-3 reverse split by means of an amendment to the Company's Articles of Incorporation pursuant to which: (i) each issued and outstanding Common Voting Share will be reclassified and changed into one-third (1/3) of a Common Voting Share, (ii) each issued and outstanding Class A Common Share will be reclassified and changed into one-third (1/3) of a Class A Common Share, and (iii) the Company's stated capital account shall be reduced proportionately. Any fractional interest in a Common Voting Share or Class A Common Share that exists after giving effect to the amendment will be paid in cash. All share and per share

amounts in our condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes have been retroactively adjusted to reflect the reverse share split for all periods presented.

Earnings Per Share - Basic EPS is calculated by dividing earnings available to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of common share outstanding. Diluted EPS is similar to basic EPS, but adjusts for the effect of the potential issuance of common shares. The following table presents information about basic and diluted weighted-average shares outstanding:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Basic weighted-average shares outstanding	54,305	54,395	54,261	54,430
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Unvested restricted stock and share units held by employees		69		71
Stock options held by employees and directors		333		385
Diluted weighted-average shares outstanding	54,305	54,797	54,261	54,886
Anti-dilutive stock securities	4,890	3,957	2,413	2,114

Due to the net loss in 2008, the diluted EPS calculation for the three and six months ended June 30 excludes unvested stock, share units and stock options held by employees and directors, as they were anti-dilutive.

For 2007, we had stock options that were anti-dilutive and accordingly were not included in the computation of diluted weighted-average shares outstanding.

2. ACCOUNTING CHANGES AND RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

Accounting Changes - In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued FAS 157, Fair Value Measurements (“FAS 157”), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. In February 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position 157-2 (“FSP”), Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157, which delays the effective date of FAS 157 for non-financial assets and liabilities, except for those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis, until January 1, 2009. Under the provisions of the FSP, we will delay application of FAS 157 for fair value measurements used in the impairment testing of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets and eligible non-financial assets and liabilities included within a business combination. The adoption of FAS 157 did not have a material impact on our financial statements. See note 16, Fair Value Measurement, for additional information.

In February 2007, the FASB issued FAS 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 (“FAS 159”), which permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. We adopted FAS 159 as of January 1, 2008. The adoption of FAS 159 had no impact on our financial statements.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards - In December 2007, the FASB issued FAS No. 141(R), Business Combinations (“FAS 141(R)”). FAS 141(R) provides guidance relating to recognition of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination. FAS 141(R) also establishes expanded disclosure requirements for business combinations. FAS 141(R) is effective for us on January 1, 2009, and we will apply FAS 141(R) prospectively to all business combinations subsequent to the effective date.

In December 2007, the FASB issued FAS No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements - an amendment of ARB No. 51 (“FAS 160”). FAS 160 establishes accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. FAS 160 provides guidance related to accounting for noncontrolling (minority) interests as equity in the consolidated financial statements at fair value. FAS 160 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. We are currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of FAS 160 will have on our financial statements.

In March 2008, the FASB issued FAS No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities - an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 (“FAS 161”). FAS 161 amends and expands the disclosure requirements of Statement 133 to provide a better understanding of how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, how derivative instruments and related hedged items

are accounted for, and their effect on an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. FAS 161 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. We are currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of FAS 161 will have on our financial statements.

In June 2008, the FASB issued FSP EITF 03-6-1, "Determining Whether Instruments Granted in Share-Based Payment Transactions Are Participating Securities" ("FSP EITF 03-6-1"). FSP EITF 03-6-1 addresses whether instruments granted in share-based payment transactions are participating securities prior to vesting and, therefore, need to be included in the earnings allocation in computing earnings per share under the two-class method as described in FAS No. 128, "Earnings per Share." Under the guidance in FSP EITF 03-6-1, unvested share-based payment awards that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents (whether paid or unpaid) are participating securities and shall be included in the computation of earnings per share pursuant to the two-class method. FSP EITF 03-6-1 is effective for us on January 1, 2009, and prior-period earnings per share data would be adjusted retrospectively. We are currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of FSP EITF 03-6-1 will have on our financial statements.

3. ACQUISITIONS

2007 - In July 2007, we reached an agreement to acquire Fum Machineworks, Inc. d/b/a Recipezaar.com, a user-generated recipe and community site featuring more than 230,000 recipes, for cash consideration of approximately $25 million. We also acquired Incando Corporation d/b/a Pickle.com, a Web site that enables users to easily organize and share photos and videos from any camera or mobile phone device, for cash consideration of approximately $4.7 million. These acquisitions are part of our broader strategy at Scripps Networks to move our online businesses beyond extensions of our networks to become multi-branded, user-centric applications that create communities of online consumers in the home, food and lifestyle categories.

In the second quarter of 2007, we acquired newspaper publications in areas contiguous to our existing newspaper markets for total consideration of $2.0 million.

The following table summarizes the fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed for certain of our acquisitions. The allocation of these purchase prices reflects final values assigned which may differ from preliminary values reported in the financial statements for prior periods.

(in thousands)	2007 Recipezaar/ Pickle
Accounts receivable	$ 135
Other current assets	95
Property, plant and equipment	4,787
Goodwill	24,968
Total assets acquired	29,985
Current liabilities	(71)
Net purchase price	$ 29,914

Pro forma results are not presented for these 2007 acquisitions because the combined results of operations would not be significantly different from reported amounts.

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4. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

Our Cincinnati JOA with Gannett Co. Inc., was not renewed when the agreement terminated on December 31, 2007. In connection with the termination of the JOA, we ceased publication of our Cincinnati Post and Kentucky Post newspapers that participated in the Cincinnati JOA.

In 2006, we sold our Shop At Home television network to Jewelry Television. We also reached agreement in the third quarter of 2006 to sell the five Shop At Home-affiliated broadcast television stations. On December 22, 2006, we closed the sale of the three stations located in San Francisco, CA, Canton, OH and Wilson, NC. The sale of the two remaining stations located in Lawrence, MA, and Bridgeport, CT closed on April 24, 2007.

In accordance with the provisions of FAS 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets", the results of businesses held for sale or that have ceased operations are presented as discontinued operations within our results of operations. Accordingly, these businesses have been excluded from segment results for all periods presented.

Operating results of our discontinued operations were as follows:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30, 2008	Three months ended June 30, 2007	Six months ended June 30, 2008	Six months ended June 30, 2007
Operating revenues	$ —	$ 213	$ 5	$ 1,320
Equity in earnings of JOA	$ —	$ 4,511	$331	$ 8,439
Income from discontinued operations:				
Income from discontinued operations, before tax	$ —	$ 2,664	$371	$ 5,597
Income taxes (benefit)	—	969	137	(1,333)
Income from discontinued operations	$ —	$ 1,695	$234	$ 6,930

A tax benefit of $3.4 million was recognized in 2007 related to differences that were identified between our prior year provision and tax returns for our Shop At Home businesses.

Assets and liabilities of our discontinued operations for applicable periods consisted of the following:

(in thousands)	As of June 30, 2008	As of December 31, 2007	As of June 30, 2007
Assets:			
Deferred income taxes	$ 49	$ 842	$ 888
Other assets	103	983	79
Assets of discontinued operations	$ 152	$ 1,825	$ 967
Liabilities:			
Other liabilities	$ 138	$ 3,017	$3,213
Liabilities of discontinued operations	$ 138	$ 3,017	$3,213

5. OTHER CHARGES AND CREDITS

2008 – In the second quarter of 2008, we redeemed the remaining balances of our outstanding notes and recorded a $26.4 million loss on the extinguishment of debt.

Transaction costs and other activities related to the spin-off of our national lifestyle media brands (HGTV, Food Network, DIY, Fine Living and GAC and their Internet businesses) and online comparison shopping services (Shopzilla and uSwitch and their associated Web sites) increased our costs and expenses by $23.4 million in 2008. The costs associated with these transactions, some of which are not expected to be deductible for income tax purposes, increased year-to-date net loss by $48.8 million.

Investment results, reported in the caption "Miscellaneous, net" in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, include realized gains of $6.8 million from the sale of certain investments in the second quarter of 2008.

2007 – A majority of our newspapers offered voluntary separation plans to eligible employees during 2007. In connection with the acceptance of the offer by 137 employees, we accrued severance related costs of $8.9 million in the second quarter of 2007.

Due to changes in a distribution agreement at our Shopzilla business, we wrote down intangible assets during the first quarter of 2007 to reflect that certain components of the contract were not continued. This resulted in a charge to amortization of $5.2 million.

In connection with the adoption of FASB Interpretation No. 48 and the corresponding detailed review that was completed for our deferred tax balances, we identified adjustments necessary to properly record certain tax balances. These adjustments reduced the tax provision in the first quarter of 2007 increasing year-to-date net income $4.0 million.

6. INCOME TAXES

We file a consolidated federal income tax return, consolidated unitary return in certain states, and other separate state income tax returns for certain of our subsidiary companies. Included in our federal and state income tax returns is our proportionate share of the taxable income or loss of partnerships and incorporated limited liability companies that have been elected to be treated as partnerships for tax purposes ("pass-through entities"). Our financial statements do not include any provision (benefit) for income taxes on the income (loss) of pass-through entities attributed to the non-controlling interests.

Food Network is operated under the terms of a general partnership agreement. Fine Living is a limited liability company and is treated as a partnership for tax purposes. As a result, federal and state income taxes for these pass-through entities accrue to the individual partners.

Consolidated income (loss) before income tax consisted of the following:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Income (loss) allocated to Scripps	$(751,056)	$150,596	$(616,370)	$245,376
Income of pass-through entities allocated to non-controlling interests	24,470	20,939	46,785	38,923
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and minority interest	$(726,586)	$171,535	$(569,585)	$284,299

The income tax provision for interim periods is determined based upon the expected effective income tax rate for the full year and the tax rate applicable to certain discrete transactions in the interim period. To determine the annual effective income tax rate, we must estimate both the total income before income tax for the full year and the jurisdictions in which that income is subject to tax. The actual effective income tax rate for the full year may differ from these estimates if income before income tax is greater or less than what was estimated or if the allocation of income to jurisdictions in which it is taxed is different from the estimated allocations. We review and adjust our estimated effective income tax rate for the full year each quarter based upon our most recent estimates of income before income tax for the full year and the jurisdictions in which we expect that income will be taxed.

Information regarding our expected effective income tax rate from continuing operations for the full year of 2008 and the actual effective income tax rate from continuing operations for the full year of 2007 is as follows:

	2008	2007
Statutory rate	(35.0)%	35.0%
Effect of:		
State and local income taxes, net of federal income tax benefit	(2.2)	6.0
Income of pass-through entities allocated to non-controlling interests	(2.8)	(11.4)
Non-deductible goodwill	6.6	42.9
Non-deductible spin transaction costs	4.3	
Section 199 - Production Activities Deduction	(0.5)	(4.9)
FIN 48	1.7	2.4
Miscellaneous	(0.3)	(0.4)
Effective income tax rate	(28.2)%	69.6%

7. JOINT OPERATING AGREEMENT AND NEWSPAPER PARTNERSHIPS

Our Denver newspaper (Denver Rocky Mountain News) is operated pursuant to the terms of a joint operating agreement (“JOA”) which expires in 2051. The other publisher in the JOA is MediaNews Group, Inc. The Newspaper Preservation Act of 1970 provides a limited exemption from anti-trust laws, permitting competing newspapers in a market to combine their sales, production and business operations in order to reduce aggregate expenses and take advantage of economies of scale, thereby allowing the continuing operation of both newspapers in that market. Each newspaper in a JOA maintains a separate and independent editorial operation.

The sales, production and business operations of the Denver newspapers are operated by the Denver Newspaper Agency, a limited liability partnership (the “Denver JOA”). Each newspaper owns 50% of the Denver JOA and shares management of the combined newspaper operations. We receive a 50% share of the Denver JOA profits.

In the first quarter of 2008, we ceased publication of our Albuquerque Tribune newspaper. At the same time we also reached an agreement with the Journal Publishing Company (“JPC”), the publisher of the Albuquerque Journal (“Journal”), to terminate the Albuquerque joint operating agreement between the Journal and our Albuquerque Tribune newspaper. Under an amended agreement with the JPC, we will own an approximate 40% residual interest in the Albuquerque Publishing Company, G.P. (the “Partnership”) and we will pay JPC an annual amount equal to a portion of the editorial savings realized from ceasing publication of our newspaper. The Partnership will direct and manage the operations of the continuing Journal newspaper.

We participate in a newspaper partnership with MediaNews Group, Inc. that operates certain of both companies’ newspapers in Colorado, including their editorial operations. We have a 50% interest in the partnership.

Our share of the operating profit (loss) of our JOA and our newspaper partnerships is reported as “Equity in earnings of JOAs and other joint ventures” in our financial statements.

8. INVESTMENTS

Investments consisted of the following:

(in thousands, except share data)	June 30, 2008	As of December 31, 2007	June 30, 2007
Securities available for sale (at market value):			
Time Warner (2,008,000 common shares)		$ 33,152	$ 42,248
Other available-for-sale securities	$ 17	2,832	2,195
Total available-for-sale securities	17	35,984	44,443
Newspaper partnerships	40,399	143,694	138,368
Joint ventures	45,182	38,918	30,218
Other equity securities	8,611	8,064	7,610
Total investments	$94,209	$ 226,660	$220,639
Unrealized gains (loss) on securities available for sale	$ (1)	$ 6,391	$ 14,893

Investments available for sale represent securities of publicly-traded companies. Investments available for sale are recorded at fair value based upon the closing price of the security on the reporting date.

Our preliminary impairment analysis as of June 30, 2008, resulted in a $95 million non-cash charge to reduce the carrying value of our investment in our Denver JOA and Colorado newspaper partnership. See Note 10.

9. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment consisted of the following:

(in thousands)	June 30, 2008	As of December 31, 2007	June 30, 2007
Land and improvements	$ 80,293	$ 79,555	$ 77,176
Buildings and improvements	281,694	273,328	268,439
Equipment	674,338	650,526	630,696
Computer software	165,822	143,084	109,487
Total	1,202,147	1,146,493	1,085,798
Accumulated depreciation	617,613	586,820	557,474
Net property, plant and equipment	$ 584,534	$ 559,673	$ 528,324

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10. GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Goodwill and other intangible assets consisted of the following:

(in thousands)	June 30, 2008	As of December 31, 2007	June 30, 2007
Goodwill	$ 880,619	$1,666,206	$1,955,285
Other intangible assets:			
Amortizable intangible assets:			
Carrying amount:			
Acquired network distribution	43,415	43,415	43,415
Broadcast television network affiliation relationships	26,748	26,748	26,748
Customer lists	227,464	227,064	228,253
Copyrights and other trade names	53,088	52,966	53,188
Other	32,705	32,657	32,797
Total carrying amount	383,420	382,850	384,401
Accumulated amortization:			
Acquired network distribution	(11,962)	(10,563)	(9,149)
Broadcast television network affiliation relationships	(4,131)	(3,582)	(3,027)
Customer lists	(158,687)	(151,194)	(61,762)
Copyrights and other trade names	(36,232)	(34,793)	(9,003)
Other	(22,351)	(20,113)	(17,641)
Total accumulated amortization	(233,363)	(220,245)	(100,582)
Net amortizable intangible assets	150,057	162,605	283,819
Other indefinite-lived intangible assets:			
FCC licenses	25,622	25,622	25,622
Total other intangible assets	175,679	188,227	309,441
Total goodwill and other intangible assets	$1,056,298	$1,854,433	$2,264,726

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Activity related to goodwill, amortizable intangible assets and indefinite-lived intangible assets by business segment was as follows:

(in thousands)	Scripps Networks	Newspapers	Broadcast Television	Interactive Media	Licensing and Other	Total
Goodwill:						
Balance as of December 31, 2006	$240,502	$ 777,902	$219,367	$723,262	$ 18	$1,961,051
Business acquisitions		998				998
Adjustment of purchase price allocations				(14,703)		(14,703)
Foreign currency translation adjustment, inclusive of impact of purchase price adjustments				7,939		7,939
Balance as of June 30, 2007	$240,502	$ 778,900	$219,367	$716,498	$ 18	$1,955,285
Balance as of December 31, 2007	$265,436	$ 785,621	$215,414	$399,717	$ 18	$1,666,206
Write-down of newspaper goodwill		(778,900)				(778,900)
Other adjustments		(6,721)				(6,721)
Adjustment of purchase price allocations	34					34
Balance as of June 30, 2008	$265,470	$ —	$215,414	$399,717	$ 18	$ 880,619
Amortizable intangible assets:						
Balance as of December 31, 2006	$ 38,707	$ 10,075	$ 25,137	$209,702		$ 283,621
Business acquisitions		997				997
Adjustment of purchase price allocations				21,004		21,004
Foreign currency translation adjustment, inclusive of impact of purchase price adjustments				5,431		5,431
Amortization	(1,621)	(916)	(560)	(24,137)		(27,234)
Balance as of June 30, 2007	$ 37,086	$ 10,156	$ 24,577	$212,000		$ 283,819
Balance as of December 31, 2007	$ 35,438	$ 9,210	$ 24,008	$ 93,949		$ 162,605
Foreign currency translation adjustment				37		37
Amortization	(1,630)	(1,038)	(563)	(9,354)		(12,585)
Balance as of June 30, 2008	$ 33,808	$ 8,172	$ 23,445	$ 84,632		$ 150,057
Other indefinite-lived intangible assets:						
Balance for all respective periods presented			$ 25,622			$ 25,622

Estimated amortization expense of intangible assets for each of the next five years is expected to be $12.6 million for the remainder of 2008, $24.2 million in 2009, $21.2 million in 2010, $20.8 million in 2011, $17.3 million in 2012, $9.9 million in 2013 and $44.1 million in later years.

FAS 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets ("FAS 142"), requires goodwill and other indefinite-lived assets to be tested for impairment annually and if an event or conditions change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying value. Such indicators of impairment include, but are not limited to, changes in business climate and operating or cash flow losses related to such assets. The testing for impairment is a two step process. The first step is the estimation of the fair value of each of the reporting units, which is then compared to their carrying value. If the fair value is less than the carrying value of the reporting unit then an impairment of goodwill possibly exists. Step two is then performed to determine the amount of impairment.

Due primarily to the continuing negative effects of the economy on our advertising revenues and those of other publishing companies, and the difference between our stock price following the spin-off of Scripps Networks Interactive to shareholders and the per share carrying value of our remaining net assets, we determined that indications of impairment existed as of June 30, 2008.

Under the two-step process required by FAS 142, we made a determination of the fair value of our businesses. Fair values were determined using a combination of an income approach, which estimated fair value based upon future revenues, expenses and cash flows discounted to their present value, and a market approach, which estimated fair value using market multiples of various financial measures compared to a set of comparable public companies.

The valuation methodology and underlying financial information that are used to determine fair value require significant judgments to be made by management. These judgments include, but are not limited to, long term projections of future financial performance and the selection of appropriate discount rates used to determine the present value of future cash flows. Changes in such estimates or the use of alternative assumptions could produce significantly different results.

We concluded the fair value of our newspaper reporting unit did not exceed the carrying value of our newspaper net assets as of June 30, 2008, while the fair value of our broadcast television reporting unit was in excess of the carrying value. Because of the timing and complexity of the calculations required under step two of the process, we have not yet completed that process. However, based upon our preliminary valuations, we recorded a $779 million, non-cash charge in the three months ended June 30, 2008 to reduce the carrying value of goodwill. We also recorded a preliminary non-cash charge of $95 million to reduce the carrying value of our investment in the Denver JOA and Colorado newspaper partnership to our share of the estimated fair value of their net assets. We will complete our test in the third quarter but do not expect our preliminary estimate to change significantly. Such changes would not impact our cash flows.

11. PROGRAMS AND PROGRAM LICENSES

Programs and program licenses consisted of the following:

(in thousands)	June 30, 2008	As of December 31, 2007	June 30, 2007
Cost of programs available for broadcast	$1,108,344	$ 985,570	$910,506
Accumulated amortization	770,257	661,529	596,736
Total	338,087	324,041	313,770
Progress payments on programs not yet available for broadcast	149,735	157,024	160,786
Total programs and program licenses	$ 487,822	$ 481,065	$474,556

In addition to the programs owned or licensed by us included in the table above, we have commitments to license certain programming that is not yet available for broadcast, including first-run syndicated programming. Such program licenses are recorded as assets when the programming is delivered to us and is available for broadcast. First-run syndicated programming is generally produced and delivered at or near its broadcast date. Such contracts may require progress payments or deposits prior to the program becoming available for broadcast. Remaining obligations under contracts to purchase or license programs not yet available for broadcast totaled approximately $271 million at June 30, 2008. If the programs are not produced, our commitment to license the programs would generally expire without obligation.

Progress payments on programs not yet available for broadcast and the cost of programs and program licenses capitalized totaled $68.5 million in the second quarter of 2008 and $78.7 million in the second quarter of 2007. Year-to-date progress payments and capitalized programs totaled $141 million in 2008 and $154 million in 2007.

Estimated amortization of recorded program assets and program commitments for each of the next five years is as follows:

(in thousands)	Programs Available for Broadcast	Programs Not Yet Available for Broadcast	Total
Remainder of 2008	$ 108,251	$ 51,276	$159,527
2009	132,765	140,058	272,823
2010	67,158	108,939	176,097
2011	27,668	72,189	99,857
2012	2,245	40,685	42,930
2013		7,593	7,593
Later years		767	767
Total	$ 338,087	$ 421,507	$759,594

Actual amortization in each of the next five years will exceed the amounts presented above as our broadcast television stations and our national television networks will continue to produce and license additional programs.

12. UNAMORTIZED NETWORK DISTRIBUTION INCENTIVES

Unamortized network distribution incentives consisted of the following:

(in thousands)	June 30, 2008	As of December 31, 2007	June 30, 2007
Network launch incentives	$ 78,573	$ 90,542	$100,949
Unbilled affiliate fees	41,520	44,825	45,055
Total unamortized network distribution incentives	$120,093	$ 135,367	$146,004

Amortization recorded as a reduction to affiliate fee revenue in the consolidated financial statements, and estimated amortization of recorded network distribution incentives for each of the next five years, is presented below.

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Amortization of network distribution incentives	$ 8,290	$ 6,899	$16,547	$13,715

Estimated amortization for the next five years is as follows:

Remainder of 2008	$ 16,685
2009	36,717
2010	26,740
2011	23,552
2012	12,580
2013	1,226
Later years	2,593
Total	$ 120,093

Actual amortization could be greater than the above amounts as additional incentive payments may be capitalized as we expand distribution of Scripps Networks.

13. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

(in thousands)		As of	
	June 30, 2008	**December 31, 2007**	**June 30, 2007**
E. W. Scripps variable-rate credit facilities	$ 60,000	$ 79,559	$ 56,859
6.625% notes due in 2007			99,996
3.75% notes due in 2008		39,950	39,653
4.25% notes due in 2009		86,091	86,049
4.30% notes due in 2010		112,840	140,586
5.75% notes due in 2012		184,922	199,373
Scripps Networks Interactive, credit facility	325,000		
Other notes	1,236	1,301	1,365
Total long-term debt	$386,236	$ 504,663	$623,881

We had Competitive Advance and Revolving Credit Facilities expiring in June 2011 (the “Revolver”) and a commercial paper program that collectively permitted aggregate borrowings up to $750 million (the “Variable-Rate Credit Facilities”). On June 30, 2008, the existing credit agreement was cancelled and we entered into a new Revolving Credit Agreement (“Revolving Credit Agreement”) expiring on June 30, 2013 with a total availability of $200 million. Borrowings under the Revolver are available on a committed revolving credit basis at our choice of an adjusted rate based on LIBOR plus 0.625% to 1.5% or the higher of the prime or the Federal Funds rate plus 0.5 %. The Revolving Credit Agreement includes certain affirmative and negative covenants including compliance with specified financial ratios, including maintenance of minimum interest coverage ratio and leverage ratio as defined in the agreement. The weighted-average interest rate on borrowings under the E.W. Scripps Variable-Rate Credit Facilities was 3.3% at June 30, 2008, 4.9% at December 31, 2007, and 5.4% at June 30, 2007.

On June 30, 2008, Scripps Networks Interactive Inc. (“SNI”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Scripps, also entered into a Competitive Advance and Revolving Credit Facility (“SNI Revolving Credit Agreement”) that permits $550 million in aggregate borrowings and expires in June 2013. SNI borrowed $325 million under the SNI Revolving Credit Agreement on June 30, 2008 at a weighted-average interest rate of 2.9%. On July 1, 2008, SNI began operations as a separate publicly traded company upon the completion of its separation from Scripps (See Note 20). The outstanding borrowings under the SNI Revolving Credit Agreement remained with SNI upon the completion of the separation.

The scheduled $40 million principal payment on our 3.75% notes was paid in the first quarter of 2008. In the second and third quarters of 2007, we repurchased $37.1 million principal amount of our 4.30% notes due in 2010 for $35.8 million and repurchased $14.6 million principal amount of our 5.75% note due in 2012 for $14.5 million.

In June 2008, we redeemed the outstanding balance of the 4.25% notes, the 4.3% notes and the 5.75% notes prior to maturity resulting in a loss on extinguishment of $26 million.

As of June 30, 2008, we had outstanding letters of credit totaling $8.3 million.

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14. OTHER LIABILITIES

Other liabilities consisted of the following:

(in thousands)	June 30, 2008	As of December 31, 2007	June 30, 2007
Program rights payable	$ 2,142	$ 3,070	$ 2,655
Employee compensation and benefits	39,155	41,418	43,027
Liability for pension benefits	84,592	75,935	59,660
Network distribution incentives	3,951	6,738	8,763
FIN 48 tax liability	62,625	53,830	49,003
Other	19,683	18,311	18,149
Other liabilities (less current portion)	$212,148	$ 199,302	$181,257

15. MINORITY INTERESTS

Non-controlling interests hold an approximate 10% residual interest in Fine Living. The minority owners of Fine Living have the right (put option) to require us to repurchase their interests. We have a call option to acquire their interests. The minority owners will receive the fair market value for their interests at the time their option is exercised. In 2006, we notified a minority owner that we were exercising our call option on their 3.75% interest in Fine Living. In July 2008, we reached agreement with the minority owner on the exercise price of the call option and completed the transaction for cash consideration of $9.0 million. The put options on the remaining non-controlling interest in Fine Living are currently exercisable. The call options become exercisable in 2016. No amounts have been recorded in our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets related to these options.

Non-controlling interests hold an approximate 30% residual interest in Food Network. The Food Network general partnership agreement is due to expire on December 31, 2012, unless amended or extended prior to that date. In the event of such termination, the assets of the partnership are to be liquidated and distributed to the partners in proportion to their partnership interests.

Minority interests include non-controlling interests of approximately 4% in the capital stock of the subsidiary company that publishes our Memphis newspaper and approximately 6% in the capital stock of the subsidiary company that publishes our Evansville newspaper. The capital stock of these companies does not provide for or require the redemption of the non-controlling interests by us.

16. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

We adopted FAS 157 as of January 1, 2008, with the exception of the application of the standard to non-recurring, nonfinancial assets and liabilities. The adoption of FAS 157 did not have a material impact on our fair value measurements. FAS 157 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. FAS 157 establishes a fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value into three broad levels as follows:

- Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 – Inputs, other than quoted market prices in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 – Unobservable inputs based on our own assumptions.

The following table sets forth our assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis at June 30, 2008:

(in thousands)	June 30, 2008			
	Total	**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**
Assets:				
Short-term investments	$49,935	$49,935	$	$
Available-for-sale securities	17	17		
Total assets measured at fair value	$49,952	$49,952	$	$
Liabilities:				
Deferred compensation plan liabilities	$22,955	$22,955	$	$
Total liabilities measured at fair value	$22,955	$22,955	$	$

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17. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

The following table presents additional information about the change in certain working capital accounts:

(in thousands)	Six months ended June 30, 2008	Six months ended June 30, 2007
Other changes in certain working capital accounts, net:		
Accounts receivable	$ 4,294	$ (3,620)
Inventories	(3,913)	(1,052)
Accounts payable	(11,107)	(4,788)
Accrued income taxes	(6,273)	6,223
Accrued employee compensation and benefits	(12,164)	(14,586)
Accrued interest	(5,733)	(391)
Other accrued liabilities	(2,966)	1,707
Other, net	(4,063)	1,325
Total	$(41,925)	$(15,182)

Information regarding supplemental cash flow disclosures is as follows:

(in thousands)	Six months ended June 30, 2008	Six months ended June 30, 2007
Interest paid, excluding amounts capitalized	$15,959	$20,790
Income taxes paid continuing operations	$85,956	$80,495
Income taxes paid (refunds received) discontinued operations	(657)	18,017
Total income taxes paid	$85,299	$98,512

18. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

We sponsor defined benefit pension plans that cover substantially all non-union and certain union-represented employees. Benefits are generally based upon the employee’s compensation and years of service.

We also have a non-qualified Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (“SERP”). The SERP, which is unfunded, provides defined pension benefits in addition to the defined benefit pension plan to eligible participants based on average earnings, years of service and age at retirement.

Substantially all non-union and certain union employees are also covered by a company-sponsored defined contribution plan. We match a portion of employees’ voluntary contributions to this plan.

Other union-represented employees are covered by union-sponsored multi-employer plans.

We use a December 31 measurement date for our retirement plans. Retirement plans expense is based on valuations performed by plan actuaries as of the beginning of each fiscal year. The components of the expense consisted of the following:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Service cost	$ 5,020	$ 4,566	$ 9,954	$ 9,212
Interest cost	7,064	6,469	14,587	13,217
Expected return on plan assets, net of expenses	(8,815)	(8,499)	(17,998)	(17,348)
Amortization of prior service cost	161	146	322	292
Amortization of actuarial (gain)/loss	282	124	574	312
Total for defined benefit plans	3,712	2,806	7,439	5,685
Multi-employer plans	43	296	361	626
SERP	2,079	1,801	4,158	3,601
Defined contribution plans	2,442	2,040	4,781	4,308
Total	$ 8,276	$ 6,943	$ 16,739	$ 14,220

We contributed $1.1 million to fund current benefit payments for our non-qualified SERP plan during the first half of 2008. We anticipate contributing an additional $1.5 million to fund the SERP’s benefit payments during the remainder of fiscal 2008. We have met the minimum funding requirements of our defined benefit pension plans. Accordingly, we do not anticipate making any contributions to these plans in 2008.

19. SEGMENT INFORMATION

We determine our business segments based upon our management and internal reporting structure. Our reportable segments are strategic businesses that offer different products and services.

Scripps Networks includes five national television networks and their affiliated Web sites, Home & Garden Television ("HGTV"), Food Network, DIY Network ("DIY"), Fine Living and Great American Country ("GAC"); and our 7.25% interest in Fox-BRV Southern Sports Holdings, which comprises the Sports South and Fox Sports Net South regional television networks. Our networks also operate internationally through licensing agreements and joint ventures with foreign entities. We own approximately 70% of Food Network and approximately 90% of Fine Living. Each of our networks is distributed by cable and satellite television systems. Scripps Networks earns revenue primarily from the sale of advertising time and from affiliate fees from cable and satellite television systems.

Our newspaper business segment includes daily and community newspapers in 15 markets in the U.S. Newspapers earn revenue primarily from the sale of advertising space to local and national advertisers and from the sale of newspapers to readers. We also have a newspaper that is operated pursuant to the terms of joint operating agreement. See Note 7. Each newspaper in a JOA maintains an independent editorial operation and receives a share of the operating profits of the combined newspaper operations.

Broadcast television includes six ABC-affiliated stations, three NBC-affiliated stations and one independent station. Our television stations reach approximately 10% of the nation's television households. Broadcast television stations earn revenue primarily from the sale of advertising time to local and national advertisers.

Interactive media includes our online comparison shopping services, Shopzilla and uSwitch. Shopzilla operates a product comparison shopping service that helps consumers find products offered for sale on the Web by online retailers. uSwitch operates an online comparison service that helps consumers compare prices and arrange for the purchase of a range of essential home services including gas, electricity, home phone, broadband providers and personal finance products, primarily in the United Kingdom. Our interactive media businesses earn revenue primarily from referral fees and commissions paid by participating online retailers and service providers.

Licensing and other media aggregates our operating segments that are too small to report separately, and primarily includes syndication and licensing of news features and comics.

The accounting policies of each of our business segments are those described in Note 1 in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

Each of our segments may provide advertising, programming or other services to our other business segments. In addition, certain corporate costs and expenses, including information technology, pensions and other employee benefits, and other shared services, are allocated to our business segments. The allocations are generally amounts agreed upon by management, which may differ from amounts that would be incurred if such services were purchased separately by the business segment. Corporate assets are primarily cash, cash equivalents and other short-term investments, property and equipment primarily used for corporate purposes, and deferred income taxes.

Our chief operating decision maker (as defined by FAS 131 – Segment Reporting) evaluates the operating performance of our business segments and makes decisions about the allocation of resources to our business segments using a measure we call segment profit. Segment profit excludes interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, divested operating units, restructuring activities (including our proportionate share of JOA restructuring activities), investment results and certain other items that are included in net income (loss) determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 1, we account for our share of the earnings of our JOA and newspaper partnerships using the equity method of accounting. Our equity in earnings of our JOA and newspaper partnerships is included in "Equity in earnings of JOAs and other joint ventures" in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. Newspaper segment profits include equity in earnings of JOAs and newspaper partnerships but exclude write-downs in the carrying value. Scripps Networks segment profits include equity in earnings of joint ventures.

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Information regarding our business segments is as follows:

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30, 2008	Three months ended June 30, 2007	Six months ended June 30, 2008	Six months ended June 30, 2007
Segment operating revenues:				
Scripps Networks	$ 349,223	$308,148	$ 660,059	$ 577,627
Newspapers:				
Newspapers managed solely by us	144,433	165,723	300,032	335,474
JOAs and newspaper partnerships	53	48	114	106
Total newspapers	144,486	165,771	300,146	335,580
Broadcast television	80,520	84,539	156,539	161,047
Interactive media	66,851	59,022	144,347	121,956
Licensing and other media	23,375	22,381	45,818	45,581
Corporate	200	799	909	1,226
Intersegment eliminations	(514)	(586)	(1,203)	(1,519)
Total operating revenues	$ 664,141	$640,074	$1,306,615	$1,241,498
Segment profit (loss):				
Scripps Networks	$ 180,236	$164,136	$ 326,856	$ 291,636
Newspapers:				
Newspapers managed solely by us	19,074	29,256	44,624	65,947
JOAs and newspaper partnerships	(2,732)	886	(717)	(6,488)
Total newspapers	16,342	30,142	43,907	59,459
Broadcast television	18,305	23,496	32,475	39,875
Interactive media	15,064	6,757	36,031	6,376
Licensing and other media	1,850	2,578	4,022	5,556
Corporate	(33,341)	(15,319)	(53,151)	(34,273)
Intersegment eliminations	20	6	37	(189)
Depreciation and amortization of intangibles	(29,703)	(32,207)	(58,465)	(66,645)
Write-down of newspaper goodwill	(778,900)		(778,900)	
Gains (losses) on disposal of PP&E	2,364	(243)	1,497	(332)
Interest expense	(4,874)	(10,729)	(10,706)	(20,930)
Write-down of investments in newspaper partnerships	(95,000)		(95,000)	
Gains (losses) on repurchases of debt	(26,380)	317	(26,380)	317
Miscellaneous, net	7,431	2,601	8,192	3,449
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and minority interests	$(726,586)	$171,535	$ (569,585)	$ 284,299
Depreciation:				
Scripps Networks	$ 6,038	$ 4,876	$ 12,014	$ 9,480
Newspapers:				
Newspapers managed solely by us	5,437	5,623	10,810	10,960
JOAs and newspaper partnerships	321	330	646	659
Total newspapers	5,758	5,953	11,456	11,619
Broadcast television	4,724	4,119	9,137	8,442
Interactive media	6,662	5,359	12,862	8,820
Licensing and other media	119	121	236	235
Corporate	116	436	175	815
Total depreciation	$ 23,417	$ 20,864	$ 45,880	$ 39,411

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(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30, 2008	Three months ended June 30, 2007	Six months ended June 30, 2008	Six months ended June 30, 2007
Amortization of intangibles:				
Scripps Networks	$ 815	$ 815	$ 1,630	$ 1,621
Newspapers:				
Newspapers managed solely by us	519	461	1,038	916
JOAs and newspaper partnerships				
Total newspapers	519	461	1,038	916
Broadcast television	282	282	563	560
Interactive media	4,670	9,785	9,354	24,137
Total amortization of intangibles	$ 6,286	$11,343	$ 12,585	$ 27,234
Additions to property, plant and equipment:				
Scripps Networks	$ 9,097	$ 5,092	$ 17,906	$ 10,137
Newspapers:				
Newspapers managed solely by us	12,211	5,598	25,977	11,211
JOAs and newspaper partnerships	21	113	38	202
Total newspapers	12,232	5,711	26,015	11,413
Broadcast television	8,444	6,218	13,158	8,594
Interactive media	4,695	13,073	10,333	19,491
Licensing and other media	603	1,052	1,268	2,132
Corporate	1,909	647	2,696	1,881
Total additions to property, plant and equipment	$36,980	$31,793	$ 71,376	$ 53,648
Business acquisitions and other additions to long-lived assets:				
Scripps Networks	$68,621	$78,725	$ 141,582	$ 153,953
Newspapers:				
Newspapers managed solely by us		1,995		1,995
JOAs and newspaper partnerships	84	92	96	104
Total newspapers	84	2,087	96	2,099
Corporate			550	632
Total	$68,705	$80,812	$ 142,228	$ 156,684
Assets:				
Scripps Networks			$1,477,182	$1,350,469
Newspapers:				
Newspapers managed solely by us			330,004	1,100,704
JOAs and newspaper partnerships			51,271	150,084
Total newspapers			381,275	1,250,788
Broadcast television			476,105	483,081
Interactive media			594,757	1,030,876
Licensing and other media			30,366	27,408
Investments			8,807	51,983
Corporate			145,390	107,462
Total assets of continuing operations			3,113,882	4,302,067
Discontinued operations			152	967
Total assets			$3,114,034	$4,303,034

No single customer provides more than 10% of our revenue. We earn international revenues from our Shopzilla and uSwitch businesses. We also earn international revenues from the licensing of comic characters and programming from our national television networks in international markets.

Other additions to long-lived assets include investments, capitalized intangible assets, and Scripps Networks capitalized programs and network launch incentives.

20. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Spin-Off of Scripps Networks Interactive

On October 16, 2007, the Company announced that its Board of Directors had authorized its management to pursue a plan to separate E. W. Scripps ("Scripps") into two independent, publicly-traded companies (the "Separation") through the spin-off of Scripps Networks Interactive, Inc. ("SNI") to the Scripps shareholders. To effect the Separation, SNI was formed on October 23, 2007, as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Scripps. The assets and liabilities of the Scripps Networks and Interactive Media businesses of Scripps were transferred to SNI. SNI will be the parent company which will own the national television networks and the online comparison shopping services businesses as of the separation date and 100% of the shares will be owned by the existing E. W. Scripps shareholders. On May 8, 2008, the Board of Directors of Scripps approved the distribution of all of the common shares of SNI.

The distribution of all of the shares of SNI was made on July 1, 2008 to the shareholders of record as of the close of business on June 16, 2008 (the "Record Date"). The shareholders of record received one SNI Class A Common Share for every Scripps Class A Common Share held as the Record Date and one SNI Common Voting Share for every Scripps Common Voting Share held as of the Record Date.

As a result of the spin-off SNI will be presented as discontinued operations in our future financial statements. We have previously filed on July 8, 2008 on Form 8-K unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information giving effect to the spin-off of SNI.

In connection with the Separation, the following agreements between Scripps and SNI became effective:

- Separation and Distribution Agreement
- Transition Services Agreement
- Employee Matters Agreement
- Tax Allocation Agreement

Separation and Distribution Agreement

The Separation and Distribution Agreement contains the key provisions relating to the separation of SNI from EWS and the distribution of SNI common shares to EWS shareholders. The agreement also identifies the assets to be transferred to and the liabilities and contracts to be assumed by SNI or retained by EWS in the distribution and when and how the transfers will occur. The agreement also provides that liability for, and control of, future litigation claims against either company for events that took place prior to the separation will be assumed by the company operating the business to which the claim relates. In the case of businesses which were sold or discontinued prior to the date of the separation, the agreement identifies which company has assumed those liabilities.

The agreement provides for indemnification of the other company and the other company's officers, directors and employees for losses arising out of:

- Its failure to perform or discharge any of the liabilities it assumes pursuant to the Separation and Distribution Agreement.
- Its businesses as conducted as of the date of the separation and distribution.
- Its breaches of the Separation and Distribution agreement, any of the ancillary agreements pursuant to which EWS or SNI are co-parties or share benefits and burdens.
- Its untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact, or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact, required to be stated or necessary to make statements therein not misleading in the portions of the following documents for which it has assumed responsibility for: Form 10 Registration Statement of SNI, the definitive proxy statement sent to the EWS shareholders soliciting their vote on the separation transaction and its other public filings made by EWS after the distribution date.

Transition Services Agreement

The Transition Services Agreement provides for EWS and SNI to provide services to each other on a compensated basis for a period of up to two years. Compensation will be on an arms-length basis. EWS will provide services or support to SNI, including

information technology, human resources, accounting and finance, and facilities. SNI will provide information technology support and services.

Employee Matters Agreement

The Employee Matters Agreement provides for the allocation of the liabilities and responsibilities relating to employee compensation and benefit plans and programs, including the treatment of outstanding incentive awards, deferred compensation obligations and retirement and welfare benefit obligations between EWS and SNI. The agreement provides that EWS and SNI will each be responsible for all employment and benefit related obligations and liabilities for employees that work for the respective companies. The agreement also provides that SNI employees will continue to participate in certain of the EWS benefit plans during a transition period through December 31, 2008. After the transition period, the account balances or actuarialy determined values of assets and liabilities of SNI employees will be transferred to the benefit plans of SNI. The agreement also governs the treatment of outstanding EWS share-based equity awards. See “Share-Based Equity Awards” below.

Tax Allocation Agreement

The Tax Allocation Agreement sets forth the allocations and responsibilities of EWS and SNI with respect to liabilities for federal, state, local and foreign income taxes for periods before and after the spin-off, tax deductions related to compensation arrangements, preparation of income tax returns, disputes with taxing authorities and indemnification of income taxes that would become due if the spin-off were taxable. Generally EWS and SNI will be responsible for income taxes for periods before the spin-off for their respective businesses.

Other Agreements

EWS and SNI have also entered into various other agreements that have been negotiated on an arm’s length basis and that individually or in the aggregate do not constitute material agreements.

Share-Based Equity Awards

As a result of the distribution of SNI to the shareholders of EWS, employees holding share-based equity awards, including share options and restricted shares, have received modified awards in either EWS, SNI or both companies based on whether the awards were vested or unvested at the time of the spin-off of SNI and whether the employee is an EWS or SNI employee. Under FAS 123R the adjustments to the outstanding share based equity awards is considered a modification and accordingly we compared the fair value of the awards immediately prior to the modification to the fair value of the awards immediately after the modification to measure the incremental share-based compensation.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

This discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is based upon the condensed consolidated financial statements and the condensed notes to the consolidated financial statements. You should read this discussion in conjunction with those financial statements.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This discussion and the information contained in the condensed notes to the consolidated financial statements contains certain forward-looking statements related to our businesses, including the separation plan, that are based 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. All forward-looking statements, which are as of the date of this filing, should be evaluated with the understanding of their inherent uncertainty. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date the statement is made.

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

The E. W. Scripps Company ("Scripps") is a diverse media company with interests in newspaper publishing, broadcast television stations and licensing and syndication. The company's portfolio of media properties includes: daily and community newspapers in 15 markets and the Washington-based Scripps Media Center, home to the Scripps Howard News Service; 10 broadcast television stations, including six ABC-affiliated stations, three NBC affiliates and one independent; and United Media, a leading worldwide licensing and syndication company that is the home of PEANUTS, DILBERT and approximately 150 other features and comics. Prior to the spin-off of SNI, effective July 1, 2008, We also had interests in national television networks and online comparison shopping services, including Scripps Networks, with such brands as HGTV, Food Network, DIY Network ("DIY"), Fine Living and Great American Country ("GAC"); and Interactive media, comprising our Shopzilla and uSwitch businesses.

On October 16, 2007, the Company announced that its Board of Directors had authorized management to pursue a plan to separate Scripps into two independent, publicly-traded companies (the "Separation") through the spin-off of Scripps Networks Interactive, Inc. ("Scripps Networks Interactive") to the Scripps shareholders. To effect the Separation, Scripps Networks Interactive was formed on October 23, 2007, as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Scripps. The assets and liabilities of the Scripps Networks and Interactive Media businesses of Scripps were transferred to Scripps Networks Interactive, Inc. Scripps Networks Interactive will be the parent company which will own the national television networks and the online comparison shopping services businesses as of the Separation date and whose shares will be owned by the existing Scripps shareholders. On May 8, 2008, the Board of Directors of Scripps approved the distribution of all of the common shares of Scripps Networks Interactive. Following the distribution, Scripps shareholders will own 100 percent of the common shares of Scripps Networks Interactive.

The distribution of all of the shares of SNI was made on July 1, 2008 to the shareholders of record as of the close of business on June 16, 2008 (the "Record Date"). The shareholders of record received one SNI Class A Common Share for every Scripps Class A Common Share held as of the Record Date and one SNI Common Voting Share for every Scripps Common Voting Share held as of the Record Date.

As a result of the distribution of SNI to the shareholders of EWS, employees holding share-based equity awards, including share options and restricted shares, have received modified awards in either EWS, SNI or both companies based on whether the awards were vested or unvested at the time of the spin-off of SNI and whether the employee is an EWS or SNI employee. Under FAS 123R the adjustments to the outstanding share-based equity awards is considered a modification and accordingly we compared the fair value of the awards immediately prior to the modification to the fair value of the awards immediately after the modification to measure the incremental share-based compensation. The incremental compensation is estimated to be $20 to $21 million which will be expensed in the third quarter.

Our newspaper businesses are still operating in an extremely challenging environment as industry-wide weakness in local advertising persisted during the second quarter of 2008. Revenues declined 12.8% compared to the same quarter a year ago and were largely affected by weakness in classified advertising, particularly in the employment, automotive and real estate areas. Our newspaper division's exposure to the Florida and California markets has compounded the situation. We continue to focus on operating the business as efficiently as possible. Newspaper expenses were down 9.7% compared to the same quarter a year ago, which helped offset the decline in revenue. Segment profit declined to $16.3 million compared to $30.1 million in the 2007 comparable quarter.

In the three months ended June 30, 2008, we concluded that we had indicators of impairment with respect to the carrying value of our newspaper goodwill and investments in our Denver JOA and Colorado newspaper partnership. As a result, we took a preliminary $779 million non-cash charge in the three months ended June 30, 2008 to write-down our newspapers goodwill and a preliminary $95 million non-cash charge to reduce the carrying value of our Denver JOA and Colorado newspaper partnership.

At our broadcast television stations, revenues declined to $80.5 million compared to $84.5 million during the same period a year ago. The decline was attributable to weaker local and national advertising revenues during the quarter, which were not offset by increased political advertising during the period. Segment profit was $18.3 million in the second quarter of 2008 versus $23.5 million in the 2007 comparable quarter.

Scripps Networks generated strong operating results during the second quarter of 2008. Revenue grew 13% and segment profit grew 10% compared with the same period a year ago to $349 million and $180 million, respectively. Positive viewership trends at HGTV and Food Network, combined with strong pricing in the scatter advertising market, helped drive the growth.

Our interactive media businesses delivered improved results compared with the same period in 2007. Revenue for the quarter grew 13% to $66.9 million, while segment profit was $15.1 million compared to $6.8 million in the second quarter of 2007. The growth for the quarter was driven by improvements at Shopzilla that allowed the business to more efficiently increase and monetize user traffic. Increased energy switching activity and lower operating expenses at uSwitch drove improved results within that business.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) requires us to make a variety of decisions which affect reported amounts and related disclosures, including the selection of appropriate accounting principles and the assumptions on which to base accounting estimates. In reaching such decisions, we apply judgment based on our understanding and analysis of the relevant circumstances, including our historical experience, actuarial studies and other assumptions. We are committed to incorporating accounting principles, assumptions and estimates that promote the representational faithfulness, verifiability, neutrality and transparency of the accounting information included in the financial statements.

Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K describes the significant accounting policies we have selected for use in the preparation of our financial statements and related disclosures. An accounting policy is deemed to be critical if it requires an accounting estimate to be made based on assumptions about matters that are highly uncertain at the time the estimate is made, and if different estimates that reasonably could have been used or changes in estimates that are likely to occur could materially change the financial statements. We believe the accounting for Network Affiliate Fees, Acquisitions, Goodwill and Other Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets, Income Taxes and Pension Plans to be our most critical accounting policies and estimates. A detailed description of these accounting policies is included in the Critical Accounting Policies section of Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

There have been no significant changes in those accounting policies or other significant accounting policies.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The trends and underlying economic conditions affecting the operating performance and future prospects differ for each of our business segments. Accordingly, we believe the following discussion of our consolidated results of operations should be read in conjunction with the discussion of the operating performance of our business segments that follows on pages F-35 through F-44.

Consolidated Results of Operations - Consolidated results of operations were as follows:

(in thousands, except per share data)	Quarter Period			Year-to-date		
	2008	Change	2007	2008	Change	2007
Operating revenues	$ 664,141	3.8%	$ 640,074	$1,306,615	5.2%	$1,241,498
Costs and expenses	(473,208)	7.1%	(441,906)	(936,170)	5.2%	(890,307)
Depreciation and amortization of intangibles	(29,703)	(7.8)%	(32,207)	(58,465)	(12.3)%	(66,645)
Write-down of newspaper goodwill	(778,900)			(778,900)		
Gains (losses) on disposal of PP&E	2,364		(243)	1,497		(332)
Operating income (loss)	(615,306)		165,718	(465,423)		284,214
Interest expense	(4,874)	(54.6)%	(10,729)	(10,706)	(48.8)%	(20,930)
Equity in earnings of JOAs and other joint ventures	7,543		13,628	19,732		17,249
Write-down of investments in newspaper partnerships	(95,000)			(95,000)		
Gains (losses) on repurchases of debt	(26,380)		317	(26,380)		317
Miscellaneous, net	7,431		2,601	8,192		3,449
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and minority interests	(726,586)		171,535	(569,585)		284,299
Benefit (provision) for income taxes	219,786		(54,781)	168,912		(86,316)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before minority interests	(506,800)		116,754	(400,673)		197,983
Minority interests	(24,441)	16.5%	(20,988)	(46,734)	19.9%	(38,968)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(531,241)		95,766	(447,407)		159,015
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax			1,695	234	(96.6)%	6,930
Net income (loss)	$(531,241)		$ 97,461	$ (447,173)		$ 165,945
Net income (loss) per diluted share of common stock:						
Income (loss) from continuing operations	$ (9.78)		$ 1.75	$ (8.25)		$ 2.90
Income from discontinued operations	.00		.03	.00		.13
Net income (loss) per diluted share of common stock	$ (9.78)		$ 1.78	$ (8.24)		$ 3.02

Net income (loss) per share amounts may not foot since each is calculated independently.

Discontinued Operations - Discontinued operations include the Cincinnati Post and Kentucky Post newspapers that participated in the Cincinnati JOA, the Shop At Home television network and the five Shop At Home-affiliated broadcast television stations (See Note 4 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements). In accordance with the provisions of FAS 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, the results of businesses held for sale or that have ceased operations are presented as discontinued operations.

Operating results for our discontinued operations were as follows:

(in thousands)	Quarter Period		Year-to-date	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Operating revenues	$—	$ 213	$ 5	$ 1,320
Equity in earnings of JOA	$—	$4,511	$331	$ 8,439
Income from discontinued operations:				
Income from discontinued operations, before tax	$—	$2,664	$371	$ 5,597
Income taxes (benefit)	—	969	137	(1,333)
Income from discontinued operations	$—	$1,695	$234	$ 6,930

We ceased publication of our Cincinnati Post and Kentucky Post newspapers effective with the termination of the Cincinnati JOA agreement on December 31, 2007. The Shop At Home television network was sold to Jewelry Television on June 21, 2006. The three Shop At Home-affiliated broadcast television stations located in San Francisco, CA, Canton, OH and Wilson, NC were sold on December 22, 2006 and the stations located in Lawrence, MA, and Bridgeport, CT were sold on April 24, 2007. The transactions impact the year-over-year comparability of our discontinued operations results.

A tax benefit of $3.4 million was recognized in 2007 related to differences that were identified between our prior year provision and tax returns for our Shop At Home businesses.

Continuing Operations – The increase in operating revenues for the year-to-date period of 2008 compared with the prior-year period was due to double-digit growth in advertising sales and affiliate fee revenue at our national television networks and increases in referral fee revenues at our interactive media division. The increase in advertising sales at Scripps Networks was primarily the result of improved audience viewership at HGTV and Food Network and strong pricing in the scatter advertising market. The increase in operating revenues at interactive media was attributed to Shopzilla effectively increasing and monetizing user traffic and increasing energy switching activity at uSwitch. Increases in revenues at Scripps Networks and interactive media were partially offset by lower advertising revenues at our newspaper division. The decline in revenues at our newspapers was attributed to lower local and classified advertising, including particularly weak real estate, employment and automotive classified advertising.

The increase in costs and expenses for the 2008 year-to-date period was primarily attributed to the expanded hours of original programming at our national networks. Lower costs and expenses at our interactive media and newspapers divisions partially offset the increase at Scripps Networks. Interactive media's costs and expenses in 2007 include approximately $15 million of costs related to a leadership transition at Shopzilla and increased marketing expenses at uSwitch. The decrease in newspapers' costs and expenses reflects lower newsprint and ink costs due primarily to lower paper usage. In addition, our newspaper division's costs and expenses in 2007 include employee severance costs of $8.9 million.

The decrease in depreciation and amortization was primarily attributed to the write-down of uSwitch's intangible assets during the fourth quarter of 2007, which resulted in lower amortization expense during 2008.

FAS 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets ("FAS 142"), requires goodwill and other indefinite-lived assets to be tested for impairment annually and if an event or conditions change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying value. Such indicators of impairment include, but are not limited to, changes in business climate and operating or cash flow losses related to such assets. The testing for impairment is a two step process. The first step is the estimation of the fair value of each of the reporting units, which is then compared to their carrying value. If the fair value is less than the carrying value of the reporting unit then an impairment of goodwill possibly exists. Step two is then performed to determine the amount of impairment.

Due primarily to the continuing negative effects of the economy on our advertising revenues and those of other publishing companies, and the difference between our stock price following the spin-off of Scripps Networks Interactive to shareholders and the per share carrying value of our remaining net assets, we determined that indications of impairment existed as of June 30, 2008.

Under the two-step process required by FAS 142, we made a determination of the fair value of our businesses. Fair values were determined using a combination of an income approach, which estimated fair value based upon future revenues, expenses and cash flows discounted to their present value, and a market approach, which estimated fair value using market multiples of various financial measures compared to a set of comparable public companies.

The valuation methodology and underlying financial information that are used to determine fair value require significant judgments to be made by management. These judgments include, but are not limited to, long term projections of future financial performance and the selection of appropriate discount rates used to determine the present value of future cash flows. Changes in such estimates or the use of alternative assumptions could produce significantly different results.

We concluded the fair value of our newspaper reporting unit did not exceed the carrying value of our newspaper net assets as of June 30, 2008 while the fair value of our broadcast television reporting unit was in excess of the carrying value. Because of the timing and complexity of the calculations required under step two of the process, we have not yet completed that process. However, based upon our preliminary valuations, we recorded a $779 million, non-cash charge in the three months ended June 30, 2008 to reduce the carrying value of goodwill. We also recorded a preliminary non-cash charge of $95 million to reduce the carrying value of our investment in the Denver JOA and Colorado partnership to our share of the estimated fair value of their net assets. We will complete our test in the third quarter but do not expect our preliminary estimate to change significantly. Such changes would not impact our cash flows.

Interest expense includes interest incurred on our outstanding borrowings and deferred compensation and other employment agreements. Interest incurred on our outstanding borrowings decreased in 2008 due to lower average debt levels. The average balance of outstanding borrowings for the six month period of 2008 was $484 million at an average rate of 4.2% and $711 million at an average rate of 5.2% in 2007. The average balance of outstanding obligations for the second quarter of 2008 was $481 million at an average rate of 3.7% compared with $690 million at an average rate of 5.2% for the second quarter of 2007.

In the third quarter of 2005, the management committee of the Denver Newspaper Agency ("DNA") approved plans to consolidate DNA's newspaper production facilities resulting in certain assets of the existing facilities being retired earlier than previously estimated. The reduction in these assets' estimated useful lives increased DNA's depreciation expense through April 2007. The increased depreciation resulted in a $4.0 million decrease in our equity in earnings of JOAs in the year-to-date period of 2007.

The consolidation of DNA's newspaper production facilities was completed in 2007. In the first quarter of 2008, DNA sold the production facility that was no longer being utilized in DNA's operations. The gain from this transaction increased our 2008 equity in earnings from JOAs $4.4 million.

We concluded that at June 30, 2008 we had indicators of impairment with respect to our investment in newspaper partnerships and as a result recorded a $95 million non-cash charge to write-down the carrying value of these investments.

In the second quarter of 2008, we redeemed the remaining balances of our outstanding notes and recorded a $26.4 million loss on the extinguishment of debt.

Investment results, reported in the caption “Miscellaneous, net”, include realized gains from the sale of certain investments in the second quarter of 2008 that totaled $6.8 million.

The income tax provision for interim periods is determined by applying the expected effective income tax rate for the full year to year-to-date income before income tax. Tax provisions are separately provided for certain discrete transactions in interim periods. To determine the annual effective income tax rate for the full-year period, we must estimate both the total income before income tax for the full year and the jurisdictions in which that income is subject to tax.

Our effective income tax rate is affected by the growing profitability of Food Network. Food Network is operated pursuant to the terms of a general partnership, in which we own an approximate 70% residual interest. Income taxes on partnership income accrue to the individual partners. While the income before income tax reported in our financial statements includes all of the income before tax of the partnership, our income tax provision does not include income taxes on the portion of Food Network income that is attributable to the non-controlling interest.

Information regarding our effective tax rate, and the impact of the Food Network partnership on our effective income tax rate, is as follows:

(in thousands)	Quarter Period		Year-to-date	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and minority interests as reported	$(726,586)	$171,535	$(569,585)	$284,299
Income of pass-through entities allocated to non-controlling interests	24,470	20,939	46,785	38,923
Income (loss) allocated to Scripps	$(751,056)	$150,596	$(616,370)	$245,376
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	$(219,786)	$ 54,781	$(168,912)	$ 86,316
Effective income tax rate as reported	30.2%	31.9%	29.7%	30.4%
Effective income tax rate on income allocated to Scripps	29.3%	36.4%	27.4%	35.2%

The write-down to the carrying value of Newspaper goodwill included $103 million of goodwill that is not deductible for income taxes. During 2008, we also recorded a loss on the extinguishment of debt of $26.4 million and incurred transaction costs related to the spin-off of our national lifestyle television networks and global interactive services businesses totaling $23.4 million. A portion of the costs associated with these transactions are also not expected to be deductible for income tax purposes.

Minority interest increased in the second quarter and year-to-date periods of 2008 due to the increased profitability of the Food Network. Food Network's profits are allocated in proportion to each partner's residual interests in the partnership, of which we own approximately 70%.

Business Segment Results - As discussed in Note 19 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, our chief operating decision maker (as defined by FAS 131—Segment Reporting) evaluates the operating performance of our business segments using a performance measure we call segment profit. Segment profit excludes interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, divested operating units, restructuring activities, investment results and certain other items that are included in net income determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Items excluded from segment profit generally result from decisions made in prior periods or from decisions made by corporate executives rather than the managers of the business segments. Depreciation and amortization charges are the result of decisions made in prior periods regarding the allocation of resources and are therefore excluded from the measure. Financing, tax structure and divestiture decisions are generally made by corporate executives. Excluding these items from our business segment performance measure enables us to evaluate business segment operating performance based upon current economic conditions and decisions made by the managers of those business segments in the current period.

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Information regarding the operating performance of our business segments determined in accordance with FAS 131 and a reconciliation of such information to the consolidated financial statements is as follows:

(in thousands)	Quarter Period			Year-to-date		
	2008	**Change**	**2007**	**2008**	**Change**	**2007**
Segment operating revenues:						
Scripps Networks	$ 349,223	13.3%	$308,148	$ 660,059	14.3%	$ 577,627
Newspapers:						
Newspapers managed solely by us	144,433	(12.8)%	165,723	300,032	(10.6)%	335,474
JOAs and newspaper partnerships	53	10.4%	48	114	7.5%	106
Total newspapers	144,486	(12.8)%	165,771	300,146	(10.6)%	335,580
Broadcast television	80,520	(4.8)%	84,539	156,539	(2.8)%	161,047
Interactive media	66,851	13.3%	59,022	144,347	18.4%	121,956
Licensing and other media	23,375	4.4%	22,381	45,818	0.5%	45,581
Corporate	200	(75.0)%	799	909	(25.9)%	1,226
Intersegment eliminations	(514)	(12.3)%	(586)	(1,203)	(20.8)%	(1,519)
Total operating revenues	$ 664,141	3.8%	$640,074	$1,306,615	5.2%	$1,241,498
Segment profit (loss):						
Scripps Networks	$ 180,236	9.8%	$164,136	$ 326,856	12.1%	$ 291,636
Newspapers:						
Newspapers managed solely by us	19,074	(34.8)%	29,256	44,624	(32.3)%	65,947
JOAs and newspaper partnerships	(2,732)		886	(717)		(6,488)
Total newspapers	16,342		30,142	43,907		59,459
Broadcast television	18,305	(22.1)%	23,496	32,475	(18.6)%	39,875
Interactive media	15,064		6,757	36,031		6,376
Licensing and other media	1,850	(28.2)%	2,578	4,022	(27.6)%	5,556
Corporate	(33,341)		(15,319)	(53,151)	55.1%	(34,273)
Intersegment eliminations	20		6	37		(189)
Depreciation and amortization of intangibles	(29,703)	(7.8)%	(32,207)	(58,465)	(12.3)%	(66,645)
Write-down of newspaper goodwill	(778,900)			(778,900)		
Gains (losses) on disposal of PP&E	2,364		(243)	1,497		(332)
Interest expense	(4,874)	(54.6)%	(10,729)	(10,706)	(48.8)%	(20,930)
Write-down of investments in newspaper partnerships	(95,000)			(95,000)		
Gains (losses) on repurchases of debt	(26,380)		317	(26,380)		317
Miscellaneous, net	7,431		2,601	8,192		3,449
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and minority interests	$(726,586)		$171,535	$ (569,585)		$ 284,299

Corporate expenses, excluding costs that will be incurred as a result of the Scripps Networks Interactive spin-off, are expected to be about $11 million in the third quarter.

Discussions of the operating performance of each of our reportable business segments begin on page F-37.

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Segment profit includes our share of the earnings of JOAs and certain other investments included in our consolidated operating results using the equity method of accounting. A reconciliation of our equity in earnings of JOAs and other joint ventures included in segment profit to the amounts reported in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations is as follows:

(in thousands)	Quarter Period		Year-to-date	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Scripps Networks:				
Equity in earnings of joint ventures	$5,083	$ 4,552	$ 8,759	$ 8,522
Newspapers:				
Equity in earnings of JOAs and newspaper partnerships	2,460	9,076	10,973	8,727
Total equity in earnings of JOAs and other joint ventures	$7,543	$13,628	$19,732	$17,249

Certain items required to reconcile segment profitability to consolidated results of operations determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America are attributed to particular business segments.

Significant reconciling items attributable to each business segment are as follows:

(in thousands)	Quarter Period		Year-to-date	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Depreciation and amortization:				
Scripps Networks	$ 6,853	$ 5,691	$ 13,644	$11,101
Newspapers:				
Newspapers managed solely by us	5,956	6,084	11,848	11,876
JOAs and newspaper partnerships	321	330	646	659
Total newspapers	6,277	6,414	12,494	12,535
Broadcast television	5,006	4,401	9,700	9,002
Interactive media	11,332	15,144	22,216	32,957
Licensing and other media	119	121	236	235
Corporate	116	436	175	815
Total	$ 29,703	$32,207	$ 58,465	$66,645
Gains (losses) on disposal of PP&E:				
Scripps Networks	$ —	$ —	$ (764)	$ (68)
Newspapers:				
Newspapers managed solely by us	(6)	(33)	(6)	(41)
JOAs and newspaper partnerships	(53)	(2)	(33)	(1)
Total newspapers	(59)	(35)	(39)	(42)
Broadcast television	2,538	(12)	2,415	(26)
Interactive media		(196)		(196)
Corporate	(115)		(115)	
Gains (losses) on disposal of PP&E	$ 2,364	$ (243)	$ 1,497	$ (332)
Write-down of newspaper goodwill	$778,900		$778,900	$
Write-down of investments in newspaper partnerships	$ 95,000		$ 95,000	

Scripps Networks - Scripps Networks includes five national television networks and their affiliated Web sites, HGTV, Food Network, DIY Network ("DIY"), Fine Living and Great American Country ("GAC"); and our 7.25% interest in Fox-BRV Southern Sports Holdings, LLC which comprises the Sports South and Fox Sports Net South regional television networks. Our networks also operate internationally through licensing agreements and joint ventures with foreign entities.

Advertising and network affiliate fees provide substantially all of each network's operating revenues and employee costs and programming costs are the primary expenses. The demand for national television advertising is the primary economic factor that impacts the operating performance of our networks.

Operating results for Scripps Networks were as follows:

(in thousands)	Quarter Period			Year-to-date		
	2008	Change	2007	2008	Change	2007
Segment operating revenues:						
Advertising	$271,254	10.9%	$244,529	$506,747	12.5%	$450,277
Network affiliate fees, net	69,684	18.8%	58,672	137,114	17.7%	116,524
Other	8,285	67.5%	4,947	16,198	49.6%	10,826
Total segment operating revenues	349,223	13.3%	308,148	660,059	14.3%	577,627
Segment costs and expenses:						
Employee compensation and benefits	41,516	13.8%	36,483	83,509	15.4%	72,340
Programs and program licenses	71,566	22.6%	58,383	136,563	24.9%	109,329
Production and distribution	14,985	6.4%	14,089	28,994	8.8%	26,660
Other segment costs and expenses	46,003	16.1%	39,609	92,896	7.8%	86,184
Total segment costs and expenses	174,070	17.2%	148,564	341,962	16.1%	294,513
Segment profit before joint ventures	175,153	9.8%	159,584	318,097	12.4%	283,114
Equity in income of joint ventures	5,083	11.7%	4,552	8,759	2.8%	8,522
Segment profit	$180,236	9.8%	$164,136	$326,856	12.1%	$291,636
Supplemental Information:						
Billed network affiliate fees	$ 77,332		$ 63,662	$152,388		$126,513
Program payments	72,253		78,957	146,177		152,223
Depreciation and amortization	6,853		5,691	13,644		11,101
Capital expenditures	9,097		5,092	17,906		10,137
Business acquisitions and other additions to long-lived assets, primarily program assets	68,621		78,725	141,582		153,953

Advertising revenues increased primarily due to an increased demand for advertising time and higher advertising rates at our networks. Improved ratings and viewership, particularly at HGTV and Food Network, and strong pricing in the scatter advertising market contributed to the increases in advertising revenues during 2008 compared with 2007.

Distribution agreements with cable and satellite television systems currently in force require the payment of affiliate fees over the terms of the agreements. The increase in network affiliate fees is primarily attributed to rate increases and our national television networks growth in distribution.

We continue to successfully develop our network brands on the Internet. Online advertising revenues were approximately $20.1 million in the second quarter of 2008 compared with $19.3 million in the second quarter of 2007. Year-to-date online advertising revenues were $36.4 million in 2008 compared with $34.7 million in 2007.

Employee compensation and benefits increased primarily due to the hiring of additional employees to support the growth of Scripps Networks.

Programs and program licenses increased due to the improved quality and variety of programming, expanded programming hours, and higher costs attributed to investing in high-definition programming.

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Supplemental financial information for Scripps Networks is as follows:

(in thousands)	Quarter Period			Year-to-date		
	2008	Change	2007	2008	Change	2007
Operating revenues:						
HGTV	$171,818	12.9%	$152,198	$320,295	12.0%	$286,051
Food Network	136,191	12.7%	120,874	264,446	15.6%	228,663
DIY	19,319	27.8%	15,117	34,667	30.0%	26,665
Fine Living	14,666	16.6%	12,574	27,421	19.8%	22,889
GAC	6,768	(4.5)%	7,089	12,683		12,678
Other	461	55.7%	296	547	(19.7)%	681
Total segment operating revenues	$349,223	13.3%	$308,148	$660,059	14.3%	$577,627
Homes reached in June (1):						
HGTV				95,300	2.1%	93,300
Food Network				95,600	2.6%	93,200
DIY				47,600	5.3%	45,200
Fine Living				50,000	5.9%	47,200
GAC				54,100	11.8%	48,400

(1) Approximately 100 million homes in the United States receive cable or satellite television. Homes reached are according to the Nielsen Homevideo Index (“Nielsen”), with the exception of Fine Living which is not yet rated by Nielsen and represent comparable amounts calculated by us.

Newspapers - We operate daily and community newspapers in 15 markets in the U.S. Our newspapers earn revenue primarily from the sale of advertising space to local and national advertisers and from the sale of newspapers to readers. Our Denver newspaper is operated pursuant to the terms of a joint operating agreement ("JOA"). Each newspaper in a JOA maintains an independent editorial operation and receives a share of the operating profits of the combined newspaper operations.

Newspapers managed solely by us*:* The newspapers managed solely by us operate in mid-size markets, focusing on news coverage within their local markets. Advertising and circulation revenues provide substantially all of each newspaper's operating revenues, and employee and newsprint costs are the primary expenses at each newspaper. The operating performance of our newspapers is most affected by newsprint prices and economic conditions, particularly within the retail, labor, housing and auto markets.

Operating results for newspapers managed solely by us were as follows:

(in thousands)	Quarter Period			Year-to-date		
	2008	Change	2007	2008	Change	2007
Segment operating revenues:						
Local	$ 30,842	(12.7)%	$ 35,334	$ 64,703	(10.5)%	$ 72,297
Classified	38,535	(21.1)%	48,840	80,344	(20.1)%	100,539
National	6,663	(19.9)%	8,323	14,676	(14.9)%	17,253
Preprint, online and other	35,870	(7.9)%	38,949	72,332	(4.2)%	75,473
Newspaper advertising	111,910	(14.9)%	131,446	232,055	(12.6)%	265,562
Circulation	27,989	(5.4)%	29,579	58,503	(3.2)%	60,457
Other	4,534	(3.5)%	4,698	9,474	0.2%	9,455
Total operating revenues	144,433	(12.8)%	165,723	300,032	(10.6)%	335,474
Segment costs and expenses:						
Employee compensation and benefits	63,392	(12.4)%	72,336	130,153	(7.1)%	140,123
Production and distribution	37,552	(3.4)%	38,860	76,541	(4.1)%	79,833
Other segment costs and expenses	24,415	(3.4)%	25,271	48,714	(1.7)%	49,571
Total costs and expenses	125,359	(8.1)%	136,467	255,408	(5.2)%	269,527
Contribution to segment profit	$ 19,074	(34.8)%	$ 29,256	$ 44,624	(32.3)%	$ 65,947
Supplemental Information:						
Depreciation and amortization	$ 5,956		$ 6,084	$ 11,848		$ 11,876
Write-down of newspaper goodwill	778,900			778,900		
Capital expenditures	12,211		5,598	25,977		11,211
Business acquisitions, including acquisitions of minority interests, and other additions to long-lived assets			1,995			1,995

The decrease in advertising revenues was primarily due to continued weakness in classified and local advertising in our newspaper markets. Decreases in real estate, automotive and employment advertising particularly affected revenues at our Florida and California newspapers.

Preprint, online and other advertising reflect the development of new print and electronic products and services. Our Internet sites had advertising revenues of approximately $9.8 million in the second quarter of 2008 and $10.6 million in the second quarter of 2007. Year-to-date Internet advertising revenues were $19.7 million in 2008 compared with $20.6 million in 2007. We expect to continue to expand and enhance our online services and to use our local news platform to launch new products, such as streaming video and audio.

Other operating revenues represent revenue earned on ancillary services offered by our newspapers.

We expect total operating revenues at newspapers will decrease approximately 13% to 15% year-over-year in the third quarter of 2008 due to continued weakness in classified and local advertising.

The reduction in employee compensation and benefits reflects the impact of voluntary separation offers that were accepted by 137 eligible employees in the second quarter of 2007.

The decrease in production and distribution costs of our newspapers was primarily due to a decrease in newsprint consumption. Newsprint pricing was up approximately 15% during the second quarter of 2008 compared with 2007.

We expect total costs and expenses to be flat compared to the third quarter of 2007.

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Joint Operating Agreement and Newspaper Partnerships: Our Denver newspaper is operated pursuant to the terms of a joint operating agreement ("JOA") which expires in 2051. The other publisher in the JOA is MediaNews Group, Inc.

The sales, production and business operations of the Denver newspapers are operated by the Denver Newspaper Agency, a limited liability partnership (the "Denver JOA"). Each newspaper owns 50% of the Denver JOA and shares management of the combined newspaper operations. We receive a 50% share of the Denver JOA profits.

In the first quarter of 2008, we ceased publication of our Albuquerque Tribune newspaper. At the same time we also reached an agreement with the Journal Publishing Company ("JPC"), the publisher of the Albuquerque Journal ("Journal"), to terminate the Albuquerque joint operating agreement between the Journal and our Albuquerque Tribune newspaper. Under an amended agreement with the JPC, we will own an approximate 40% residual interest in the Albuquerque Publishing Company, G.P. (the "Partnership") and we will pay JPC an annual amount equal to a portion of the editorial savings realized from ceasing publication of our newspaper. The Partnership will direct and manage the operations of the continuing Journal newspaper.

We participate in a newspaper partnership with MediaNews Group, Inc. that operates certain of both companies' newspapers in Colorado, including their editorial operations. We have a 50% interest in the partnership.

Our share of the operating profit (loss) of our JOA and our newspaper partnerships is reported as "Equity in earnings of JOAs and other joint ventures" in our financial statements.

Operating results for our JOA and newspaper partnerships were as follows:

(in thousands)	Quarter Period			Year-to-date		
	2008	**Change**	**2007**	**2008**	**Change**	**2007**
Equity in earnings of JOAs and newspaper partnerships included in segment profit:						
Denver	$ 1,318	(78.1)%	$ 6,011	$ 8,223	98.0%	$ 4,154
Albuquerque	1,074	(58.0)%	2,559	2,854	(36.5)%	4,497
Colorado	68	(86.6)%	506	(104)		399
Other newspaper partnerships and joint ventures						(323)
Total equity in earnings of JOAs	2,460	(72.9)%	9,076	10,973	25.7%	8,727
Operating revenues of JOAs and newspaper partnerships	53	10.4%	48	114	7.5%	106
Total	2,513	(72.5)%	9,124	11,087	25.5%	8,833
JOA editorial costs and expenses	5,245	(36.3)%	8,238	11,804	(23.0)%	15,321
Contribution to segment profit (loss)	$ (2,732)		$ 886	$ (717)		$ (6,488)
<u>*Supplemental Information:*</u>						
Depreciation and amortization	$ 321		$ 330	$ 646		$ 659
Write-down of investments in newspaper partnerships	95,000			95,000		
Capital expenditures	21		113	38		202
Business acquisitions and other additions to long-lived assets	84		92	96		104

As described in detail in our financial statements we concluded that at June 30, 2008 we had indicators of impairment with respect to our investment in our Denver JOA and Colorado newspaper partnership and as a result recorded a $95 million non-cash charge to write-down the carrying value of these investments.

The consolidation of DNA's newspaper production facilities was completed in 2007. In the first quarter of 2008, DNA sold the production facility that was no longer being utilized in DNA's operations. The gain from this transaction increased our 2008 equity in earnings from JOAs $4.4 million.

Broadcast Television – Broadcast television includes six ABC-affiliated stations, three NBC-affiliated stations and one independent station. Our television stations reach approximately 10% of the nation's television households. Our broadcast television stations earn revenue primarily from the sale of advertising time to local and national advertisers.

National broadcast television networks offer affiliates a variety of programs and sell the majority of advertising within those programs. We receive compensation from the network for carrying its programming. In addition to network programs, we broadcast locally produced programs, syndicated programs, sporting events, and other programs of interest in each station's market. News is the primary focus of our locally produced programming.

The operating performance of our broadcast television group is most affected by the health of the local economy, particularly conditions within the retail, auto, telecommunications and financial services industries, and by the volume of advertising time purchased by campaigns for elective office and political issues. The demand for political advertising is significantly higher in even-numbered years, when congressional and presidential elections occur.

Operating results for broadcast television were as follows:

(in thousands)	Quarter Period			Year-to-date		
	2008	Change	2007	2008	Change	2007
Segment operating revenues:						
Local	$50,423	(7.0)%	$54,197	$ 96,169	(6.4)%	$102,738
National	23,850	(7.6)%	25,824	45,954	(7.6)%	49,708
Political	1,620		442	4,675		704
Network compensation	1,839	(3.4)%	1,904	4,016	6.1%	3,786
Other	2,788	28.4%	2,172	5,725	39.3%	4,111
Total segment operating revenues	80,520	(4.8)%	84,539	156,539	(2.8)%	161,047
Segment costs and expenses:						
Employee compensation and benefits	32,677	2.6%	31,863	67,077	3.7%	64,681
Programs and program licenses	11,416	(3.5)%	11,826	22,974	(3.2)%	23,725
Production and distribution	4,403	(1.4)%	4,467	8,388	(2.1)%	8,571
Other segment costs and expenses	13,719	6.5%	12,887	25,625	5.9%	24,195
Total segment costs and expenses	62,215	1.9%	61,043	124,064	2.4%	121,172
Segment profit	$18,305	(22.1)%	$23,496	$ 32,475	(18.6)%	$ 39,875
Supplemental Information:						
Program payments	$11,396		$11,679	$ 23,113		$ 23,955
Depreciation and amortization	5,006		4,401	9,700		9,002
Capital expenditures	8,444		6,218	13,158		8,594

The decrease in broadcast television operating revenues was primarily attributed to declines in local advertising with particular weakness in the automotive and retail categories. Advertising revenues generally increase during even-numbered years, when congressional and presidential elections occur. We expect total operating revenues at our broadcast television stations to be up 15% to 17% year-over-year in the third quarter of 2008, with political advertising revenue to be between $40 million and $44 million.

Total broadcast television costs and expenses are expected to up in the mid-single digits year-over-year in the third quarter of 2008 compared to the third quarter of 2007.

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Interactive Media - Interactive media includes our online comparison shopping services, Shopzilla and uSwitch.

Shopzilla operates a product comparison shopping service that helps consumers find products offered for sale on the Web by online retailers. Shopzilla aggregates and organizes information on millions of products from thousands of retailers. Shopzilla also operates BizRate, a Web-based consumer feedback network that collects millions of consumer reviews of stores and products each year.

uSwitch operates an online comparison service that helps consumers compare prices and arrange for the purchase of a range of essential home services including gas, electricity, home phone, broadband providers and personal finance products, primarily in the United Kingdom.

Our interactive media businesses earn revenue primarily from referral fees and commissions paid by participating online retailers and service providers.

Financial information for interactive media is as follows:

(in thousands)	Quarter Period			Year-to-date		
	2008	Change	2007	2008	Change	2007
Segment operating revenues	$66,851	13.3%	$59,022	$144,347	18.4%	$121,956
Segment profit	$15,064		$ 6,757	$ 36,031		$ 6,376
Supplemental Information:						
Depreciation and amortization	$11,332		$15,144	$ 22,216		$ 32,957
Capital expenditures	4,695		13,073	10,333		19,491

Interactive media's segment profit increased in 2008 compared with 2007 due to improvements at Shopzilla that have resulted in the business being able to cost-effectively increase and monetize user traffic and increased energy switching at uSwitch in the United Kingdom. Segment results for the year-to-date period of 2007 were also impacted by $10 million of costs incurred to build brand awareness for uSwitch in the United Kingdom and $5 million of costs incurred related to the transition in leadership at Shopzilla.

Operating revenues at Shopzilla were $56.6 million in the second quarter of 2008 compared with $47.7 million in the second quarter of 2007. Shopzilla's year-to-date revenues in 2008 were $120 million compared with $96.6 million in 2007. The increase in year-to-date operating revenues was primarily attributed to Shopzilla's effectiveness in increasing and monetizing user traffic. Shopzilla's net revenue, when considering search marketing costs incurred, increased 21% in the year-to-date period of 2008 compared with 2007.

uSwitch's operating revenues in 2008 benefited from an increase in volatility in the energy markets which correlated to an increase in switching activity.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our primary source of liquidity is our cash flow from operating activities. Marketing services, including advertising and referral fees, provide approximately 80% of total operating revenues, so cash flow from operating activities is adversely affected during recessionary periods. Information about our use of cash flow from operating activities is presented in the following table:

(in thousands)	Six months ended June 30, 2008	2007
Net cash provided by continuing operating activities	$ 296,392	$ 244,223
Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations	(972)	49,285
Dividends paid, including to minority interests	(101,923)	(89,667)
Employee stock option proceeds	15,492	11,776
Excess tax benefits on stock awards	1,228	2,070
Other financing activities	(4,835)	(3,749)
Cash flow available for acquisitions, investments, debt repayment and share repurchase	$ 205,382	$ 213,938
Sources and uses of available cash flow:		
Business acquisitions and net investment activity	$ 31,154	$ (674)
Capital expenditures	(68,231)	(52,429)
Other investing activity	2,656	69
Repurchase Class A Common shares	(11,442)	(30,103)
Bond redemption premium payment	(22,517)	
Increase (decrease) in long-term debt, net	(119,250)	(142,616)

The amounts in the above table do not reflect the impact of the spin-off of SNI which will significantly affect the ongoing cash flows.

Our cash flow has been used primarily to fund acquisitions and investments, develop new businesses and repay debt. We expect cash flow from operating activities in 2008 will provide sufficient liquidity to fund the capital expenditures necessary to support our businesses.

On April 24, 2007, we closed the sale for the two Shop At Home-affiliated stations located in Lawrence, MA, and Bridgeport, CT, which provided cash consideration of approximately $61 million.

We had Competitive Advance and Revolving Credit Facilities expiring in June 2011 (the “Revolver”) and a commercial paper program that collectively permitted aggregate borrowings up to $750 million (the “Variable-Rate Credit Facilities”). On June 30, 2008, the existing credit agreement was cancelled and we entered into a new Revolving Credit Agreement (“Revolving Credit Agreement”) expiring on June 30, 2013 with a total availability of $200 million. Borrowings under the Revolver are available on a committed revolving credit basis at our choice of an adjusted rate based on LIBOR plus 0.625% to 1.5% or the higher of the prime or the Federal Funds rate plus 0.0% to 0.5 %. The Revolving Credit Agreement includes certain affirmative and negative covenants including compliance with specified financial ratios, including maintenance of minimum interest coverage ratio and leverage ratio as defined in the agreement. The weighted-average interest rate on borrowings under the Variable-Rate Credit Facilities was 3.3% at June 30, 2008, 4.9% at December 31, 2007, and 5.4% at June 30, 2007.

The scheduled $40 million principal payment on our 3.75% notes was paid in the first quarter of 2008. In the second and third quarters of 2007, we repurchased $37.1 million principal amount of our 4.30% notes due in 2010 for $35.8 million and repurchased $14.6 million principal amount of our 5.75% note due in 2012 for $14.5 million.

In June 2008, we redeemed the remaining balance of the 4.25% notes, the 4.3% notes and the 5.75% notes prior to maturity resulting in a loss on extinguishment of $26 million.

Transaction costs and other activities related to the separation of the Company are expected to result in cash expenditures totaling $10 million to $15 million for the remainder of 2008.

Under the authorization of a share repurchase program that was approved by the Board of Directors on October 24, 2004, we have been repurchasing our Class A Common shares over the course of the last three years to offset the dilution resulting from our share compensation programs. Shares were repurchased at a total cost of $30.1 million for the year-to-date period of 2007. For first

quarter of 2008, we repurchased shares at a total cost of $11.4 million. Due to the separation of the Company, the repurchase of shares has been suspended since the first quarter of 2008.

QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Earnings and cash flow can be affected by, among other things, economic conditions, interest rate changes, foreign currency fluctuations and changes in the price of newsprint. We are also exposed to changes in the market value of our investments.

Our objectives in managing interest rate risk are to limit the impact of interest rate changes on our earnings and cash flows, and to reduce our overall borrowing costs. We manage interest rate risk primarily by maintaining a mix of fixed-rate and variable-rate debt.

Our primary exposure to foreign currencies is the exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and the Japanese yen, British pound and the Euro. Reported earnings and assets may be reduced in periods in which the U.S. dollar increases in value relative to those currencies. Included in shareholders' equity is $55.1 million of foreign currency translation adjustment gains resulting primarily from the devaluation of the U.S. dollar relative to the British pound since our acquisition of uSwitch in March 2006.

We also may use forward contracts to reduce the risk of changes in the price of newsprint on anticipated newsprint purchases. We held no newsprint derivative financial instruments at June 30, 2008.

The following table presents additional information about market-risk-sensitive financial instruments:

(in thousands, except share data)	As of June 30, 2008		As of December 31, 2007	
	Cost Basis	Fair Value	Cost Basis	Fair Value
Financial instruments subject to interest rate risk:				
E. W. Scripps variable-rate credit facilities	$ 60,000	$ 60,000	$ 79,559	$ 79,559
3.75% notes due in 2008			39,950	39,913
4.25% notes due in 2009			86,091	84,950
4.30% notes due in 2010			112,840	110,592
5.75% notes due in 2012			184,922	185,366
Scripps Networks Interactive, credit facility	325,000	325,000		
Other notes	1,236	944	1,301	1,015
Total long-term debt including current portion	$386,236	$385,944	$504,663	$501,395
Financial instruments subject to market value risk:				
Time Warner (common shares - 2007, 2,008,000)			$ 29,538	$ 33,152
Other available-for-sale securities	$ 18	$ 17	55	2,832
Total investments in publicly-traded companies	18	17	29,593	35,984
Other equity securities	8,611	(a)	8,064	(a)

(a) Includes securities that do not trade in public markets, so the securities do not have readily determinable fair values. We estimate the fair value of these securities approximates their carrying value. There can be no assurance that we would realize the carrying value upon sale of the securities.

CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Scripps' management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

1. pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company;
2. provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and the directors of the company; and
3. provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

All internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations, including the possibility of human error, collusion and the improper overriding of controls by management. Accordingly, even effective internal control can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance with respect to financial statement preparation. Further, because of changes in conditions, the effectiveness of internal control may vary over time.

The effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) was evaluated as of the date of the financial statements. This evaluation was carried out under the supervision of and with the participation of management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer concluded that the design and operation of these disclosure controls and procedures are effective. There were no changes to the company's internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f)) during the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the company's internal control over financial reporting.

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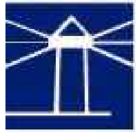

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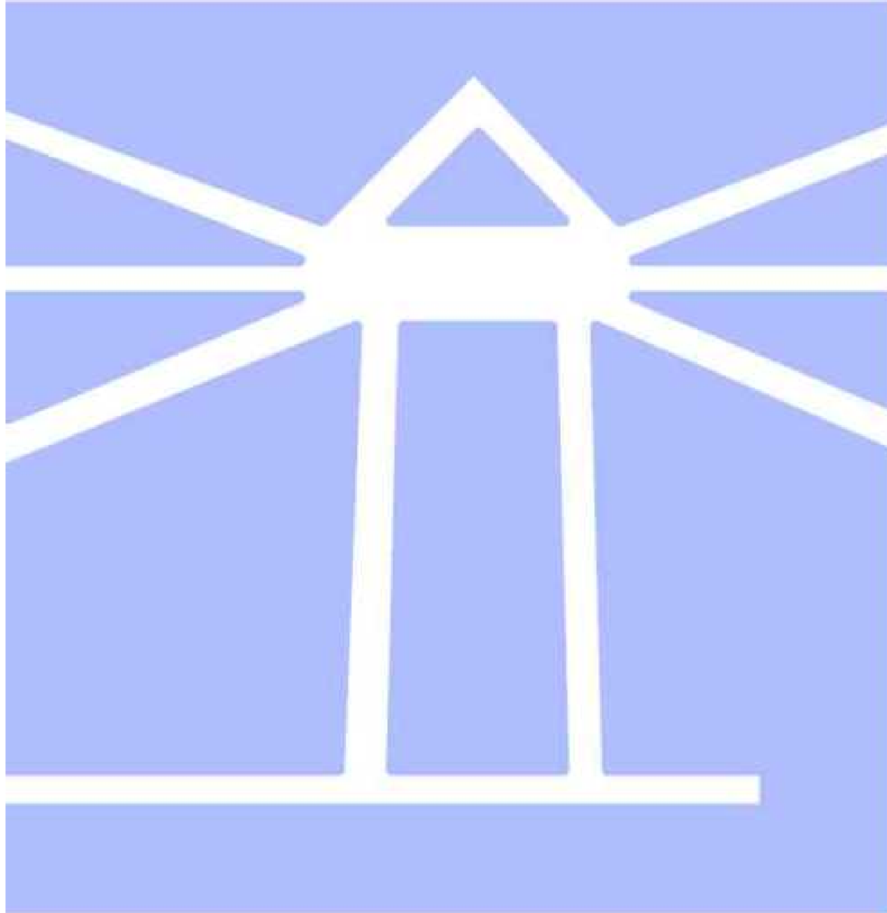

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ARTICLE 1. INTRODUCTION

The E.W. Scripps Company, an Ohio corporation (“Company”), adopted the Scripps Senior Executive Change in Control Plan (“Plan”), effective April 28, 2004. The Company hereby amends and restates the Plan, in its entirety, effective June 12, 2008 in order to comply with Section 409A of the Code.

The Plan generally provides for certain potential termination payments and other benefits for covered executives if their employment terminates under prescribed circumstances after a change in control, all as specifically described in the following provisions of the Plan. The Company believes that it will derive substantial benefits by adopting the Plan because its existence will:

- Allow covered executives to focus on the Company's business and objectively evaluate any future proposals during potential change in control transactions, whether at the Company or the subsidiary or divisional level,
- Assist the Company in attracting and retaining selected executives,
- Provide for greater consistency of protection for selected executives, and
- Avoid problems associated with adopting change in control agreements during any future potential change in control transaction.

ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 **"Annual Incentive"** means the higher of (i) a Covered Executive's target annual incentive in the then partial calendar year, if applicable, of his/her termination of employment, or (ii) his/her highest actual annual incentive in the three (3) full prior calendar years preceding his/her termination of employment.

2.2 **"Base Salary"** means a Covered Executive's highest annualized rate of basic salary in effect at any time during the then current partial calendar year, if applicable, and three (3) full prior calendar years preceding his/her termination of employment.

2.3 **"Board"** means the board of directors of the Company.

2.4 **"Cause"** means:

(a) Commission of a felony or an act or series of acts that results in material injury to the business or reputation of the Company or any subsidiary;

(b) Willful failure to perform duties of employment, if such failure has not been cured in all material respects within twenty (20) days after the Company or any subsidiary, as applicable, gives notice thereof; or

(c) Breach of any material term, provision or condition of employment, which breach has not been cured in all material respects within twenty (20) days after the Company or any subsidiary, as applicable, gives notice thereof.

2.5 **"Change in Control"** means, with respect to all Covered Executives under the Plan, the occurrence of any of the following with respect to the Company:

(a) Any Person becomes a Beneficial Owner of a majority of the outstanding Common Voting Shares, $.01 par value, of the Company (or shares of capital stock of the Company with comparable or unlimited voting rights), excluding, however, The Edward W. Scripps Trust (the **"Trust"**) and the

trustees thereof, and any Person that is or becomes a party to the Scripps Family Agreement, dated October 15, 1992, as amended currently and as it may be amended from time to time in the future (the **“Family Agreement”**); or

(b) Assets of the Company accounting for 90% or more of the Company’s revenues are disposed of pursuant to a merger, consolidation, sale, or plan of liquidation and dissolution (unless the Trust or the parties to the Family Agreement have Beneficial Ownership of, directly or indirectly, a controlling interest (defined as owning a majority of the voting power) in the entity surviving such merger or consolidation or acquiring such assets upon such sale or in connection with such plan of liquidation and dissolution).

“Change in Control” means, with respect to any Designated Executive, the occurrence of any of the following with respect to a Designated Subsidiary:

(a) Any Person, other than the Company or an Affiliate, acquires Beneficial Ownership of securities of the particular subsidiary of the Company employing the participant having at least fifty percent (50%) of the voting power of such Designated Subsidiary’s then outstanding securities; or

(b) The Designated Subsidiary sells to any Person other than the Company or an Affiliate all or substantially all of the assets of the particular division thereof to which the Designated Participant is assigned.

For purposes of this Section 2.5, **“Person”** has the meaning provided in section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (**“Exchange Act”**), and as used in sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act, including a “group” within the meaning of section 13(d) of the Exchange Act; and **“Beneficial Ownership”** and **“Beneficial Owner”** have the meanings provided in Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act. **“Affiliate”** means any Person controlling or under common control with the Company or any Person of which the Company directly or indirectly has Beneficial Ownership of securities having a majority of the voting power. **“Designated Executive”** means a Covered Executive who is employed by a Designated Subsidiary at the time of a Change in Control of the Designated Subsidiary. **“Designated Subsidiary”** means a corporation, company or other entity (i) more than 50 percent of whose outstanding shares or securities (representing the right to vote for the election of directors or other managing authority) are, or (ii) which does not have outstanding shares or securities (as may be the case in a partnership, joint venture or unincorporated association), but more than 50 percent of whose ownership interest representing the right generally to make decisions for such other entity is owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the Company at the time immediately prior to a Change in Control of the Designated Subsidiary.

2.6 **“Code”** means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

2.7 **“Committee”** means the Board’s Compensation Committee.

2.8 **“Company”** means The E.W. Scripps Company, an Ohio corporation, and any successor.

2.9 **“Covered Executive”** means an employee of the Company or its subsidiaries who is employed as an executive and who is listed in Appendix A at the time of a Change in Control.

2.10 **“Disability”** means a Covered Executive’s termination or suspension of employment accompanied by his/her actual receipt of a Disability Retirement Benefit under the Scripps Pension Plan or a Disability Benefit under the Scripps Long Term Disability Income Plan. A Covered Executive will be deemed to be in actual receipt of the aforementioned benefits during any waiting period, of up to ninety (90) days duration, that is a prerequisite for the commencement of benefit payments.

2.11 **“Good Reason”** means any of the following actions on or after a Change in Control, without the Covered Executive’s consent:

(a) A material diminution in a Covered Executive’s annual salary or target annual incentive opportunity below the amount of annual salary or target annual incentive opportunity in effect immediately prior to such Change in Control;

(b) A material diminution in a Covered Executive’s authority, duties, or responsibilities as compared to his or her authority, duties, or responsibilities immediately prior to such Change in Control;

(c) A material diminution in the authority, duties, or responsibilities of the supervisor to whom the Covered Executive is required to report, including a requirement that the Covered Executive report to a corporate officer or employee instead of reporting directly to the Board;

(d) A material diminution in the budget over which a Covered Executive retains authority as compared to the budget over which he or she had authority immediately prior to such Change in Control;

(e) A material change in geographic location at which a Covered Executive is principally employed as compared to the geographic location immediately prior to such Change in Control; or

(f) The Company’s (or successor’s) material breach of this Plan or of any material term, provision or condition of employment of a Covered Executive, unless the Covered Executive’s employment is terminated for Cause within the applicable cure period set forth below.

A termination of a Covered Executive's employment by a Covered Executive shall not be deemed to be for Good Reason unless (1) the Covered Executive gives notice to the Company of the existence of the event or condition constituting Good Reason within thirty (30) days after such event or condition initially occurs or exists, (2) the Company fails to cure such event or condition within thirty (30) days after receiving such notice, and (3) Executive's "separation from service" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code occurs not later than ninety (90) days after such event or condition initially occurs or exists (or, if earlier, the last day of the 24-month period following a Change in Control).

2.12 **"Retirement"** means a Covered Executive's termination of employment accompanied by his/her actual receipt of a Normal Retirement Benefit or Early Retirement Benefit under the Scripps Pension Plan.

2.13 **"Scripps Long Term Disability Income Plan"** means the employee benefit plan of that name sponsored by the Company, including any amended, restated or successor version of that plan.

2.14 **"Scripps Pension Plan"** means the tax-qualified employee pension plan of that name sponsored by the Company, including any amended, restated or successor version of that plan. **"Scripps Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan"** means the non-tax-qualified excess retirement plan sponsored by the Company, including any amended, restated or successor version of that plan.

2.15 **"Termination Payment"** is the payment described in Section 5.2 to which a Covered Executive may become entitled following termination of his/her employment under the circumstances described in Section 5.1.

2.16 **"Termination Pay Multiple"** is the number set forth beside a Covered Executive's name in Appendix A under the column so named Termination Pay Multiple.

2.17 In addition to the foregoing, certain other terms of more limited usage are defined in other Articles of the Plan. All terms defined in the Plan are designated with initial capital letters.

2.18 Whenever appropriate, words used herein in the singular may be read as the plural and the plural may be read as the singular. Unless otherwise clear from the context, words used herein in the masculine shall also be deemed to include the feminine.

ARTICLE 3. PLAN PARTICIPATION

An individual must be a Covered Executive in order to participate in the Plan. The names of all Covered Executives are listed in Appendix A. The Committee may revise Appendix A at any time(s) by adding or deleting names (or changing Termination Pay Multiples), provided that the deletion of any name (or reduction of any Termination Pay

Multiple) shall require sixty (60) days' advance written notice to each affected Covered Executive. Only those employees listed in Appendix A at the time of a Change in Control are eligible to receive any rights, termination payment or other benefits under the Plan.

ARTICLE 4. ACCELERATION OF VESTING OF EQUITY AWARDS

Upon a Change in Control, the terms of The E. W. Scripps Company 1997 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (or any successor plan), the Scripps Networks Interactive, Inc. 2008 Long-Term Incentive Plan (or any successor plan), and the applicable award agreements shall govern the treatment of all outstanding equity awards of a Covered Executive, including but not limited to any incentive or nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights in tandem with or independent of options (**"SARs")**, restricted or nonrestricted share awards, performance-based restricted shares, restricted stock units and performance units.

ARTICLE 5. TERMINATION PAYMENT AND OTHER BENEFITS UPON CERTAIN TERMINATIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AFTER CHANGE IN CONTROL

5.1 Eligibility for Termination Payment. A Covered Executive will be entitled to receive a Termination Payment (described in Section 5.2) if, within twenty-four (24) months after a Change in Control, his/her employment with the Company is terminated either (i) by the Company without Cause, or (ii) by the Covered Executive for Good Reason. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Covered Executive will not be entitled to any Termination Payment if his/her termination of employment is (i) of his/her own initiative for any reason other than Good Reason, or (ii) on account of his/her Retirement, Disability or death. A Termination Payment is in lieu of any further salary, bonus, annual incentive or other payments to a Covered Executive for periods subsequent to the date of his/her termination of employment; but the Covered Executive still will retain any and all of his/her vested rights under the Company's employee pension and benefit plans and arrangements, including, without limitation, the Scripps Pension Plan and the Scripps Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan.

5.2 Amount of Termination Payment. A Covered Executive's Termination Payment is a cash lump sum equal to the amount computed by multiplying (i) the sum of his/her Base Salary plus Annual Incentive, by (ii) his/her Termination Pay Multiple. A Covered Executive's Termination Payment will be paid by the Company within thirty (30) days following his/her termination of employment.

5.3 Other Benefit Coverage. If a Covered Executive qualifies for a Termination Payment under Section 5.1, his/her Benefit Coverage shall be continued for the Maximum Benefit Period or, if less, until the Covered Executive obtains full-time employment providing benefits substantially similar to his/her Benefit Coverage. To receive such Benefit Coverage, the Covered Executive must continue to pay the same percentage of the total benefit premiums or contributions required from

similarly situated executive employees at the time of the Covered Executive's termination of employment (or, if materially less, at the time of the prior Change in Control).

As used herein, the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) **"Benefit Coverage"** means the medical, dental, disability, life and accidental death insurance benefits which the Covered Executive and his/her eligible dependents, if any, were receiving at the time of his/her termination of employment (or, if materially greater, at the time of the prior Change in Control); and

(b) **"Maximum Benefit Period"** is the number of months following the Covered Executive's termination of employment equal to twelve (12) times his/her Termination Pay Multiple. The Maximum Benefit Period automatically shall end if a Covered Executive dies, but only with respect to his/her own coverage, with coverage of any eligible dependent(s) continuing as though the Covered Executive had not died so long as all required employee premiums or contributions continue to be paid by the eligible dependent(s).

5.4 Pension Enhancement. If a Covered Executive qualifies for a Termination Payment under Section 5.1, he/she will receive a cash lump sum equal to the actuarially determined value of a Pension Enhancement. The Pension Enhancement will be paid by the Company at the same time as the Termination Payment.

For purposes of this Section 5.4, **"Pension Enhancement"** is the excess, if any, of:

(a) The present value of the assumed pension the Covered Executive would be entitled to receive under the Scripps Pension Plan and the Scripps Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan if his/her age and years of credited service at the time of his/her termination of employment were increased by a number equal to his/her Termination Pay Multiple and if he/she continued to earn compensation equal to the sum of his/her Base Salary and Annual Incentive for a period of years equal to his/her Termination Multiple; over

(b) The present value of the actual pension the Covered Executive is entitled to receive under the Scripps Pension Plan and the Scripps Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan based upon his/her actual age and years of credited service at the time of his/her termination of employment.

In calculating the Pension Enhancement, the same actuarial assumptions and factors shall be used as are prescribed under the Scripps Pension Plan for computing lump sum benefit payments.

5.5 Gross-Up Payment. A Covered Executive also shall be entitled to a Gross-Up Payment, if applicable. The Company's obligation to make Gross-Up Payments under this Section 5.5 shall be conditioned upon a Covered Executive's termination of employment. **"Gross-Up Payment"** is the lump sum benefit payment hereinafter described in this Section 5.5.

If it is determined (as hereinafter provided) that any payment, benefit or distribution to or for such Covered Executive's benefit, whether paid or payable or distributed or distributable pursuant to the terms of the Plan or otherwise pursuant to or by reason of any other agreement, policy, plan, program, arrangement or similar right (a **"Payment"**), would be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code (or any successor provision thereto), or any interest or penalties with respect to such excise tax (such tax, together with any such interest and penalties, hereafter collectively referred to as the **"Excise Tax"**), then the Covered Executive shall be entitled to receive a cash lump sum Gross-Up Payment(s) in an amount such that, after payment by the Covered Executive of all taxes (including any interest or penalties imposed with respect to such taxes), including any Excise Tax, imposed upon the Gross-Up Payment(s), the Covered Executive retains an amount of the Gross-Up Payment(s) equal to the Excise Tax imposed upon the Payments. The Gross-Up Payment, if any, shall be paid in full to the Covered Executive at the same time as any Payment (or first installment thereof) subject to the Excise Tax is paid or provided to the Covered Executive; provided that the Company, in its sole discretion, may withhold and pay over to the Internal Revenue Service or any other applicable taxing authority, for the benefit of the Covered Executive, all or any portion of any Gross-Up Payment, and the Covered Executive consents to such withholding.

All determinations required to be made under this Section 5.5, including whether an Excise Tax is payable by the Covered Executive, the amount of such Excise Tax, whether a Gross-Up Payment is required and the amount of such Gross-Up Payment, shall be made by a nationally-recognized legal or accounting firm (the **"Firm"**) (which may be the Company's independent auditor) selected by the Company in its sole discretion. The Firm shall submit its determination and detailed supporting calculations to the Covered Executive and the Company as promptly as practicable. If the Firm determines that any Excise Tax is payable by the Covered Executive and that a Gross-Up Payment is required, the Company shall pay the Covered Executive the required Gross-Up Payment as provided herein. Any determination by the Firm as to the amount of the Gross-Up Payment shall be binding upon the Covered Executive and the Company. As a result of the uncertainty in the application of Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code (or any successor provision thereto) at the time of the initial determination by the Firm hereunder, it is possible that the Company may fail to pay a Gross-Up Payment which should have been paid (an **"Underpayment"**). If the Covered Executive thereafter is required to make a payment of any Excise Tax, the Firm shall determine the amount of the Underpayment, if any, that has occurred and submit its determination and detailed supporting calculations to the

Covered Executive and the Company as promptly as possible. Any such Underpayment shall be promptly paid by the Company to the Covered Executive, or for his/her benefit, within thirty (30) days of receipt of such determination and calculations.

The Covered Executive and the Company shall each provide the Firm access to and copies of any books, records or documents in the possession of the Company or the Covered Executive, as the case may be, reasonably requested by the Firm, and shall each otherwise cooperate with the Firm in connection with the preparation and issuance of the determinations contemplated by this Section 5.5. The fees and expenses of the Firm that are incurred at any time from the date of this Plan through 10th anniversary of the date of the Change in Control for services in connection with the determinations and calculations contemplated by this Section 5.5 shall be paid by the Company. The Company shall pay such fees and expenses not later than the end of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the related work is performed or the expenses are incurred by the Firm. The amount of such fees and expenses that the Company is obligated to pay in any given calendar year shall not affect the fees and expenses that the Company is obligated to pay in any other calendar year, and the Covered Executive's right to have the Company pay such fees and expenses may not be liquidated or exchanged for any other benefit.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 5.5 to the contrary, and in order to comply with Section 409A of the Code, the Company and the Covered Executive shall take all steps reasonably necessary to ensure that any Gross-Up Payment, Underpayment or other payment or reimbursement made to the Covered Executive pursuant to this Section 5.5 will be paid or reimbursed on the earlier of (i) the date specified for payment under this Section 5.5, or (ii) December 31st of the year following the year in which the applicable taxes are remitted or, in the case of reimbursement of expenses incurred due to a tax audit or litigation to which there is no remittance of taxes, the end of the calendar year following the year in which the audit is completed or there is a final and nonappealable settlement or other resolution of the litigation in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(i)(1)(v).

ARTICLE 6. NON-DUPLICATION OF PAYMENTS AND BENEFITS

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the Plan, there shall be no duplication of rights, payments and benefits under the Plan with rights, payments and benefits granted to a Covered Executive, in the event of a termination of his/her employment after a Change in Control, under any other agreement, plan or arrangement **("Alternate Plan")**. In order to prevent such duplication, if the Covered Executive is entitled to payments or benefits under Article 5 upon termination of employment, the Covered Executive shall not be entitled to any severance pay or benefits under any Alternate Plan unless otherwise specifically provided in this Plan or in the Alternative Plan (in a specific reference to this Plan). Notwithstanding the foregoing, any payments due under the Executive Annual Incentive Plan upon a Covered Executive's termination of

employment following a Change in Control shall be in addition to (and shall not be considered duplicative of) any payments or benefits provided under this Plan.

ARTICLE 7. SOURCE OF PAYMENTS

All payments required under the terms of the Plan shall be paid in cash from the general assets of the Company. A Covered Executive shall have the status of a general creditor of the Company with respect to any and all claims for payments under the Plan.

ARTICLE 8. PLAN ADMINISTRATION AND CLAIMS PROCEDURE

8.1 Plan Administration. The Plan shall be administered by the Committee and/or its designee(s). The Committee shall have rights, powers and duties with respect to the Plan that are comparable to those granted to the designated pension board under the Scripps Pension Plan. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee has full authority to (i) interpret the Plan, (ii) determine all questions relating to the rights and status of Covered Executives and their Termination Payments, Benefit Coverage, Pension Enhancements and Gross-Up Payments, and (iii) make such rules and regulations for the administration of the Plan as are not inconsistent with its express terms and provisions. This provision is included in the Plan for the express purpose of giving and granting to the Committee the maximum discretionary authority possible under Firestone Tire and Rubber Company v. Bruch, 489 U.S. 101 (1989). Decisions by the Committee shall be made by majority vote of all members of the Committee.

8.2 Claims Procedure. If any Covered Executive's claim for payments or benefits under the Plan is denied, the Committee shall cause a written notice to be sent to the Covered Executive setting forth the specific reasons for the denial, specific reference to the provisions of the Plan on which the denial is based, a description of any material or information necessary to perfect the denied claim (together with an explanation of why such material or information is necessary), and an explanation of the review procedure described below. Within sixty (60) days after receipt of such notice of denial from the Committee, the Covered Executive, or his/her duly authorized representative, may request a review of the denied claim by written application to the Committee. In connection with such request for review, the Covered Executive, or his/her duly authorized representative, shall be entitled to review any and all documents pertinent to the claim or its denial and also shall be entitled to submit issues and comments in writing. The decision of the Committee upon such review shall be made not later than sixty (60) days after the receipt of such request for review, unless special circumstances shall require an extension of time for processing, in which case a decision shall be rendered as soon as possible, but not later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the Committee's receipt of the request for review. The decision of the Committee upon review of the denied application shall be in writing and shall include specific reasons for the decision and specific references to the pertinent Plan provisions on which the decision is based. All written communications from

the Committee under this Section 8.2 shall be written in a manner calculated to be understood by the recipient.

ARTICLE 9. ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to the Plan that cannot be resolved pursuant to Section 9.2 shall be settled by binding arbitration in the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association then pertaining in such city; and judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator or arbitrators may be entered in any court in Hamilton County, Ohio having jurisdiction thereof. The arbitrator or arbitrators shall have powers to issue mandatory orders and restraining orders in connection with such arbitration. Neither the Company nor a Covered Executive shall be liable for punitive or exemplary damages. Each party shall be responsible for its/his/her own costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees). The federal and state courts in Hamilton County, Ohio shall have exclusive jurisdiction with respect to the entry of judgment upon any arbitration award hereunder or the granting of any order; and such courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction with respect to any other controversy or claim arising out of or relating to the Plan that may properly be brought therein if the provisions herein mandating arbitration are held to be unenforceable.

ARTICLE 10. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

10.1 ERISA and Governing Law. The Plan is an unfunded deferred compensation plan for a select group of management or highly compensated employees, as defined in Section 201(2) and 401(a)(1) of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974, as amended **("ERISA")**. As such, the Plan is expressly excluded from all, or substantially all, of the provisions of ERISA, including but not limited to Parts 2 and 3 of Title I thereof. None of the statutory rights and protections conferred on participants by ERISA are conferred under the terms of this Plan, except as expressly noted or required by operation of law. To the extent not superseded by federal law, the laws of the State of Ohio shall control in any and all matters relating to the Plan.

10.2 Benefits Are Nonassignable. No right, payment or benefit under the Plan may be pledged, assigned, anticipated or alienated in any way by any Covered Executive, otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution. This Plan shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the legal representatives of a Covered Executive. The Company will require any successor (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company to assume expressly and agree to perform this Plan in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform it if no such succession had taken place. "Company" means the Company as hereinbefore defined and any successor to its business and/or assets as aforesaid that assumes and

agrees to perform this Plan by operation of law or otherwise. This Plan shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Company and its successors and assigns.

10.3 Amendment, Suspension or Termination of Plan. The Company hereby reserves the right and power to amend, suspend or terminate the Plan, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time; provided, however, that any action taken after a Change in Control or within sixty (60) days prior to a Change in Control cannot materially adversely affect the rights, payments or benefits of any employee who then is a Covered Executive without his/her express written consent. All actions pursuant to this Section 10.3 shall be set forth in a written instrument adopted by the Committee and approved or ratified by the Board.

10.4 No Guarantee Of Employment. Nothing contained in the Plan shall be construed as a contract of employment between the Company or any Covered Executive, or as a right of any Covered Executive to continue in the employment of the Company, or as a limitation of the right of the Company to discharge any Covered Executive, with or without cause, at any time.

10.5 Severability. If any provision of the Plan shall be held illegal or invalid for any reason, the illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof; instead, each provision shall be fully severable and the Plan shall be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provision had never been included herein.

10.6 Section 409A of the Code.

(a) Section 409A of the Code (“Section 409A”) imposes payment restrictions on “separation pay” (*i.e.*, payments owed to a Covered Executive upon termination of employment). Failure to comply with these restrictions could result in negative tax consequences to the Covered Executive, including immediate taxation, interest and a 20% penalty tax. It is the Company’s intent that this Plan be exempt from the application of, or otherwise comply with, the requirements of Section 409A. Specifically, any taxable benefits or payments provided under this Plan are intended to be separate payments that qualify for the “short-term deferral” exception to Section 409A to the maximum extent possible, and to the extent they do not so qualify, are intended to qualify for the involuntary separation pay exceptions to Section 409A of the Code, to the maximum extent possible. If neither of these exceptions applies, then notwithstanding any provision in this Plan to the contrary:

(i) All amounts that would otherwise be paid or provided during the first six months following the date of termination shall instead be accumulated through and paid or provided (together with interest on any delayed payment at the applicable federal rate under the Code), on the first business day following the six-month anniversary of the Covered Executive’s termination of employment.

(ii) Any expense eligible for reimbursement must be incurred, or any entitlement to a benefit must be used, during the applicable expense reimbursement or benefit continuation period provided in this Plan. The amount of the reimbursable expense or benefit to which a Covered Executive is entitled during a calendar year will not affect the amount to be provided in any other calendar year, and a Covered Executive's right to receive the reimbursement or benefit is not subject to liquidation or exchange for another benefit. Provided the requisite documentation is submitted, the Company will reimburse the eligible expenses on or before the last day of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the expenses were incurred.

(b) For purposes of this Plan, "termination of employment" or words or phrases to that effect shall mean a "separation from service" within the meaning of Section 409A.

APPENDIX A

EXHIBIT 12

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

(in thousands)	Three months ended June 30, 2008	Three months ended June 30, 2007	Six months ended June 30, 2008	Six months ended June 30, 2007
EARNINGS (LOSSES) AS DEFINED:				
Earnings (losses) from operations before income taxes after eliminating undistributed earnings of 20%- to 50%-owned affiliates	$(725,797)	$169,915	$(568,755)	$289,829
Fixed charges excluding capitalized interest and preferred stock dividends of majority-owned subsidiary companies	7,811	13,790	16,557	26,391
Earnings (losses) as defined	$(717,986)	$183,705	$(552,198)	$316,220
FIXED CHARGES AS DEFINED:				
Interest expense, including amortization of debt issue costs	$ 4,874	$ 10,729	$ 10,706	$ 20,930
Interest capitalized	985	33	1,254	122
Portion of rental expense representative of the interest factor	2,937	3,061	5,851	5,461
Preferred stock dividends of majority-owned subsidiary companies	20	20	40	40
Fixed charges as defined	$ 8,816	$ 13,843	$ 17,851	$ 26,553
RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES	—	13.27	—	11.91

EXHIBIT 31(a)
Section 302 Certifications

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Richard A. Boehne, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of The E. W. Scripps Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-1f(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
   a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
   b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
   c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report on such evaluation; and
   d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
   a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
   b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting.

Date: August 11, 2008

BY: /s/ Richard A. Boehne
Richard A. Boehne
President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT 31(b)
Section 302 Certifications

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Timothy E. Stautberg, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of The E. W. Scripps Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-1f(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
    a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
    b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
    c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report on such evaluation; and
    d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
    a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
    b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting.

Date: August 11, 2008

BY: /s/ Timothy E. Stautberg
Timothy E. Stautberg
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT 32(a)
Section 906 Certifications

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Richard A. Boehne, President and Chief Executive Officer of The E. W. Scripps Company (the "Company"), hereby certify, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

(1) The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the period ended June 30, 2008 (the "Report"), which this certification accompanies, fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

(2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Richard A. Boehne
Richard A. Boehne
President and Chief Executive Officer

August 11, 2008

EXHIBIT 32(b)
Section 906 Certifications

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Timothy E. Stautberg, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of The E. W. Scripps Company (the “Company”), hereby certify, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

(1) The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of the Company for the period ended June 30, 2008 (the “Report”), which this certification accompanies, fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

(2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Timothy E. Stautberg
Timothy E. Stautberg
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

August 11, 2008