

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>TYSOE RONALD W</u> | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SCRIPPS E W CO /DE [SSP]</u> | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/30/2003</u> | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| 312 WALNUT STREET, 28TH FLOOR | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | |
| (Street) <u>CINCINNATI OH 45202</u> | | | | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | |

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|-------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | | | | | | | | 0 | D | |
| Common Voting Shares, \$.01 par value per share | | | | | | | | 0 | D | |

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|--|-----------------|---|--|--|---|--|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |
| Option | \$38.38 | | | | | | | 05/12/1998 | 05/11/2007 | Class A Common | 1,900 | 8 | D | |
| Option | \$48.5 | | | | | | | 05/13/2000 | 05/12/2009 | Class A Common | 2,000 | 8 | D | |
| Option | \$48.94 | | | | | | | 05/18/2001 | 05/17/2010 | Class A Common | 5,000 | 8 | D | |
| Option | \$64.32 | | | | | | | 05/10/2002 | 05/09/2011 | Class A Common | 5,000 | 8 | D | |
| Option | \$78.01 | | | | | | | 05/09/2003 | 05/08/2012 | Class A Common | 5,000 | 8 | D | |
| Option | \$77.61 | | | | | | | 11/21/2003 | 11/20/2012 | Class A Common | 10,000 | 8 | D | |
| Phantom Stock | \$85.86 | 09/30/2003 | | J | | 1 | | (1) | (1) | Class A Common | 242.12 ⁽¹⁾ | (1) | 8 | D |
| Option | \$79.64 | | | | | | | 04/29/2004 | 04/28/2013 | Class A Common | 5,000 | 8 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. 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 9/30/03 is 8833.31 phantom shares.

Remarks:

/s/ M. Denise Kuprionis,
Attorney-in-fact for Ronald W. Tysoe 10/01/2003

** 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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