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## 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 Addres <u>LANSING JC</u>	s of Reporting Persor <u>)HN F</u>	)* 	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SCRIPPS E W CO /DE</u> [ SSP ]	(Check	tionship of Reporting Perso all applicable) Director Officer (give title	n(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify
(Last) 312 WALNUT S	(First) TREET, 28TH FL	(Middle) OOR	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/23/2004	Х	below) SVP/Televisi	below)
(Street) <u>CINCINNATI</u> OH 45202 (City) (State) (Zip)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Repor Form filed by More than Person	ting Person

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	te Execution Date, Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Ins				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	03/23/2004		A		1,705	A	(1)	1,705(1)	D	
Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share								8,275	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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	ivative Conversion Date Execution Date, Trans urity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any Code		Transaction of Code (Instr. Derivative		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)		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	\$49							01/24/2001	01/23/2010	Class A Common	8,000		5	D	
Option	\$64.25							01/25/2002	01/24/2011	Class A Common	12,000		5	D	
Option	\$75.11							02/20/2003	02/19/2012	Class A Common	35,000		5	D	
Option	\$79.97							02/26/2004	02/25/2013	Class A Common	30,000		5	D	
Option	\$97.42	03/23/2004		A		1		03/23/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/22/2014	Class A Common	15,000	(3)	5	D	

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

1. This is a restricted share award, which is time vested in equal installments on 3/23/05, 3/23/06 and 3/23/07.

2. This option is exercisable in three equal installments on 3/23/05, 3/23/06 and 3/23/07.

3. 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 John F. Lansing

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).

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