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# FORM 4

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\* (Last, First, Middle) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary) Scripps, Charles, E.

The E. W. Scripps Company (SSP)

312 Walnut Street, 28th Floor

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### 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) 04/30/2003

(Street) 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable) 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Cincinnati, OH 45202

(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Х	Director 0	10% Owner	X Form filed by One Reporting Person	O Officer (give title below)	0
Form filed by	More than One	e Repoi	tin	g Person	0 Other (spe	cify below)		

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

### 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 Following Reported Transactions(s)	
(Instr. 3 and 4) 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	
(Instr. 4) 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price	
Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share 04/30/2003	S V 7,000,000 D \$75.512 22,096,111 As Trustee*
Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	18,800 D
Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	1,050 I By wife
Common Voting Shares, \$.01 par value per share	16,040,000 As Trustee*
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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) <b>3a. Deemed Execution</b> Date, if any	
(Month/Day/Year) 4. Transaction Code	
(Instr. 8) <b>5.</b> Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	
Code V (A) (D)	
Option \$48.50 5/13/99 A V 1	
Option \$48.94 5/18/00 A V 1	
Option \$64.32 5/10/01 A V 1	
Option \$78.01 5/9/02 A V 1	
Phantom Stock \$79.64 4/29/03 J V 1	

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned - Continued

( <i>e.g.</i> , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)	
6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	
(Month/Day/Year) 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	
(Instr. 3 and 4) 8. Price of Derivative Security	
(Instr. 5) 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	
(Instr. 4) 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	
(Instr. 4) 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Date Exercisable Expiration Date Title Amount or Number of Shares	
5/13/00 5/12/09 Class A Common 2,000 D	
5/18/01 5/17/10 Class A Common 5,000 D	
5/10/02 5/9/11 Class A Common 5,000 D	
5/9/03 5/8/12 Class A Common 5,000 D	
** ** Class A Common 1,620.36** 4 D	

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

\*-The reporting person is a Trustee of The Edward W. Scripps Trust (the "Trust") and has the power, together with the other Trustees of the Trust, to vote and dispose of the shares of the company held by the Trust. The reporting person has a life income interest in the Trust. \*\*-Pursuant to the company's 1997 Deferred Compensation and Stock Plan for Directors, directors may defer fees into a phantom stock fund. Under this plan, fees are converted quarterly into phantom shares at the fair market value of the company's Class A Common shares on the last trading day of each quarter. Upon retirement as a director, the balance may be paid in either shares or cash. The balance at 3/31/03 was 1,620.36 phantom shares. Mr. Scripps retired as a director on 4/29/03 and elected to have the balance paid in cash.

/s/ M. Denise Kuprionis, Attorney-in-fact for Charles E. Scripps 5/1/2003

**Signature	of	Repor	ting	Person
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Date

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