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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 September 30, 2013

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____
Commission File Number 0-16914

THE E. W. SCRIPPS COMPANY
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

312 Walnut Street 45202
Cincinnati, Ohio (Zip Code)
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

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 Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No
Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date. As of September 30, 2013, there were 43,758,098 of the registrant's Class A Common shares, \$.01 par value per share, outstanding and 11,932,722 of the registrant's Common Voting Shares, \$.01 par value per share, outstanding.

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PART I

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

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

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures

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PART II

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

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

Item 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, 2012, except for the following risk factor, which has been updated:

Ownership of our Common Voting Shares by descendants of our founder could inhibit potential change of control.

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

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

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Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity and Use of Proceeds

There were no sales of unregistered equity securities during the quarter ended September 30, 2013.

The following table provides information about Company purchases of Class A Common shares during the quarter ended September 30, 2013, and the remaining amount that may still be purchased under the program:

| Period | Total number of shares purchased | Average price paid per share | Total market value of shares purchased | Maximum value that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs |
|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| 7/1/13 - 7/31/13 | 902,836 | \$17.11 | \$15,443,299 | \$49,646,244 |
| 8/1/13 - 8/31/13 | 824,001 | 15.45 | 12,729,232 | \$36,917,012 |
| 9/1/13 - 9/30/13 | 404,515 | 15.40 | 6,230,337 | \$30,686,675 |
| Total | 2,131,352 | \$16.14 | \$34,402,868 | |

In November 2012, our board of directors authorized a repurchase program of up to \$100 million of our Class A Common shares through December 2014.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

There were no defaults upon senior securities during the quarter ended September 30, 2013.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

None.

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: November 8, 2013

By: /s/ Douglas F. Lyons
Douglas F. Lyons
Vice President and Controller
(Principal Accounting Officer)

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Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

| (in thousands, except share data) | As of September 30, 2013 | As of December 31, 2012 |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$202,136 | \$242,642 |
| Restricted cash | 8,210 | 10,010 |
| Accounts and notes receivable (less allowances - \$1,651 and \$2,491) | 122,832 | 125,639 |
| Inventory | 6,826 | 6,437 |
| Deferred income taxes | 7,210 | 7,210 |
| Income taxes receivable | 5,177 | 2,926 |
| Miscellaneous | 7,757 | 7,836 |
| Total current assets | 360,148 | 402,700 |
| Investments | 19,696 | 21,115 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 359,058 | 374,931 |
| Goodwill | 27,966 | 27,966 |
| Other intangible assets | 139,597 | 144,783 |
| Deferred income taxes | 35,823 | 36,095 |
| Miscellaneous | 21,449 | 23,178 |
| Total Assets | \$963,737 | \$1,030,768 |
| Liabilities and Equity | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$17,055 | \$23,329 |
| Customer deposits and unearned revenue | 26,281 | 26,240 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 38,850 | 15,900 |
| Accrued liabilities: | | |
| Employee compensation and benefits | 31,291 | 37,118 |
| Miscellaneous | 28,840 | 28,545 |
| Other current liabilities | 10,066 | 14,901 |
| Total current liabilities | 152,383 | 146,033 |
| Long-term debt (less current portion) | 145,325 | 180,200 |
| Other liabilities (less current portion) | 160,792 | 164,625 |
| Equity: | | |
| Preferred stock, \$.01 par — authorized: 25,000,000 shares; none outstanding | — | — |
| Common stock, \$.01 par: | | |
| Class A — authorized: 240,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding: 43,758,098 and 43,594,229 shares | 438 | 436 |
| Voting — authorized: 60,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding: 11,932,722 and 11,932,735 shares | 119 | 119 |
| Total | 557 | 555 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 504,485 | 517,688 |
| Retained earnings | 111,192 | 136,293 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of income taxes: | | |
| Unrealized loss on derivatives | (515 |) (1,009 |
| Pension liability adjustments | (112,696 |) (115,831 |
| Total The E.W. Scripps Company shareholders' equity | 503,023 | 537,696 |

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| Noncontrolling interest | 2,214 | 2,214 |
| Total equity | 505,237 | 539,910 |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | \$963,737 | \$1,030,768 |

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

| (in thousands, except per share data) | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Operating Revenues: | | | | |
| Advertising | \$ 141,139 | \$ 175,029 | \$ 446,391 | \$ 499,481 |
| Subscriptions | 28,184 | 27,801 | 86,751 | 88,068 |
| Other | 20,212 | 16,814 | 62,899 | 56,156 |
| Total operating revenues | 189,535 | 219,644 | 596,041 | 643,705 |
| Costs and Expenses: | | | | |
| Employee compensation and benefits | 95,581 | 96,366 | 292,409 | 294,229 |
| Programs and program licenses | 14,318 | 14,605 | 40,332 | 43,559 |
| Newsprint, press supplies, and other printing costs | 10,614 | 11,658 | 34,965 | 38,101 |
| Newspaper distribution | 11,623 | 12,092 | 35,837 | 37,625 |
| Other expenses | 49,502 | 50,035 | 149,629 | 146,563 |
| Pension expense | 2,490 | 1,980 | 7,028 | 5,755 |
| Acquisition and related integration costs | — | — | — | 5,826 |
| Separation and restructuring costs | 1,290 | 2,354 | 3,691 | 6,420 |
| Total costs and expenses | 185,418 | 189,090 | 563,891 | 578,078 |
| Depreciation, Amortization, and Losses (Gains): | | | | |
| Depreciation | 10,360 | 10,359 | 30,497 | 31,721 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 1,736 | 1,777 | 5,187 | 5,324 |
| Losses (gains), net on disposal of property, plant and equipment | 177 | 80 | 140 | 50 |
| Net depreciation, amortization, and losses (gains) | 12,273 | 12,216 | 35,824 | 37,095 |
| Operating (loss) income | (8,156) |) 18,338 | (3,674) |) 28,532 |
| Interest expense | (2,655) |) (3,288) |) (7,924) |) (9,653) |
| Miscellaneous, net | (1,087) |) (900) |) (4,025) |) (2,452) |
| (Loss) income from operations before income taxes | (11,898) |) 14,150 | (15,623) |) 16,427 |
| (Benefit) provision for income taxes | (3,047) |) 2,148 | (7,286) |) 3,424 |
| Net (loss) income | (8,851) |) 12,002 | (8,337) |) 13,003 |
| Net (loss) income attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | — |
| Net (loss) income attributable to the shareholders of The E.W. Scripps Company | \$(8,851) |) \$12,002 | \$(8,337) |) \$13,003 |
| Net (loss) income per basic share of common stock attributable to the shareholders of The E.W. Scripps Company: | \$ (0.16) |) \$ 0.21 | \$ (0.15) |) \$ 0.23 |
| Net (loss) income per diluted share of common stock attributable to the shareholders of The E.W. Scripps Company: | \$ (0.16) |) \$ 0.21 | \$ (0.15) |) \$ 0.22 |

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive (Loss) Income (Unaudited)

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|---|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 | |
| Net (loss) income | \$(8,851 |) \$12,002 | \$(8,337 |) \$13,003 | |
| Changes in fair value of derivative, net of tax of \$(107), \$(214), \$299 and \$(659) | (177 |) (357 |) 494 | (1,099 |) |
| Changes in defined benefit pension plans, net of tax of \$460, \$347, \$1,759 and \$1,038 | 1,179 | 576 | 3,135 | 1,728 | |
| Total comprehensive (loss) income | (7,849 |) 12,221 | (4,708 |) 13,632 | |
| Less comprehensive (loss) income attributable to noncontrolling interest | — | — | — | — | |
| Total comprehensive (loss) income attributable to the shareholders of The E.W. Scripps Company | \$(7,849 |) \$12,221 | \$(4,708 |) \$13,632 | |
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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

| (in thousands) | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: | | |
| Net (loss) income | \$(8,337 |) \$13,003 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 35,684 | 37,045 |
| Contract termination fees | — | 5,663 |
| Deferred income taxes | (1,770 |) 6,463 |
| Excess tax benefits of share-based compensation plans | — | (4,320 |
| Stock and deferred compensation plans | 6,092 | 6,397 |
| Pension expense, net of payments | 4,294 | 3,434 |
| Other changes in certain working capital accounts, net | (13,486 |) 56,645 |
| Miscellaneous, net | 3,458 | (52 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 25,935 | 124,278 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: | | |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment | (15,531 |) (14,166 |
| Purchase of investments | (1,425 |) (4,666 |
| Change in restricted cash | 1,800 | — |
| Miscellaneous, net | 339 | 236 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (14,817 |) (18,596 |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: | | |
| Payments on long-term debt | (11,925 |) (11,925 |
| Repurchase of Class A Common shares | (69,313 |) (23,564 |
| Proceeds from employee stock options | 40,229 | 12,575 |
| Tax payments related to shares withheld for RSUs | (6,157 |) (7,524 |
| Excess tax benefits from stock compensation plans | — | 4,320 |
| Miscellaneous, net | (4,458 |) 2,215 |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (51,624 |) (23,903 |
| (Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | (40,506 |) 81,779 |
| Cash and cash equivalents: | | |
| Beginning of year | 242,642 | 127,889 |
| End of period | \$202,136 | \$209,668 |
| Supplemental Cash Flow Disclosures | | |
| Interest paid | \$6,077 | \$7,090 |
| Income taxes paid | \$290 | \$1,012 |
| See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements. | | |

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Equity (Unaudited)

| (in thousands, except share data) | Common Stock | Additional Paid-in Capital | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | Noncontrolling Interests | Total Equity |
|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| As of December 31, 2011 | \$543 | \$515,421 | \$96,105 | \$(97,548) | \$2,480 | \$517,001 |
| Net income | — | — | 13,003 | — | — | 13,003 |
| Changes in defined benefit pension plans | — | — | — | 1,728 | — | 1,728 |
| Changes in fair value of derivative | — | — | — | (1,099) | — | (1,099) |
| Repurchase 2,478,453 Class A Common shares | (25) | (23,539) | — | — | — | (23,564) |
| Compensation plans: 3,056,652 net shares issued * | 30 | 11,358 | — | — | — | 11,388 |
| Excess tax benefits of compensation plans | — | 7,400 | — | — | — | 7,400 |
| As of September 30, 2012 | \$548 | \$510,640 | \$109,108 | \$(96,919) | \$2,480 | \$525,857 |
| As of December 31, 2012 | \$555 | \$517,688 | \$136,293 | \$(116,840) | \$2,214 | \$539,910 |
| Net loss | — | — | (8,337) | — | — | (8,337) |
| Changes in defined benefit pension plans | — | — | — | 3,135 | — | 3,135 |
| Changes in fair value of derivative | — | — | — | 494 | — | 494 |
| Repurchase 4,816,228 Class A Common shares | (48) | (52,501) | (16,764) | — | — | (69,313) |
| Compensation plans: 4,980,097 net shares issued * | 50 | 39,298 | — | — | — | 39,348 |
| As of September 30, 2013 | \$557 | \$504,485 | \$111,192 | \$(113,211) | \$2,214 | \$505,237 |

* Net of tax payments related to shares withheld for vested stock and RSUs of \$6,157 in 2013 and \$7,524 in 2012.
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Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

As used in the Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, the terms “Scripps,” “Company,” “we,” “our,” or “us” may, depending on the context, refer to The E. W. Scripps Company, to one or more of its consolidated subsidiary companies or to all of them taken as a whole.

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 2012 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 company with interests in television and newspaper publishing. All of our media businesses provide content and advertising services via digital platforms, including the Internet, mobile devices and tablets. Our media businesses are organized into the following reportable business segments: Television, Newspapers, and Syndication and other. Additional information for our business segments is presented in the Notes to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Use of Estimates — Preparing 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 periods over which long-lived assets are depreciated or amortized; the fair value of long-lived assets, goodwill and indefinite lived assets; the liability for uncertain tax positions and valuation allowances against deferred income tax assets; 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.

Revenue Recognition — We recognize revenue when persuasive evidence of a sales arrangement exists, delivery occurs or services are rendered, the sales price is fixed or determinable and collectability is reasonably assured.

Our primary sources of revenue are from the sale of print, broadcast and digital advertising and the sale of newspaper subscriptions.

The revenue recognition policies for each source of revenue are described in our 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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, 2012. The Plan provides for the award of incentive and nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock units (RSUs), unrestricted Class A Common shares and performance units to key employees and non-employee directors.

Share-based compensation costs totaled \$1.1 million and \$1.5 million for the third quarter of 2013 and 2012, respectively. Year-to-date share-based compensation costs totaled \$5.0 million and \$6.2 million in 2013 and 2012, respectively.

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Earnings Per Share (“EPS”) — Unvested awards of share-based payments with rights to receive dividends or dividend equivalents, such as our RSUs, are considered participating securities for purposes of calculating EPS. Under the two-class method, we allocate a portion of net income to these participating securities and therefore exclude that income from the calculation of EPS for common stock. We do not allocate losses to the participating securities.

The following table presents information about basic and diluted weighted-average shares outstanding:

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|--|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| | September 30, 2013 | 2012 | September 30, 2013 | 2012 |
| Numerator (for basic and diluted earnings per share) | | | | |
| Net (loss) income attributable to the shareholders of The E.W. Scripps Company | \$ (8,851 |) \$ 12,002 | \$ (8,337 |) \$ 13,003 |
| Less income allocated to RSUs | — | (496 |) — | (617 |
| Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per share | \$ (8,851 |) \$ 11,506 | \$ (8,337 |) \$ 12,386 |
| Denominator | | | | |
| Basic weighted-average shares outstanding | 56,177 | 54,637 | 56,696 | 54,852 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | | | |
| Stock options held by employees and directors | — | 574 | — | 338 |
| Diluted weighted-average shares outstanding | 56,177 | 55,211 | 56,696 | 55,190 |
| Anti-dilutive securities ⁽¹⁾ | 5,551 | 4,415 | 5,551 | 4,415 |

⁽¹⁾ Amount outstanding at Balance Sheet date, before application of the treasury stock method and not weighted for period outstanding.

For the quarter ended and the year-to-date period ended September 30, 2013, we incurred a net loss and the inclusion of unvested stock, RSUs and stock options held by employees and directors would have been anti-dilutive and accordingly the diluted EPS calculation for the period excludes those common share equivalents.

Derivative Financial Instruments — It is our policy that derivative transactions are executed only to manage exposures arising in the normal course of business and not for the purpose of creating speculative positions or trading. Derivative financial instruments are utilized to manage interest rate risks. We do not hold derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. All derivatives must be recorded on the balance sheet at fair value. Each derivative is designated as a cash flow hedge or remains undesignated. Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and effective as cash flow hedges are recorded in other comprehensive income (loss) and reclassified to the statement of operations when the effects of the item being hedged are recognized in the statement of operations. These changes are offset in earnings to the extent the hedge was effective by fair value changes related to the risk being hedged on the hedged item. Changes in the fair value of undesignated hedges are recognized currently in the statement of operations. All ineffective changes in derivative fair values are recognized currently in earnings.

All designated hedges are formally documented as to the relationship with the hedged item as well as the risk-management strategy. Both at inception and on an ongoing basis the hedging instrument is assessed as to its effectiveness, when applicable. If and when a derivative is determined not to be highly effective as a hedge, or the underlying hedged transaction is no longer likely to occur, or the hedge designation is removed, or the derivative is terminated, the hedge accounting discussed above is discontinued.

2. Recently Adopted Standards and Issued Accounting Standards

Recently Adopted Accounting Standards — In February 2013, the FASB issued new guidance regarding the disclosure of comprehensive income (loss). The update requires an entity to present, either on the face of the statement where net

income (loss) is presented or in the notes, significant amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) by the respective line items of net income (loss), but only if the amount reclassified is required under US GAAP to be reclassified to net income (loss) in its entirety in the same reporting period. The update was effective for us on January 1, 2013. The implementation of this amended accounting guidance did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position and results of operations.

In July 2012, the FASB amended the guidance on testing indefinite-lived assets, other than goodwill, for impairment. Under the revised guidance, an entity testing an indefinite-lived intangible asset for impairment has the option of performing a qualitative assessment before performing quantitative tests. If the entity determines, on the basis of qualitative factors, that the fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible asset is not more likely than not impaired, the entity would not need to perform the quantitative tests. This guidance will be effective for our annual impairment tests for the year ending December 31, 2013. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on our financial statements; rather it may change our approach to testing indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment.

3. Income Taxes

We file a consolidated federal income tax return, consolidated unitary tax returns in certain states, and other separate state income tax returns for our subsidiary companies.

The income tax provision for interim periods is generally 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 (loss) before income tax for the full year and the jurisdictions in which that income (loss) is subject to tax. The actual effective income tax rate for the full year may differ from these estimates if income (loss) before income tax is greater than or less than what was estimated or if the allocation of income (loss) 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 (loss) before income tax for the full year and the jurisdictions in which we expect that income will be taxed.

The impact of small changes in our estimated pretax income for the 2013 year significantly impact our estimated effective tax rate for the year. Differences between pretax book and taxable earnings, such as non-deductible expenses and state income taxes, on the effective income tax rate varies significantly as income before income taxes changes. Accordingly, for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, we do not believe we can reasonably estimate our full year effective income tax rate, and as permitted by US GAAP, we have determined our tax benefit for 2013 based upon year-to-date pretax loss and the effect of differences between book and taxable loss.

The effective income tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, was 46.6% and 20.8%, respectively. The primary reason for the difference between these rates and the U.S. Federal statutory rate of 35% is the impact of state taxes, non-deductible expenses and reserves for uncertain tax positions (including interest). We recognized \$2.4 million and \$3.7 million of previously unrecognized tax benefits in the first nine months of 2013 and 2012, respectively, upon settlement of audits or when the statutes of limitations lapsed in certain tax jurisdictions.

Deferred tax assets totaled \$43 million at September 30, 2013. Management believes that it is more likely than not that we will realize the benefits of our Federal deferred tax assets and therefore has not recorded a valuation allowance for our Federal deferred tax assets. If economic conditions worsen, future estimates of taxable income could be lower than our current estimates, which may require valuation allowances to be recorded in future reporting periods.

During the period ended September 30, 2013, deferred tax assets relating to employee share-based compensation from the vesting of RSU's and the exercise of stock options have not been recognized since we are in a net tax loss position as of September 30, 2013. The additional tax benefits will be reflected as net operating loss carryforwards when we file our tax return for 2013, but the additional tax benefits are not recorded under GAAP until the tax deduction reduces taxes payable. The amount of unrecognized tax deductions for the period ended September 30, 2013 was approximately \$33 million.

4. Restricted Cash

At September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, we had \$8.2 million and \$10.0 million, respectively, in a restricted cash account on deposit with our insurance carrier. This account serves as collateral, in place of an irrevocable stand-by letter of credit, to provide financial assurance that we will fulfill our obligations with respect to cash requirements associated with workers compensation self-insurance. This cash is to remain on deposit with the carrier until all claims have been paid or we provide a letter of credit in lieu of the cash deposit.

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5. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Other intangible assets consisted of the following:

| (in thousands) | As of September 30, 2013 | As of December 31, 2012 | |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Amortizable intangible assets: | | | |
| Carrying amount: | | | |
| Television network affiliation relationships | \$78,844 | \$78,844 | |
| Customer lists and advertiser relationships | 22,304 | 22,304 | |
| Other | 3,561 | 3,765 | |
| Total carrying amount | 104,709 | 104,913 | |
| Accumulated amortization: | | | |
| Television network affiliation relationships | (8,704 |) (5,755 | |
| Customer lists and advertiser relationships | (12,438 |) (10,346 | |
| Other | (1,785 |) (1,844 | |
| Total accumulated amortization | (22,927 |) (17,945 | |
| Net amortizable intangible assets | 81,782 | 86,968 | |
| Other indefinite-lived intangible assets — FCC licenses | 57,815 | 57,815 | |
| Total other intangible assets | \$139,597 | \$144,783 | |
| Goodwill by business segment was as follows: | | | |
| (in thousands) | Television | Newspapers | Total |
| Gross balance at December 31, 2012 | \$243,380 | \$778,900 | \$1,022,280 |
| Accumulated impairment losses | (215,414 |) (778,900 |) (994,314 |
| Net balance as of December 31, 2012 | \$27,966 | \$— | \$27,966 |
| Gross balance as of September 30, 2013 | \$243,380 | \$778,900 | \$1,022,280 |
| Accumulated impairment losses | (215,414 |) (778,900 |) (994,314 |
| Net balance at September 30, 2013 | \$27,966 | \$— | \$27,966 |
| Estimated amortization expense of intangible assets for each of the next five years is \$1.9 million for the remainder of 2013, \$6.8 million in 2014, \$6.7 million in 2015, \$6.7 million in 2016, \$4.2 million in 2017, \$4.2 million in 2018, and \$51.3 million in later years. | | | |

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6. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

| (in thousands) | As of September 30, 2013 | As of December 31, 2012 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Variable rate credit facility | \$— | \$— |
| Term loan | 184,175 | 196,100 |
| Long-term debt | 184,175 | 196,100 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 38,850 | 15,900 |
| Long-term debt (less current portion) | \$145,325 | \$180,200 |
| Fair value of long-term debt * | \$192,700 | \$196,100 |

* Fair value was estimated based on current rates available to the Company for debt of the same remaining maturity and are classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

We currently have a \$312 million revolving credit and term loan agreement (“Financing Agreement”). The Financing Agreement, which expires in December 2016, includes a \$212 million term loan and a \$100 million revolving credit facility.

The Financing Agreement includes certain affirmative and negative covenants, including maintenance of minimum fixed charge coverage and leverage ratios, as defined in the Financing Agreement. We were in compliance with all covenants at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012.

Interest is payable at rates based on LIBOR plus a margin based on our leverage ratio ranging from 3.5% to 4.0%. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the interest rate was 3.68% and 3.72%, respectively. The Financing Agreement also includes a provision that in certain circumstances we must use a portion of excess cash flow to repay debt. As of September 30, 2013, we expect to pay approximately \$15 million in the fourth quarter under the excess cash flow provision. The weighted-average interest rate on borrowings was 3.70% and 4.25% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Due to favorable market conditions, we are exploring options to refinance our Financing Agreement which, if completed, would provide more favorable terms.

Scheduled principal payments on long-term debt at September 30, 2013, are: \$4.0 million for the remainder of 2013, \$26.5 million in 2014, \$26.5 million in 2015, and \$127.2 million in 2016.

Under the terms of the Financing Agreement, we granted the lenders mortgages on certain of our real property, pledges of our equity interests in our subsidiaries and security interests in substantially all other personal property, including cash, accounts receivables, inventories and equipment.

The Financing Agreement allows us to make restricted payments (dividends and share repurchases) up to \$25 million plus additional amounts based on our financial results and condition, up to a maximum of \$250 million over the term of the agreement. We can also make additional restricted payments for share repurchases equal to the amount of proceeds that we receive from the exercise of stock options held by our employees. We can make acquisitions up to \$25 million plus additional amounts based on our financial results and condition, up to a maximum of \$150 million. Commitment fees of 0.50% per annum of the total unused commitment are payable under the revolving credit facility. As of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, we had outstanding letters of credit totaling \$0.2 million and \$1.1 million, respectively.

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7. Financial Instruments

We are exposed to various market risks, including changes in interest rates. To manage risks associated with the volatility of changes in interest rates we may enter into interest rate management instruments.

We utilize interest rate swaps to manage our interest expense exposure by fixing our interest rate on portions of our floating rate term loan. We have entered into a \$75 million notional value interest rate swap expiring in March 2016 which provides for a fixed interest rate of 1.08%. We did not provide or receive any collateral for this contract. The fair value of this financial derivative, which is designated as and qualifies as a cash flow hedge, is determined using the market standard methodology of netting the discounted future fixed cash receipts (or payments) and the discounted expected variable cash payments (or receipts). The variable cash payments (or receipts) are based on the expectation of future interest rates (forward curves) derived from observed market interest rate curves and implied volatilities. In addition, credit valuation adjustments, which consider the impact of any credit enhancements to the contracts, are incorporated in the fair values to account for potential nonperformance risk.

Fair Value of Derivative Instruments

The notional amounts and fair values of derivative instruments designated as cash flow are shown below.

| (in thousands) | As of September 30, 2013 | | | As of December 31, 2012 | | |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| | Notional amount | Fair value Asset | Liability ⁽¹⁾ | Notional amount | Fair value Asset | Liability ⁽¹⁾ |
| Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges: | | | | | | |
| Interest rate swap | \$75,000 | \$— | \$825 | \$75,000 | \$— | \$1,619 |

⁽¹⁾ Balance recorded in "Other liabilities"

The above derivative instrument that is designated and qualifies as a cash flow hedge and the effective portion of the unrealized gain and loss on the derivative is reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged transactions affect earnings. Gain and loss on the derivative representing either hedge ineffectiveness or hedge components excluded from the assessment of effectiveness are recognized in current earnings.

| (in thousands) | Three months ended September 30, 2013 | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| | Effective portion recognized in Accumulated OCL, Gain/(Loss) | Reclassified from Accumulated OCL, Gain/(Loss) | Ineffective portion and amount excluded from effectiveness testing Gain/(Loss) |
| Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges: | | | |
| Interest rate swap | \$(455 |) \$171 | \$— |

| (in thousands) | Three months ended September 30, 2012 | | |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Effective portion recognized in | Reclassified from Accumulated | Ineffective portion and amount |
| | | | |

| | Accumulated OCL, Gain/(Loss) | OCL, Gain/(Loss) | excluded from effectiveness testing Gain/(Loss) |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges: | | | |
| Interest rate swap | \$(732 |) \$161 | \$— |

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| (in thousands) | Nine months ended September 30, 2013 | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| | Effective portion recognized in Accumulated OCL, Gain/(Loss) | Reclassified from Accumulated OCL, Gain/(Loss) | Ineffective portion and amount excluded from effectiveness testing Gain/(Loss) |
| Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges: | | | |
| Interest rate swap | \$290 | \$504 | \$— |
| | Nine months ended September 30, 2012 | | |
| (in thousands) | Effective portion recognized in Accumulated OCL, Gain/(Loss) | Reclassified from Accumulated OCL, Gain/(Loss) | Ineffective portion and amount excluded from effectiveness testing Gain/(Loss) |
| Derivatives designated as cash flow hedges: | | | |
| Interest rate swap | \$(2,121 |) \$363 | \$— |

8. Fair Value Measurement

We measure certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis, such as derivatives and cash equivalents. The fair value of these financial assets and liabilities were determined based on three levels of inputs, of which the first two are considered observable and the last unobservable, that may be used to measure fair value. These levels of input are 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 tables set forth our assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012:

| (in thousands) | As of September 30, 2013 | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------|---------|
| | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| Assets/(Liabilities): | | | | |
| Cash equivalents | \$40,000 | \$40,000 | \$— | \$— |
| Interest rate swap | (825 |) — | (825 |) — |
| | As of December 31, 2012 | | | |
| (in thousands) | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| Assets/(Liabilities): | | | | |
| Cash equivalents | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— |
| Interest rate swap | (1,619 |) — | (1,619 |) — |

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9. Other Liabilities

Other liabilities consisted of the following:

| (in thousands) | As of September 30, 2013 | As of December 31, 2012 |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Employee compensation and benefits | \$21,317 | \$20,596 |
| Liability for pension benefits | 112,692 | 112,556 |
| Liabilities for uncertain tax positions | 11,050 | 12,534 |
| Other | 15,733 | 18,939 |
| Other liabilities (less current portion) | \$160,792 | \$164,625 |

10. Noncontrolling Interests

Individuals and other entities own a 4% noncontrolling interest in the capital stock of the subsidiary company that publishes our Memphis newspaper and a 6% noncontrolling interest in the capital stock of the subsidiary company that publishes our Evansville newspaper. We are not required to redeem the noncontrolling interests in these subsidiary companies.

11. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

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

| (in thousands) | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|------------------------------------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Other changes in certain working capital accounts, net | | |
| Accounts and notes receivable | \$2,807 | \$16,376 |
| Income taxes (receivable) payable, net | (2,251 |) 27,827 |
| Accounts payable | (6,274 |) 1,517 |
| Accrued employee compensation and benefits | (5,827 |) 4,756 |
| Other accrued liabilities | (238 |) 1,708 |
| Other, net | (1,703 |) 4,461 |
| Total | \$(13,486 |) \$56,645 |

12. Employee Benefit Plans

We sponsor various noncontributory defined benefit pension plans covering substantially all full-time employees that began employment prior to June 30, 2008. We also have a non-qualified Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan ("SERP"). Effective June 30, 2009, we froze the accrual of benefits under our defined benefit pension plans that cover the majority of our employees and our SERP.

We sponsor a defined contribution plan covering substantially all non-union and certain union employees. We match a portion of employees' voluntary contributions to this plan. In connection with freezing the accrual of service credits under certain of our defined benefit pension plans, we began contributing additional amounts to certain employees' defined contribution retirement accounts in 2011. These transition credits, which we will make through 2014, are determined based upon the employee's age and compensation.

Other union-represented employees are covered by defined benefit pension plans jointly sponsored by us and the union, or by union-sponsored multi-employer plans.

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The components of the expense consisted of the following:

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|---------|-------------------|----------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Service cost | \$17 | \$13 | \$51 | \$39 |
| Interest cost | 5,976 | 6,470 | 17,927 | 19,410 |
| Expected return on plan assets, net of expenses | (5,371) | (5,641) | (16,113) | (16,924) |
| Amortization of prior service cost | — | 1 | — | 2 |
| Amortization of actuarial loss | 1,060 | 870 | 3,182 | 2,609 |
| Total for defined benefit plans | 1,682 | 1,713 | 5,047 | 5,136 |
| Multi-employer plans | 95 | 119 | 326 | 353 |
| SERP | 808 | 268 | 1,981 | 620 |
| Defined contribution plans | 2,341 | 2,625 | 8,627 | 8,054 |
| Net periodic benefit cost | \$4,926 | \$4,725 | \$15,981 | \$14,163 |

We contributed \$2.6 million to fund current benefit payments for our SERP during the first nine months of 2013. We anticipate contributing an additional \$0.2 million to fund the SERP's benefit payments during the remainder of 2013. We contributed \$0.1 million to our defined benefit plans during the first nine months of 2013.

A settlement charge of \$0.5 million was recorded for the third quarter of 2013 and \$1.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 for our SERP plan. We remeasured our SERP liability in the second quarter of 2013 in accordance with US GAAP, reflecting the settlement of a significant portion of the plan's obligations. The actuarial assumptions used to remeasure the plan liability were substantially the same as those used in the December 31, 2012 measurement, except for an increase in the discount rate to 5%. Our discount rate is based on a dedicated bond portfolio approach that includes securities rated Aa or better with maturities matching the expected benefit payments of the SERP. The remeasurement reduced our pension liabilities and accumulated comprehensive loss by \$3.3 million.

13. 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.

Television includes 10 ABC affiliates, three NBC affiliates, one independent station that we operate as a duopoly with our Kansas City NBC affiliate and five Azteca affiliates. Our television stations reach approximately 13% of the nation's households. Television stations earn revenue primarily from the sale of advertising time to local and national advertisers.

Our newspaper business segment includes daily and community newspapers in 13 markets in the US. Newspapers earn revenue primarily from the sale of advertising space to local and national advertisers and from the sale of newspaper subscriptions to readers.

Syndication and other primarily includes syndication of news features and comics and other features for the newspaper industry.

We allocate a portion of certain corporate costs and expenses, including information technology, certain employee benefits, digital operations services and other shared services, to our business segments. The allocations are generally amounts agreed upon by management, which may differ from an arms-length amount. Corporate assets are primarily cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and other short-term investments, property and equipment primarily used for corporate purposes, and deferred income taxes. A portion of our digital operations which are not allocated to our newspaper and television segments is included in shared services and corporate.

Our chief operating decision maker evaluates the operating performance of our business segments and makes decisions about the allocation of resources to our business segments using a measure called segment profit. Segment profit excludes interest, defined benefit plan pension expense (other than current service cost), income taxes,

depreciation and amortization, impairment charges, divested operating units, 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.

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Information regarding our business segments is as follows:

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Segment operating revenues: | | | | |
| Television | \$99,289 | \$125,329 | \$307,548 | \$341,983 |
| Newspapers | 88,346 | 92,390 | 281,286 | 293,949 |
| Syndication and other | 1,900 | 1,925 | 7,207 | 7,773 |
| Total operating revenues | \$189,535 | \$219,644 | \$596,041 | \$643,705 |
| Segment profit (loss): | | | | |
| Television | \$18,921 | \$41,835 | \$65,945 | \$94,627 |
| Newspapers | 3,038 | 4,249 | 14,857 | 15,980 |
| Syndication and other | (177 |) (620 |) (145 |) (212 |
| Shared services and corporate | (13,885 |) (10,576 |) (37,788 |) (26,767 |
| Depreciation and amortization of intangibles | (12,096 |) (12,136 |) (35,684 |) (37,045 |
| (Losses) gains, net on disposal of property, plant and equipment | (177 |) (80 |) (140 |) (50 |
| Pension expense | (2,490 |) (1,980 |) (7,028 |) (5,755 |
| Interest expense | (2,655 |) (3,288 |) (7,924 |) (9,653 |
| Acquisition and related integration costs | — | — | — | (5,826 |
| Separation and restructuring costs | (1,290 |) (2,354 |) (3,691 |) (6,420 |
| Miscellaneous, net | (1,087 |) (900 |) (4,025 |) (2,452 |
| (Loss) income from operations before income taxes | \$(11,898 |) \$14,150 | \$(15,623 |) \$16,427 |
| Depreciation: | | | | |
| Television | \$5,751 | \$5,645 | \$16,958 | \$17,034 |
| Newspapers | 4,015 | 4,464 | 12,132 | 13,937 |
| Syndication and other | 20 | 12 | 58 | 36 |
| Shared services and corporate | 574 | 238 | 1,349 | 714 |
| Total depreciation | \$10,360 | \$10,359 | \$30,497 | \$31,721 |
| Amortization of intangibles: | | | | |
| Television | \$1,599 | \$1,612 | \$4,778 | \$4,801 |
| Newspapers | 137 | 165 | 409 | 523 |
| Total amortization of intangibles | \$1,736 | \$1,777 | \$5,187 | \$5,324 |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment: | | | | |
| Television | \$2,169 | \$4,716 | \$7,325 | \$9,267 |
| Newspapers | 285 | 357 | 1,746 | 1,283 |
| Syndication and other | — | 126 | — | 126 |
| Shared services and corporate | 908 | 2,882 | 6,460 | 3,490 |
| Total additions to property, plant and equipment | \$3,362 | \$8,081 | \$15,531 | \$14,166 |
| No single customer provides more than 10% of our revenue. | | | | |

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14. Spin-off of Scripps Networks Interactive, Inc.

On July 1, 2008, we distributed all of the shares of Scripps Networks Interactive, Inc. (“SNI”) to shareholders of record as of the close of business on June 16, 2008. SNI owned and operated our national lifestyle cable television networks and interactive media businesses.

In connection with the separation we entered into several agreements, including a Tax Allocation Agreement. This agreement sets forth the allocations between us and SNI with regards to liabilities for federal, state and local taxes for periods prior to the separation.

Under the terms of the Tax Allocation Agreement we receive any tax deductions for share-based compensation awards held by our employees in SNI. Year-to-date tax deductions resulting from the exercise of those awards for 2013 and 2012 totaled approximately \$11.4 million and \$15.8 million, respectively. At September 30, 2013, our employees held options on approximately 0.5 million SNI shares, which expire through 2015.

15. Capital Stock

Capital Stock — We have two classes of common shares, Common Voting Shares and Class A Common shares. The Class A Common shares are only entitled to vote on the election of the greater of three or one-third of the directors and other matters as required by Ohio law.

Share Repurchase Plan — In November 2012, our board of directors authorized a repurchase program of up to \$100 million of our Class A Common shares through December 2014. Shares may be repurchased from time to time at management's discretion, either in the open market, through pre-arranged trading plans or in privately negotiated block transactions. Under the authorization, we repurchased \$69.3 million of shares at prices ranging from \$10.83 to \$17.94 per share during 2013.

Information about options outstanding and options exercisable by year of grant as of September 30, 2013 is as follows:

| Year of Grant | Range of Exercise Prices | Average Remaining Term (in years) | Options Outstanding and Exercisable | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| | | | Options on Shares Outstanding | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in millions) |
| 2003 – expire in 2013 | 10 | 0.13 | 1,969 | \$9.90 | \$— |
| 2004 – expire in 2014 | 10-11 | 0.50 | 256,187 | 10.57 | 2.0 |
| 2005 – expire in 2013 | 10-11 | 1.37 | 54,129 | 10.77 | 0.4 |
| 2006 – expire in 2014 | 10-11 | 0.48 | 280,894 | 10.34 | 2.2 |
| 2007 – expire in 2015 | 9-10 | 1.41 | 1,164,836 | 10.36 | 9.3 |
| 2008 – expire in 2016 | 7-10 | 2.50 | 2,184,742 | 8.71 | 21.1 |
| Total | 7-11 | 1.88 | 3,942,757 | \$9.46 | \$35.0 |

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16. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

Changes in accumulated other comprehensive loss ("AOCL") by component, including items reclassified out of AOCL, were as follows:

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended September 30, 2013 | | | Total |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| | Gains and Losses on Derivatives | Defined Benefit Pension Items | Other | |
| Beginning balance, June 30, 2013 | \$ (338 |) \$ (114,232 |) \$ 357 | \$ (114,213) |
| Other comprehensive income before reclassifications | (284 |) — | — | (284) |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss | | | | |
| Interest rate swap ^(a) , net of tax of \$64 | 107 | — | — | 107 |
| Actuarial loss ^(b) , net of tax of \$460 | — | 1,179 | — | 1,179 |
| Net current-period other comprehensive income (loss) | (177 |) 1,179 | — | 1,002 |
| Ending balance, September 30, 2013 | \$ (515 |) \$ (113,053 |) \$ 357 | \$ (113,211) |
| (in thousands) | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 | | | Total |
| | Gains and Losses on Derivatives | Defined Benefit Pension Items | Other | |
| Beginning balance, December 31, 2012 | \$ (1,009 |) \$ (116,188 |) \$ 357 | \$ (116,840) |
| Other comprehensive income before reclassifications | 180 | — | — | 180 |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss | | | | |
| Interest rate swap ^(a) , net of tax of \$190 | 314 | — | — | 314 |
| Actuarial loss ^(b) , net of tax of \$1,759 | — | 3,135 | — | 3,135 |
| Net current-period other comprehensive income | 494 | 3,135 | — | 3,629 |
| Ending balance, September 30, 2013 | \$ (515 |) \$ (113,053 |) \$ 357 | \$ (113,211) |

^(a) Included in interest expense on the Statement of Operations

^(b) Included in pension expense on the Statement of Operations

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Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The E. W. Scripps Company ("Scripps") is a diverse media company with interests in television stations and newspaper publishing. The Company's portfolio of media properties includes: 19 television stations, including 10 ABC-affiliated stations, three NBC affiliates, one independent station that we operate as a duopoly with our Kansas City NBC affiliate and five Azteca affiliates; daily and community newspapers in 13 markets; syndication of news features and comics; and the Washington-based Scripps Howard News Service.

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

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

Executive Overview

Our 2011 addition of nine local television stations in four markets through the acquisition of McGraw-Hill Broadcasting Company, Inc. ("McGraw-Hill") signified our shift of the balance of the Company's assets toward the television business.

Our emphasis on positioning our television stations in their markets to be leaders in local news continues to show strong results. In the July 2013 ratings, eight of our stations finished first or second in key adult demographics in at least one of the major local news time periods (6 a.m., 6 p.m. or late news). Eleven of our 13 major network-affiliated stations improved their percentage of local news viewing in at least one of these time periods over the same time in July 2012. Four stations improved their market rank in at least one newscast in July. Our Denver and Phoenix television stations won coveted Peabody awards in 2013. We believe our emphasis on being the local news leader in our markets will drive stronger operating results.

We continued to see strong results from our programming strategy, lessening our reliance on purchased syndicated shows. We have two original shows — a game show called Let's Ask America and a nightly infotainment magazine called The List — with one or both being aired during the access period between evening news and prime time in eight of our markets. We have the intention of rolling them out in the rest of our markets when commitments to air other programming during that time period expire. We have recently signed a deal to syndicate Let's Ask America in markets nationwide. We are also a partner in another original show called RightThisMinute, a daily news and entertainment program that airs on 12 of our stations.

In our newspaper division, we saw the launch late in the first quarter of 2013 of our bundled-subscription model in our Memphis and Treasure Coast newspaper markets. At the end of the third quarter, all of our newspaper markets had rolled out this model. Under our bundled model, subscribers receive access to all of our newspaper content on all platforms, and only limited digital content is available to non-subscribers. We expect to realize the financial benefits of the bundled subscription model in future periods as subscriptions renew.

We continue our investment in our digital initiatives. We are hiring and developing digital-only sales personnel, streamlining digital sales processes and creating digital content. We expect these investments to drive digital revenue growth in each of our divisions. We have hired 81 digital-only sales resources so far this year and expect to have approximately 100 on board by the end of 2013.

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,

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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 acquisitions, long-lived assets, goodwill and 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, 2012.

There have been no significant changes in those accounting policies or other significant accounting policies.
Recently Adopted Standards and Issued Accounting Standards

Recently Adopted Accounting Standards — In February 2013, the FASB issued new guidance regarding the disclosure of comprehensive income (loss). The update requires an entity to present, either on the face of the statement where net income (loss) is presented or in the notes, significant amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) by the respective line items of net income (loss), but only if the amount reclassified is required under US GAAP to be reclassified to net income (loss) in its entirety in the same reporting period. The update was effective for us on January 1, 2013. The implementation of this amended accounting guidance did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position and results of operations.

In July 2012, the FASB amended the guidance on testing indefinite-lived assets, other than goodwill, for impairment. Under the revised guidance, an entity testing an indefinite-lived intangible asset for impairment has the option of performing a qualitative assessment before performing quantitative tests. If the entity determines, on the basis of qualitative factors, that the fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible asset is not more likely than not impaired, the entity would not need to perform the quantitative tests. This guidance will be effective for our annual impairment tests for the year ending December 31, 2013. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on our financial statements; rather it may change our approach to testing indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment.

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Results of Operations

The trends and underlying economic conditions affecting the operating performance and future prospects differ for each of our business segments. Accordingly, you should read the following discussion of our consolidated results of operations in conjunction with the discussion of the operating performance of our business segments that follows.

Consolidated Results of Operations

Consolidated results of operations were as follows:

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------------------------------|---------|------------|
| | 2013 | Change | 2012 | 2013 | Change | 2012 |
| Operating revenues | \$189,535 | (13.7)% | \$219,644 | \$596,041 | (7.4)% | \$643,705 |
| Employee compensation and benefits | (95,581) | (0.8)% | (96,366) | (292,409) | (0.6)% | (294,229) |
| Programs and program licenses | (14,318) | (2.0)% | (14,605) | (40,332) | (7.4)% | (43,559) |
| Newsprint, press supplies, and other printing costs | (10,614) | (9.0)% | (11,658) | (34,965) | (8.2)% | (38,101) |
| Newspaper distribution | (11,623) | (3.9)% | (12,092) | (35,837) | (4.8)% | (37,625) |
| Other expenses | (49,502) | (1.1)% | (50,035) | (149,629) | 2.1 % | (146,563) |
| Pension expense | (2,490) | 25.8 % | (1,980) | (7,028) | 22.1 % | (5,755) |
| Acquisition and related integration costs | — | | — | — | | (5,826) |
| Separation and restructuring costs | (1,290) | | (2,354) | (3,691) | | (6,420) |
| Depreciation and amortization of intangibles | (12,096) | | (12,136) | (35,684) | | (37,045) |
| (Losses) gains, net on disposal of property, plant and equipment | (177) | | (80) | (140) | | (50) |
| Operating (loss) income | (8,156) | | 18,338 | (3,674) | | 28,532 |
| Interest expense | (2,655) | | (3,288) | (7,924) | | (9,653) |
| Miscellaneous, net | (1,087) | | (900) | (4,025) | | (2,452) |
| (Loss) income from operations before income taxes | (11,898) | | 14,150 | (15,623) | | 16,427 |
| Benefit (provision) for income taxes | 3,047 | | (2,148) | 7,286 | | (3,424) |
| Net (loss) income | (8,851) | | 12,002 | (8,337) | | 13,003 |
| Net (loss) income attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | | — | — | | — |
| Net (loss) income attributable to the shareholders of The E.W. Scripps Company | \$(8,851) | | \$12,002 | \$(8,337) | | \$13,003 |

Operating revenues decreased 13.7% in the third quarter of 2013 compared to 2012 and 7.4% for the first nine months of 2013 compared to prior year. The expected decline in political advertising in an off-political year and continued secular declines in print advertising led to the decline. Political advertising revenues decreased \$32.9 million and \$47.7 million for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively. Newspaper revenues decreased approximately 4% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, or \$4.0 million and \$12.7 million, respectively. These declines were partially offset by a 40% increase, or \$3.0 million, and a 36% increase, or \$8.3 million, in retransmission revenues for the three months and year-to-date period ended September 30, 2013,

respectively, and a \$1.9 million year-to-date increase in digital marketing services.

Employee compensation and benefits decreased approximately 1% in the 2013 third quarter and year-to-date period. Newspaper division employees decreased by approximately 130, or 5%, from 2012. Incentive compensation in the third quarter of 2013 was \$2.2 million less than the prior year quarter and was \$6.1 million less for the first nine months of 2013 compared

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to 2012, due to lower operating results. Employee compensation and benefits associated with supporting our digital initiatives increased year-to-date costs by approximately \$6.5 million.

Programs and program licenses decreased by 2.0% for the 2013 third quarter and 7.4% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, primarily due to reduced costs for syndicated programming. Syndicated programming costs decreased \$1.0 million and \$4.1 million for the third quarter of 2013 and the nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively. In the third quarter of 2012 we replaced some of the syndicated programming that seven of our stations air in the access time period between evening news and prime time with programming we produce internally or in partnership with others. In the third quarter of 2013, we replaced some of the syndicated programming on one additional station. The decrease in syndicated programming costs was partially offset by an increase in fees we pay under our network affiliation agreements, which require us to pay a portion of retransmission revenues above a threshold to the network.

Newsprint, press supplies and other printing costs declined by 9.0% and 8.2% for the third quarter of 2013 and the nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, primarily due to lower expenditures for newsprint. Average newsprint prices decreased 6% and newsprint consumption decreased almost 6% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

Distribution costs decreased by 3.9% in the third quarter of 2013 compared to the third quarter of 2012 and 4.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, compared to the prior year as a result of lower net paid circulation levels. A large portion of our distribution costs are variable and increase or decrease in relation to our circulation levels.

Other expense is comprised of the following:

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| | 2013 | Change | 2012 | 2013 | Change | 2012 |
| Facilities rent and maintenance | \$9,974 | (6.5)% | \$10,668 | \$29,835 | (4.6)% | \$31,273 |
| Purchased news and content | 3,576 | (8.5)% | 3,910 | 11,284 | (6.5)% | 12,063 |
| Marketing and promotion | 3,595 | (17.2)% | 4,341 | 12,500 | 10.6 % | 11,302 |
| Miscellaneous costs | 32,357 | 4.0 % | 31,116 | 96,010 | 4.4 % | 91,925 |
| Total other expenses | \$49,502 | (1.1)% | \$50,035 | \$149,629 | 2.1 % | \$146,563 |

Marketing and promotion costs in the third quarter of 2012 included costs to promote the 2012 launch of our two original shows in seven of our television markets. Marketing and promotion costs increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, primarily due to campaigns to support the launch of our bundled subscription offerings in our newspaper markets. Miscellaneous costs increased primarily from costs to support our digital initiatives.

Acquisition and related integration costs for the nine months ended 2012 include a \$5.7 million non-cash charge associated with the cancellation of a contract with the national advertising firm that represented the McGraw-Hill stations that were acquired.

Interest expense decreased in 2013 due to lower debt levels and a decline in our borrowing rate.

The effective income tax rate for continuing operations was 46.6% and 20.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The impact of state and local taxes and non-deductible expenses has made our effective rate volatile due to relatively small amounts of pretax income or loss in each of the reporting periods. In addition, our effective income tax rates for 2013 and 2012 were impacted by tax settlements and changes in our reserve for uncertain tax positions. In 2013, we recognized \$2.4 million of previously unrecognized tax benefits upon

settlement of tax audits or upon the lapse of the statutes of limitations in certain jurisdictions. In the third quarter of 2012, we recognized \$3.7 million of previously unrecognized tax benefits upon the lapse of the statutes of limitations in certain jurisdictions.

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Business Segment Results — As discussed in the Condensed Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, our chief operating decision maker evaluates the operating performance of our business segments using a measure called segment profit. Segment profit excludes interest, defined benefit plan pension expense (other than current service cost), income taxes, depreciation and amortization, impairment charges, divested operating units, 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.

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. Generally, our corporate executives make financing, tax structure and divestiture decisions. Excluding these items from measurement of our business segment performance 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.

We allocate a portion of certain corporate costs and expenses, including information technology, certain employee benefits, digital operations services and other shared services, to our business segments. The allocations are generally amounts agreed upon by management, which may differ from an arms-length amount. Corporate assets are primarily cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and other short-term investments, property and equipment primarily used for corporate purposes, and deferred income taxes. A portion of our digital operations which are not allocated to our newspaper and television segments is included in shared services and corporate.

Information regarding the operating performance of our business segments and a reconciliation of such information to the consolidated financial statements is as follows:

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| | 2013 | Change | 2012 | 2013 | Change | 2012 |
| Segment operating revenues: | | | | | | |
| Television | \$99,289 | (20.8)% | \$125,329 | \$307,548 | (10.1)% | \$341,983 |
| Newspapers | 88,346 | (4.4)% | 92,390 | 281,286 | (4.3)% | 293,949 |
| Syndication and other | 1,900 | (1.3)% | 1,925 | 7,207 | (7.3)% | 7,773 |
| Total operating revenues | \$189,535 | (13.7)% | \$219,644 | \$596,041 | (7.4)% | \$643,705 |
| Segment profit (loss): | | | | | | |
| Television | \$18,921 | (54.8)% | \$41,835 | \$65,945 | (30.3)% | \$94,627 |
| Newspapers | 3,038 | (28.5)% | 4,249 | 14,857 | (7.0)% | 15,980 |
| Syndication and other | (177) | (71.5)% | (620) | (145) | (31.6)% | (212) |
| Shared services and corporate | (13,885) | 31.3 % | (10,576) | (37,788) | 41.2 % | (26,767) |
| Depreciation and amortization of intangibles | (12,096) | | (12,136) | (35,684) | | (37,045) |
| (Losses) gains, net on disposal of property, plant and equipment | (177) | | (80) | (140) | | (50) |
| Pension expense | (2,490) | | (1,980) | (7,028) | | (5,755) |
| Interest expense | (2,655) | | (3,288) | (7,924) | | (9,653) |
| Acquisition and related integration costs | — | | — | — | | (5,826) |
| Separation and restructuring costs | (1,290) | | (2,354) | (3,691) | | (6,420) |
| Miscellaneous, net | (1,087) | | (900) | (4,025) | | (2,452) |
| (Loss) income from operations before income taxes | \$(11,898) | | \$14,150 | \$(15,623) | | \$16,427 |

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Television — Television includes 10 ABC-affiliated stations, three NBC-affiliated stations, one independent station that we operate as a duopoly with our Kansas City NBC affiliate and five Azteca affiliates. Our television stations reach approximately 13% of the nation's households. Our television stations earn revenue primarily from the sale of advertising time to local and national advertisers.

National television networks offer affiliates a variety of programs and sell the majority of advertising within those programs. 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 television group is most affected by the local and national economic conditions, particularly conditions within the automotive, services and retail categories, 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 the third and fourth quarters of even-numbered years.

Operating results for television were as follows:

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------|------------------------------------|--------|-------------|
| | 2013 | Change | 2012 | 2013 | Change | 2012 |
| Segment operating revenues: | | | | | | |
| Local | \$54,581 | 5.0 | % \$51,983 | \$169,390 | 0.4 | % \$168,660 |
| National | 27,388 | 5.4 | % 25,991 | 86,780 | 4.3 | % 83,165 |
| Political | 1,038 | | 33,919 | 2,142 | | 49,816 |
| Digital | 4,279 | 6.1 | % 4,034 | 12,110 | 13.6 | % 10,658 |
| Retransmission | 10,403 | 40.4 | % 7,410 | 31,345 | 36.2 | % 23,009 |
| Other | 1,600 | (19.7) |)% 1,992 | 5,781 | (13.4) |)% 6,675 |
| Total operating revenues | 99,289 | (20.8) |)% 125,329 | 307,548 | (10.1) |)% 341,983 |
| Segment costs and expenses: | | | | | | |
| Employee compensation and benefits | 43,949 | (2.4) |)% 45,013 | 133,648 | (0.7) |)% 134,583 |
| Programs and program licenses | 14,318 | (2.0) |)% 14,605 | 40,332 | (7.4) |)% 43,559 |
| Other expenses | 22,101 | (7.4) |)% 23,876 | 67,623 | (2.3) |)% 69,214 |
| Total costs and expenses | 80,368 | (3.7) |)% 83,494 | 241,603 | (2.3) |)% 247,356 |
| Segment profit | \$18,921 | (54.8) |)% \$41,835 | \$65,945 | (30.3) |)% \$94,627 |
| Revenues | | | | | | |

Total television revenues decreased 20.8% in the third quarter of 2013 primarily due to expected declines in political advertising in this off-election year. The prior year included \$36 million combined of political advertising as well as incremental revenue from airing the 2012 Olympics on our three NBC-affiliated stations. As is common during election cycles, the influx of political advertising displaces certain traditional advertising. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, revenues decreased by 10.1%.

Retransmission revenues increased 40.4% for the third quarter of 2013, or \$3.0 million, and 36.2% or \$8.3 million, for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, due to increases in the amounts we receive from our agreement with Scripps Networks. Prior to the spin-off of SNI, the rights to retransmit our broadcast signals were included as consideration in negotiations between cable and satellite system operators and the Company's cable networks. SNI pays us fixed fees for the use of our retransmission rights. As the retransmission contracts negotiated by SNI expire, we will negotiate standalone retransmission consent agreements with the cable and satellite system operators. Agreements with our two largest cable television operators, Time Warner and Comcast, expire in December 2015 and December 2019, respectively.

Digital revenues for 2013 increased 6.1% or \$0.2 million for the third quarter and 13.6% or \$1.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, as we continued our focus on increasing digital advertising revenues.

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Costs and expenses

Total costs and expenses decreased 3.7% for the quarter and 2.3% year-over-year, primarily due to the decline in program and program license costs and a \$2.2 million decrease in year-to-date incentive compensation expense.

Programs and program licenses decreased by 2.0% for the 2013 third quarter and 7.4% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, primarily due to reduced costs for syndicated programming. Syndicated programming costs decreased \$1.0 million and \$4.1 million for the third quarter of 2013 and the nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively. In the third quarter of 2012 we replaced some of the syndicated programming that seven of our stations air in the access time period between evening news and prime time with programming we produce internally or in partnership with others. In the third quarter of 2013, we replaced some of the syndicated programming on one additional station. The decrease in syndicated programming costs was partially off-set by an increase in fees we pay under our network affiliation agreements, which require us to pay a portion of retransmission revenues above a threshold to the network.

Other expenses decreased by 7.4% and 2.3% for the 2013 third quarter and for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively. The decrease was primarily driven by lower marketing and promotion costs. In 2012, we incurred marketing and promotion costs to promote the launch our two new programs in seven of our television markets. Newspapers — We operate daily and community newspapers in 13 markets in the US. Our newspapers earn revenue primarily from the sale of advertising to local and national advertisers and from the sale of newspapers to readers. Our newspapers operate in mid-size markets, focusing on news coverage within their local markets. Advertising and subscription revenues provide substantially all of each newspaper's operating revenues, and employee, distribution and newsprint costs are the primary expenses at each newspaper. The operating performance of our newspapers is most affected by local and national economic conditions, particularly within the retail, labor, housing and automotive markets, as well as newsprint prices.

Operating results for our newspaper business were as follows:

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------|------------------------------------|--------|-------------|
| | 2013 | Change | 2012 | 2013 | Change | 2012 |
| Segment operating revenues: | | | | | | |
| Local | \$16,467 | (5.6) |)% \$17,452 | \$55,219 | (3.4 |)% \$57,174 |
| Classified | 16,174 | (10.8 |)% 18,126 | 51,456 | (10.5 |)% 57,521 |
| National | 1,449 | (24.5 |)% 1,919 | 5,429 | (17.9 |)% 6,614 |
| Preprint and other | 14,634 | (8.3 |)% 15,952 | 46,869 | (4.8 |)% 49,216 |
| Digital advertising and marketing services | 6,342 | (1.8 |)% 6,459 | 19,935 | 2.5 | % 19,449 |
| Advertising and marketing services | 55,066 | (8.1 |)% 59,908 | 178,908 | (5.8 |)% 189,974 |
| Subscriptions | 28,184 | 1.4 | % 27,801 | 86,751 | (1.5 |)% 88,068 |
| Other | 5,096 | 8.9 | % 4,681 | 15,627 | (1.8 |)% 15,907 |
| Total operating revenues | 88,346 | (4.4 |)% 92,390 | 281,286 | (4.3 |)% 293,949 |
| Segment costs and expenses: | | | | | | |
| Employee compensation and benefits | 40,029 | (4.8 |)% 42,064 | 124,199 | (6.2 |)% 132,338 |
| Newsprint, press supplies, and other printing costs | 10,614 | (9.0 |)% 11,658 | 34,965 | (8.2 |)% 38,101 |
| Distribution | 11,623 | (3.9 |)% 12,092 | 35,837 | (4.8 |)% 37,625 |
| Other expenses | 23,042 | 3.2 | % 22,327 | 71,428 | 2.2 | % 69,905 |
| Total costs and expenses | 85,308 | (3.2 |)% 88,141 | 266,429 | (4.2 |)% 277,969 |
| Segment profit | \$3,038 | (28.5 |)% \$4,249 | \$14,857 | (7.0 |)% \$15,980 |

Revenues

Advertising and marketing services revenues decreased 8.1% for the 2013 third quarter and 5.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, primarily as a result of continued secular changes in the demand for print advertising. Automotive and employment classified advertising and national advertising remained particularly weak.

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Digital advertising and marketing services include advertising on our newspaper Internet sites, digital advertising provided through audience-extension programs such as our arrangement with Yahoo!, and other digital marketing services we offer to our local advertising customers, such as managing their search engine marketing campaigns. Pure-play digital advertising and marketing services, which excludes digital advertising tied to print, increased 6.5% in the third quarter of 2013.

Subscriptions include fees paid by readers for access to our content in print and digital formats. We completed the launch of our bundled subscription model in the third quarter. Under our bundled offerings, subscribers receive access to all of our newspaper content on all platforms, and only limited digital content is available to non-subscribers. Subscription revenue increased in the third quarter by 1.4%, the first year-over-year increase since the fourth quarter of 2010. The increase was driven by the rollout of our bundled subscription model and increases in single copy prices. However, year-to-date subscription revenue decreased 1.5% compared to 2012 as a result of declines in circulation net paid levels. We expect to continue to see gains in subscription revenues in the coming quarters from our new subscription model.

Other operating revenues, including commercial printing and distribution services, increased by \$0.4 million for the third quarter and decreased \$0.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

Costs and expenses

Employee compensation and benefits decreased primarily due to lower employment levels year over year. We had approximately 5% fewer employees in 2013 as compared to 2012.

Newsprint, press supplies and other printing costs declined by 9.0% and 8.2% for the third quarter of 2013 and the nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, primarily due to lower expenditures for newsprint. Average newsprint prices decreased 6% and newsprint consumption decreased almost 6% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

Distribution costs decreased by 3.9% in the third quarter of 2013 compared to the third quarter of 2012 and 4.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 as compared to the prior year as a result of lower net paid circulation levels. A large portion of our distribution costs are variable and increase or decrease in relation to our circulation levels.

Other expenses increased by 3.2% for the 2013 quarter and 2.2% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, primarily due to a \$2 million year-to-date increase in marketing and promotion to support the launch of our bundled subscription offerings.

Shared services and corporate

We centrally provide certain services to our business segments. Such services include digital advertising sales and operations, digital content and platform development, accounting, tax, cash management, procurement, human resources, employee benefits and information technology. The business segments are allocated costs for such services at amounts agreed upon by management. Such allocated costs may differ from amounts that might be negotiated at arms-length. Costs for such services that are not allocated to the business segments are included in shared services and corporate costs. Shared services and corporate also includes unallocated corporate costs, including costs associated with being a public company.

Shared services and corporate expenses were \$13.9 million in the third quarter of 2013 and \$10.6 million in the third quarter of 2012. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013 shared services and corporate expenses were \$37.8

million and for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, they were \$26.8 million. Costs to hire and develop digital-only sales personnel, streamline the digital sales processes, and create digital content that were not allocated to our newspaper and television divisions totaled \$3.7 million in the third quarter of 2013 and \$10.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. We have hired 81 digital-only sales resources so far this year and expect to have approximately 100 on board by the end of 2013.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary source of liquidity is our available cash and borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility.

Operating activities

Cash provided by operating activities for the nine months ended September 30 is as follows:

| (in thousands) | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|---|
| | 2013 | 2012 | |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: | | | |
| Net (loss) income | \$(8,337 |) \$13,003 | |
| Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash flows from operating activities: | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 35,684 | 37,045 | |
| Contract termination fees | — | 5,663 | |
| Deferred income taxes | (1,770 |) 6,463 | |
| Excess tax benefits of share-based compensation plans | — | (4,320 |) |
| Stock and deferred compensation plans | 6,092 | 6,397 | |
| Pension expense, net of payments | 4,294 | 3,434 | |
| Other changes in certain working capital accounts, net | (13,486 |) 56,645 | |
| Miscellaneous, net | 3,458 | (52 |) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$25,935 | \$124,278 | |

The \$99 million decrease in cash provided by operating activities was primarily attributable to changes in working capital in each of the periods and lower segment profit in 2013 compared to 2012. The primary factors affecting changes in working capital are described below.

• Accounts receivable collections decreased \$19.2 million in 2013 primarily due to the high level of political advertising in the fourth quarter of 2012.

- We received \$25 million in 2012 for refunds of prior year taxes from the carryback of our 2011 net operating loss, increasing our cash flow from operations.

• Income tax benefits recognized in 2013 of \$3.8 million will not be received until we carryback our net operating loss against our 2012 tax returns.

• The accrual of annual incentive compensation, net of the payment of amounts earned in the prior year, decreased working capital by \$9.3 million in 2013 and increased working capital by \$1.2 million in 2012.

Investing activities

Cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30 is as follows:

| (in thousands) | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------|---|
| | 2013 | 2012 | |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: | | | |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment | (15,531 |) (14,166 |) |
| Purchase of investments | (1,425 |) (4,666 |) |
| Change in restricted cash | 1,800 | — | |
| Miscellaneous, net | 339 | 236 | |
| Net cash used in investing activities | \$(14,817 |) \$(18,596 |) |

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In 2013 and 2012 we used \$14.8 million and \$18.6 million, respectively, in cash for investing activities. The primary factors affecting our investing activities for the periods are described below.

In 2013, we increased our capital expenditures by \$1.4 million primarily due to increased investment in our digital operations. We expect total capital expenditures for the remainder of 2013 to be approximately \$5 million.

In 2013, our restricted cash decreased by \$1.8 million due to a reduction in cash held by our insurance carrier to secure payment of claims under our casualty insurance program. The cash is held as collateral in lieu of a stand-by letter of credit.

Financing activities

Cash used in financing activities for the nine months ended September 30 is as follows:

| (in thousands) | Nine Months Ended | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------|
| | September 30, 2013 | 2012 |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: | | |
| Payments on long-term debt | \$(11,925) | \$(11,925) |
| Repurchase of Class A Common shares | (69,313) | (23,564) |
| Proceeds from employee stock options | 40,229 | 12,575 |
| Tax payments related to shares withheld for RSUs | (6,157) | (7,524) |
| Excess tax benefits from stock compensation plans | — | 4,320 |
| Miscellaneous, net | (4,458) | 2,215 |
| Net cash used in financing activities | \$(51,624) | \$(23,903) |

In 2013 and 2012 we used cash for financing activities of \$51.6 million and \$23.9 million, respectively. The primary factors affecting our financing activities for the years are described below.

We currently have a \$312 million revolving credit and term loan agreement (“Financing Agreement”). The Financing Agreement, which expires in December 2016, includes a \$212 million term loan and a \$100 million revolving credit facility. There were no borrowings under our revolving credit agreement in 2013 and 2012. In the first nine months of 2013 and 2012 we made \$12 million in scheduled principal payments on our term loan. Scheduled principal payments on the term loan total \$23.9 million in the next 12 months. Under the terms of our current loan agreement, we currently expect to make an additional principal payment of approximately \$15 million in the fourth quarter as part of a requirement to make an additional principal payment based on a definition of excess cash flow.

Due to favorable market conditions, we are exploring options to refinance our existing Financing Agreement. We are in the process of negotiating a new \$275 million loan agreement which would include a \$200 million term loan and a \$75 million revolving line of credit. If completed as expected, the term loan would have annual principal payments of \$2 million, with the unpaid balance due in seven years. The new loan agreement would have more favorable interest rates, as well as increased flexibility for investments, acquisitions and restricted payments. If completed, we would expect to write-off up to \$7 million of unamortized loans fees associated with current Financing Agreement.

In November 2012, our board of directors authorized a repurchase program of up to \$100 million of our Class A Common shares through December 2014. Shares may be repurchased from time to time at management's discretion, either in the open market, through pre-arranged trading plans or in privately negotiated block transactions. We repurchased \$69.3 million of shares under this authorization in 2013. Under a previous authorization, we repurchased \$23.6 million of shares in 2012.

In 2013, we received \$40.2 million of proceeds from the exercise of employee stock options compared to \$12.6 million in 2012. The number of options being exercised has increased as our share price has moved above the exercise prices and the outstanding options near their expiration date. As of December 31, 2012, our employees held options to purchase 8.0 million shares. Our employees currently hold options to purchase 3.9 million shares at exercise prices

between \$6.63 and \$11.28 per share. The weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, all of which are exercisable, was \$9.46 at September 30, 2013.

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Other

We have met our funding requirements for our defined benefit pension plans under the provisions of the Pension Funding Equity Act of 2004 and the Pension Protection Act of 2006. We expect to contribute \$0.2 million in the remainder of 2013 to our defined benefit pension plans, primarily to fund benefit payments under the Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan.

We expect that our cash and short-term investments and cash flow from operating activities will be sufficient to meet our operating and capital needs over the next 12 months.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Contractual Obligations

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

There have been no material changes to the off-balance sheet arrangements disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

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Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Earnings and cash flow can be affected by, among other things, economic conditions and interest rate changes. 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 overall borrowing costs.

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

| (in thousands) | As of September 30, 2013 | | As of December 31, 2012 | |
|--|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| | Cost Basis | Fair Value | Cost Basis | Fair Value |
| Financial instruments subject to interest rate risk: | | | | |
| Variable rate credit facilities | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— |
| Term loan | 184,175 | 192,700 | 196,100 | 196,100 |
| Total long-term debt including current portion | \$184,175 | \$192,700 | \$196,100 | \$196,100 |
| Interest rate swap | \$825 | \$825 | \$1,619 | \$1,619 |
| Financial instruments subject to market value risk: | | | | |
| Investments held at cost | \$14,604 | (a) | \$15,242 | (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.

We utilize interest rate swaps to manage our interest expense exposure by fixing our interest rate on portions of our floating rate term loan. We have entered into a \$75 million notional value interest rate swap expiring in March 2016 which provides for a fixed interest rate of 1.08%. We did not provide or receive any collateral for this contract. The fair value of this financial derivative, which is designated as and qualifies as a cash flow hedge, is determined using the market standard methodology of netting the discounted future fixed cash receipts (or payments) and the discounted expected variable cash payments (or receipts). The variable cash payments (or receipts) are based on the expectation of future interest rates (forward curves) derived from observed market interest rate curves and implied volatilities. In addition, credit valuation adjustments, which consider the impact of any credit enhancements to the contracts, are incorporated in the fair values to account for potential nonperformance risk.

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Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure 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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| 32(A) | Section 906 Certifications |
| 32(B) | Section 906 Certifications |
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document (furnished herewith) |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document (furnished herewith) |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document (furnished herewith) |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document (furnished herewith) |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document (furnished herewith) |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document (furnished herewith) |

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