

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>CONTRERAS MARK G</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>312 WALNUT STREET, 28TH FLOOR<br><br>(Street)<br>CINCINNATI OH 45202<br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>SCRIPPS E W CO /DE [ SSP ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>SVP/Newspapers</u> |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>02/21/2008</u>            |   |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |  |   |

**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) |
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|  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price |   |  |   |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 02/21/2008                           |  | A                              |   | 7,826   | A          | (1)   | 7,826 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |       | 10,017  | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|-----|--|-----------------|---|--|--|---|--|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  |
| Option                                     | \$46.46  |                                      |  |                                |  |     | 02/15/2006   | 02/09/2013      | Class A Common  | 15,000                                     | 5  | D   |  |
| Option                                     | \$48.91  |                                      |  |                                |  |     | 02/22/2007   | 02/21/2014      | Class A Common  | 17,500                                     | 5  | D   |  |
| Option                                     | \$44.75  |                                      |  |                                |  |     | 03/29/2007   | 03/28/2014      | Class A Common  | 15,000                                     | 5  | D   |  |
| Option                                     | \$48.82  |                                      |  |                                |  |     | 02/22/2008   | 02/21/2015      | Class A Common  | 25,000                                     | 5  | D   |  |
| Option                                     | \$42.62  | 02/21/2008                           |  | A                              | 1  |     | 02/21/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 02/20/2016      | Class A Common  | 25,000                                     | (3)  | 5   | D  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- This restricted share award shall vest in three equal installments on 2/21/09, 2/21/10 and 2/21/11.
- This option is exercisable in equal installments on 2/21/09, 2/21/10 and 2/21/11.
- The exercise price of this nonqualified stock option award granted under the company's Long-Term Incentive Plan is \$42.62.

**Remarks:**

/s/M. Denise Kuprionis,  
Attorney-in-fact for Mark G. Contreras      02/25/2008

\*\* 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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