

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>PAUMGARTEN NICHOLAS B</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>312 WALNUT STREET, 28TH FLOOR</u> (Street) <u>CINCINNATI OH 45202</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SCRIPPS E W CO /DE [SSP]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/31/2003</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share								400	D	
Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share								850	I	By wife
Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share								2,000	I	As trustee for sons
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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Option	\$18.67							12/09/1995	12/09/2004	Class A Common	8,100	8	D	
Option	\$38.38							05/12/1998	05/11/2007	Class A Common	1,900	8	D	
Option	\$48.5							05/13/2000	05/12/2009	Class A Common	2,000	8	D	
Option	\$48.94							05/18/2001	05/17/2010	Class A Common	5,000	8	D	
Option	\$64.32							05/10/2002	05/09/2011	Class A Common	5,000	8	D	
Option	\$78.01							05/09/2003	05/08/2012	Class A Common	5,000	8	D	
Phantom Stock	\$94.17	12/31/2003		J		1		(1)	(1)	Class A Common	72.38 ⁽¹⁾	(1)	8	D
Option	\$79.64							04/29/2004	04/28/2013	Class A Common	5,000	8	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. 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 12/31/03 balance is 3010.15 phantom shares.

Remarks:

/s/ M. Denise Kuprionis,
 Attorney-in-fact for Nicholas B. Paumgarten 01/02/2004

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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