

SCRIPPS E W CO /DE  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GARDNER PAUL F

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
312 WALNUT STREET, 28TH FLOOR  
(Street)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SCRIPPS E W CO /DE [SSP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/10/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior VP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                             |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 02/10/2005                           |  | A                              |   | 11,803  | A  | 11,803 (1)                        |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share |                                      |  |                                |   | 12,225  | I  | Wife's Trust                      |

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Class A  
Common  
Shares,  
\$.01 par  
value per  
share

14,608 D

Common  
Voting  
Shares,  
\$.01 par  
value per  
share

0 D

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) |                |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title          | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option                                     | \$ 17.25   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/10/1998   | 01/09/2007  | Class A Common | 50,000                     |
| Option                                     | \$ 23.61   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/15/1999   | 01/14/2008  | Class A Common | 60,000                     |
| Option                                     | \$ 23.655  |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/19/2000   | 01/18/2009  | Class A Common | 70,000                     |
| Option                                     | \$ 24.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/24/2001   | 01/23/2010  | Class A Common | 70,000                     |
| Option                                     | \$ 32.125  |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/25/2002   | 01/24/2011  | Class A Common | 70,000                     |
| Option                                     | \$ 37.555  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/20/2003   | 02/19/2012  | Class A Common | 70,000                     |

|        |           |            |   |   |                           |            |                   |        |
|--------|-----------|------------|---|---|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------|
| Option | \$ 39.985 |            |   |   | 02/26/2004                | 02/25/2013 | Class A<br>Common | 50,000 |
| Option | \$ 48.71  |            |   |   | 03/23/2005                | 03/22/2014 | Class A<br>Common | 60,000 |
| Option | \$ 46.46  | 02/10/2005 | A | 1 | 02/15/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> | 02/09/2013 | Class A<br>Common | 40,000 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |           |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer   | Other |
| GARDNER PAUL F<br>312 WALNUT STREET, 28TH FLOOR<br>CINCINNATI, OH 45202 |               |           | Senior VP |       |

## Signatures

/s/ M. Denise Kuprionis, Attorney-in-fact for Paul F.  
Gardner

02/14/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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) This restricted share award is performance vested and shall vest, if at all, as follows: 25% on 2/15/06, 25% on 2/15/07 and 50% on 2/15/08.
- (2) This option is exercisable in equal installments on 2/15/06, 2/15/07 and 2/15/08.
- (3) The exercise price of this nonqualified stock option award granted under the company's Long-Term Incentive Plan is \$46.46.

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