FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* LANSING JOHN F (Last) (First) (Middle) 312 WALNUT STREET, 28TH FLOOR 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SCRIPPS E W CO /DE [SSP] (Street) CINCINNATI OH 45202 (City) (State) (Zip) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SCRIPPS E W CO /DE [SSP] (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) SVP/Television 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Nother (Specify below) SVP/Television 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X 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 | | | | | | | | | |
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| SCRIPPS E W CO /DE [SSP] (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) SVP/Television | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| LANSING JOHN F SCRIPPS E W CO /DE [SSP] (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title) Other (greeity) | * * | ` ' | , | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | below) below) | | | | | |
| 2 Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 5 Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | g Person [*] | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SCRIPPS E W CO /DE [SSP] | Director 10% Owner | | | | | |

| 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) | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | 10/22/2003 | | M | | 6,000 | A | \$47.22 | 0 | D | |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 10/22/2003 | | S | | 6,000 | D | \$92.9984 | 0 | D | |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 10/22/2003 | | М | | 10,000 | A | \$47.31 | 0 | D | |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 10/22/2003 | | S | | 10,000 | D | \$92.9984 | 2,025 | 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. Transa Code (8) | | of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Dispo | r osed) r. 3, 4 | Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) es d | | ate of Securities | | 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 | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Option | \$47.22 | 01/15/1998 | | Α | | | 1 | 01/15/1999 | 01/14/2008 | Class A Common | 6,000 | \$92.9984 | 4 | D | |
| Option | \$47.31 | 01/19/1999 | | A | | | 1 | 01/19/2000 | 01/18/2009 | Class A Common | 10,000 | \$92.9984 | 4 | D | |
| Option | \$49 | | | | | | | 01/24/2001 | 01/23/2010 | Class A Common | 8,000 | | 4 | D | |
| Option | \$64.25 | | | | | | | 01/25/2002 | 01/24/2011 | Class A Common | 12,000 | | 4 | D | |
| Option | \$75.11 | | | | | | | 02/20/2003 | 02/19/2012 | Class A Common | 35,000 | | 4 | D | |
| Option | \$79.97 | | | | | | | 02/26/2004 | 02/25/2013 | Class A Common | 30,000 | | 4 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

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

10/24/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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