

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>EBEL GREGORY L</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) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP/Human Resources</u>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/23/2004</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X 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	03/23/2004		A		1,280	A	(1)	1,280 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share								1,575	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)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Option	\$49					01/24/2001	01/23/2010	Class A Common	10,000	5	D	
Option	\$64.25					01/25/2002	01/24/2011	Class A Common	11,000	5	D	
Option	\$75.11					02/20/2003	02/19/2012	Class A Common	15,000	5	D	
Option	\$79.97					02/26/2004	02/25/2013	Class A Common	12,000	5	D	
Option	\$97.42	03/23/2004		A	1	03/23/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/22/2014	Class A Common	11,250	(3)	5	D

## Explanation of Responses:

- This is a restricted share award, which is time vested in equal installments on 3/23/05, 3/23/06 and 3/23/07.
- This option is exercisable in three equal installments on 3/23/05, 3/23/06 and 3/23/07.
- The exercise price of this nonqualified stock option award granted under the company's Long-Term Incentive Plan is \$97.42.

## Remarks:

/s/ M. Denise Kuprionis,  
Attorney-in-fact for Gregory L. Ebel 03/25/2004

\*\* 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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