FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIA	L OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  BURLINGAME JOHN H				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SCRIPPS E W CO /DE [ SSP ]							Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner									
(Last)	(F		(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2003							A		er (give title Other (specify					
(Street) CINCIN			45202 (Zip)		_ 4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of C				iled (	(Month/D	ay/Year)		6. Ind Line) X	,					
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									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or Pr	ice	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(113411 4)	
Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share															7	714		D		
Class A C	Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per hare												22,09	2,096,111		D <sup>(1)</sup>				
Common Voting Shares, \$.01 par value per share														16,04	16,040,000		D <sup>(1)</sup>			
	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)	Title of 2. 3. Transaction Date Execution Date, (Month/Day/Year) if any		4. Transa	4. 5. Number of Code (Instr. Derivative			6. Date Exe Expiration I (Month/Day	le and	7. Title and Amor of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security				10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Ex Da	piration te	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	er						
Option	\$48.5								05/13/2000	05/	12/2009	Class A Common	2,00	00		6		D		
Option	\$48.94							05/		05/	17/2010	Class A Common				6		D		
Option	\$64.32								05/10/2002	05/	09/2011	Class A Common	5,00	00		6		D		
Option	\$78.01								05/09/2003	05/	08/2012	Class A Common	5,00	00		6		D		
Phantom Stock	\$85.86	09/30/2003			J		1		(2)		(2)	Class A Common	127.	<b>4</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	(2)	6		D		
Option	\$79.64								04/29/2004	04/	28/2013	Class A Common	5,00	00		6		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 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. Mr. Burlingame disclaims any beneficial interest in the shares held by the Trust.
- 2. 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 or at another specified date, the balance may be paid in either shares or cash. The balance at 9/30/03 is 1,384.51 phantom shares.

## Remarks:

/s/ M. Denise Kuprionis, Attorney-in-fact for John H.

10/01/2003

**Burlingame** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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