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* PETERMAN TIM (Last) (First) (Middle) 312 WALNUT STREET, 28TH FLOOR | | | | | | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SCRIPPS E W CO /DE [SSP] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2004 | | | | | | | | | | heck all app Direc X Office belov | tor er (give title | | 10% Ov Other (s below) | wner |
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| (Street) CINCINNATI OH 45202 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | ne) X Form Form | dual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | | | ar) I | Execution f any | xecution Date, | | 3. Transad Code (I 8) | ction nstr. | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5) | | | | d Securi Benefi | ies | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | (e.ia.i.) | | Code | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Price | Report Transa | | ``, | | (Instr. 4) |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | | | | | 01/02/2004 | | | | М | | 5,00 | 0 | A \$75 | | 01 | 0 | | D | | |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | | | | | 2/2004 | | | | | S | | 5,00 | 0 | D | \$95 | 5 2 | 2,618 | | 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. Deemo Execution if any (Month/Da | Date, | 4. Transacti Code (Ins 8) | | on of | | | Date Exe piration onth/Day | Date | | of Sec Unde Deriv | 7. Title and Amoun of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | ly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Da: Ex | te ercisable | | opiration | Title | OI N O | umber | | | | | |
| Option | \$75.01 | 03/01/2002 | | | A | | | 1(1) | 03 | 3/01/2003 | 02 | 2/28/2012 | Class | | 5,000 | \$95 | 2 | | D | |
| Option | \$79.97 | | | | | | | | 02 | 2/26/2004 | 1 02 | 2/25/2013 | Class | | 2,000 | | 2 | | D | |
| Option | \$75.01 | | | | | | | | 03 | 3/01/2003 | 02 | 2/28/2012 | Class | A 1 | 0.000 | | 2 | | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. On 3/1/02 Mr. Peterman received an option award in the amount of 15,000 shares. On 1/2/04 he exercised a portion of such award, 5,000 shares. Therefore, 10,000 shares remain exercisable.

Remarks:

/s/ M. Denise Kuprionis, Attorney-in-fact for Tim

01/05/2004

Peterman

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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