FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SCRIPPS E W CO /DE [SSP] | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| LOWE KENNETH W | | | | 50112 | 2102,,00 | 722 | [00 | - , | X | Director | Owner | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/23/2003 | | | | | | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | | |
| , | | | | | | | | | | | r resident & CEO | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | | 4. If Am | endment, Date of C | Original I | Filed (| Month/Day/Ye | ar) | 6. Ind Line) | ividual or Joint/Group | Filing (Check Ap | plicable | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | X | Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| | | | Table I - N | on-Deriv | ative S | ecurities Acqu | uired, | Disp | osed of, o | r Bene | ficially | Owned | | | | |
| | | | 2. Trans Date (Month/I | action Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (111501.4) | | |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | | | | 07/23 | 3/2003 | | F | | 5,990 | D | 81.4 | 63,538 | I | Wife's trust | | |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | | | | | /1988 ⁽¹⁾ | | P ⁽¹⁾ | | 0(1) | A | 0(1) | 240,809 | D | | | |
| Common Voting Shares, \$.01 par value per share 08/0 | | | | | /1988 ⁽¹⁾ | | P ⁽¹⁾ | | 0(1) | A | 0(1) | 0(1) | D | | | |
| | | | Table II | | | curities Acqui | | | | | | wned | | | | |
| 1 Title of | 12 | 2 Transactio | n 2A Doome | d 4 | | 5 Number 6 Da | to Evere | icabla | and 7 | Title and / | mount | 9 Price of 9 Numb | or of 10 | 11 Nature | | |

| (e.g., puts, cans, 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. Transa Code (8) | | 5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Dispo of (D) (Instr | rities uired r osed) r. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye | 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 | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Option | 16.35 | 12/16/1993 | | A | | 1 | | 12/16/1994 | 12/16/2003 | Class A Common | 16,200 | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 10 | D | |
| Option | 18.76 | 12/09/1994 | | A | | 1 | | 12/09/1995 | 12/09/2004 | Class A Common | 40,500 | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 10 | D | |
| Option | 34.5 | 01/10/1997 | | A | | 1 | | 01/10/1998 | 01/09/2007 | Class A Common | 23,500 | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 10 | D | |
| Option | 47.22 | 01/15/1998 | | A | | 1 | | 01/15/1999 | 01/14/2008 | Class A Common | 30,000 | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 10 | D | |
| Option | 49 | 01/24/2000 | | A | | 1 | | 01/24/2001 | 01/23/2010 | Clas A Common | 60,000 | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 10 | D | |
| Deferred Stock Units | 0(2) | 08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾ | | A | | 1 | | 08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾ | 08/08/1988 ⁽²⁾ | Class A Common | 19,207 | \$0(1) | 10 | D | |
| Option | 52.79 | 10/01/2000 | | A | | 1 | | 10/01/2001 | 09/30/2010 | Class A Common | 60,000 | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 10 | D | |
| Option | 64.25 | 01/25/2001 | | A | | 1 | | 01/25/2002 | 01/24/2011 | Class A Common | 100,000 | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 10 | D | |
| Option | 75.11 | 02/20/2002 | | A | | 1 | | 02/20/2003 | 02/19/2012 | Class A Common | 125,000 | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 10 | D | |
| Option | 79.97 | 02/26/2003 | | A | | 1 | | 02/26/2004 | 02/25/2013 | Class A Common | 125,000 | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 10 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. No transaction.
- 2. The deferred stock units automatically convert into Class A Common shares on 1/15/04.

/s/ M. Denise Kuprionis, Attorney-in-fact for Kenneth W. 07/24/2003 Lowe

^{**} Signature of Reporting Person Date

** 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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