FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|--|---|--|---|--------------------------------|---|---|------|---------------|---|------------------------------------|---|--------------------|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PAUMGARTEN NICHOLAS B | | | | | 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) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
| (Last) | ist) (First) (Middle) | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/30/2003 | | | | | | | | | (give title | | (specify | | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Or | | | | | | | | | | of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | | | | | | | | | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
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| | | Ta | ble I - Non- | Deriva | tive S | ecuri | ties | Acqui | ired, | Disp | osed of | f, or Ben | eficial | y Owned | | | | | |
| Date | | | | 2. Transac Date Month/Da | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | ate, | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5) | | | Beneficia Owned F | Form Sollowing (I) (I) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount (A) or (D) | | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share 08/08/ | | | | | 1988(1) | | | | P ⁽¹⁾ | | 0(1) | A | 0(1) | 40 | 00 | D | | | |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share 08/08/ | | | | 08/08/1 | 1988 ⁽¹⁾ | | | | P ⁽¹⁾ | | 0(1) | A 0(1) | | 8! | 850 | | By wife | | |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share 08/08/ | | | | | 1988 ⁽¹⁾ | | | | p (1) | | 0(1) | A | 0(1) | 2,0 | 2,000 | | As trustee for sons | | |
| Common Voting Shares, \$.01 par value per share 08/08/ | | | | | 1988(1) | | | | P ⁽¹⁾ | | 0(1) | A | 0(1) | 0 | (1) | D | | | |
| | | | Table II - D | | | | | | | | | or Bene le secu | | Owned | | | | | |
| 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/Ye | 4. Tran Cod | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. | | | | e Exerc ation Da h/Day/Y | isable ite | | | d Amount es G Security | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | Ownersh Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | Cod | e V | (A) | (D) | Date Exerc | isable | Exp | iration e | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| Option | 18.67 | 12/09/1994 | | A | | 1 | | 12/09 | 9/1995 | 12 | /09/2004 | Class A Common | 8,100 | \$0(1) | 8 | D | | | |
| Option | 38.38 | 05/12/1997 | | A | | 1 | | 05/12 | 2/1998 | 05 | /11/2007 | Class A Common | 1,900 | \$0(1) | 8 | D | | | |
| Option | 48.5 | 05/13/1999 | | A | | 1 | | 05/13 | 3/2000 | 05/ | /12/2009 | Class A Common | 2,000 | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 8 | D | | | |
| Option | 48.94 | 05/18/2000 | | A | | 1 | | 05/18 | 3/2001 | 05/ | /17/2010 | Class A Common | 5,000 | \$0(1) | 8 | D | | | |
| Option | 64.32 | 05/10/2001 | | A | | 1 | | 05/10 | 0/2002 | 05 | /09/2011 | Class A Common | 5,000 | \$0(1) | 8 | D | | | |
| Option | 78.01 | 05/09/2002 | | A | | 1 | | 05/09 | 9/2003 | 05/ | /08/2012 | Class A Common | 5,000 | \$0(1) | 8 | D | | | |
| Phantom Stock | 88.62 | 06/30/2003 | | J | | 1 | | 08/08/ | 1988 ⁽²⁾ | 08/0 |)8/1988 ⁽²⁾ | Class A Common | 76.61 ⁽² | \$0(1) | 8 | D | | | |
| Option | 79.64 | 04/29/2003 | | A | | 1 | | 04/29 | 9/2004 | 04 | /28/2013 | Class A Common | 5,000 | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 8 | D | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. No transaction.

/s/ M. Denise Kuprionis,

Attorney-in-fact for Nicholas B. 07/01/2003

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^{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, the balance may be paid in either shares or cash. The 6/30/03 balance is 2,835.28

^{**} Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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