

DECHERD ROBERT W  
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# FORM 5

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DECHERD ROBERT W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

A. H. BELO  
CORPORATION, P.O. BOX  
224866

(Street)

DALLAS, TX 75222-4866

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
A. H. Belo CORP [AHC]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Series B Common Stock           | 12/27/2008                           |  | G                              | 152,635 D   | \$ 0 343,329   | D  |   |
| Series B Common Stock           |                                      |  |                                |   |  | I  | By Spouse (1)   |
| Series B Common Stock           |                                      |  |                                |   |  | I  | By GRATs (2)  |

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Stock

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. of |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|-------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares                 |       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                   |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                           | Other |
| DECHERD ROBERT W<br>A. H. BELO CORPORATION<br>P.O. BOX 224866<br>DALLAS, TX 75222-4866 | X             | A         | A Chairman,<br>President &<br>CEO | A     |

## Signatures

Robert W.  
Decherd  
02/09/2009  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.  
The reporting person is the settlor and trustee of each grantor retained annuity trust ("GRAT") and receives annual payments therefrom. The reporting person's children are the remaindermen. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. These Series B shares are held in several GRATs in the following amounts: 14,096 shares in the 2006 GRAT; 15,818 shares in the 2006-2 GRAT; 18,135 shares in the 2006-3 GRAT; 17,202 shares in the 2006-4 GRAT; 17,483 shares in the 2006-5 GRAT; 198,180 shares in the 2008-2 GRAT; 249,985 shares in the 2008-4 GRAT; 111,656 shares in the 2008-5 GRAT; and 111,656 shares in the 2008-6 GRAT.

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