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*					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)						
BURLINGAME JOHN H						МІГ	<u> </u>	<u>. vv</u>	<u>CO</u>	<u>/DE</u>	L 33	r j	) 2	X Director			10% Ov	vner			
(Last) 312 WA	Last) (First) (Middle) 312 WALNUT STREET, 28TH FLOOR					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/15/2004										Officer (give title Other (specify below)					
						Ame	ndment	t, Date	of Ori	iginal F	iled (	(Month/D		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable							
(Street) CINCIN	Street) CINCINNATI OH 45202															X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
(City)	y) (State) (Zip)													Person							
		Tab	le I - Non	-Deriv	ative	Sec	curiti	es A	cqui	red, [	Disp	osed	of, or	Bene	ficiall	y Owned	ı				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D					ar) i	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)			(A) or 3, 4 and		es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
										v	Amount		A) or D)	Price	Transact	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)		
Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share																7	714		D		
Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share																22,09	22,096,111		D <sup>(1)</sup>		
Common Voting Shares, \$.01 par value per share																16,04	40,000		D <sup>(1)</sup>		
		1	able II - I	Derivat e.g., p												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 I if any (Month/Day	d 4 Date, 1	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of		6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)				7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		nount	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)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	cisable	Ex <sub>I</sub>	piration te	Title	or Nu of	nount mber ares						
Option	\$48.5								05/13	3/2000	05/	12/2009	Class Comm		,000		7		D		
Option	\$48.94								05/18	8/2001	05/	17/2010	Class Comm		,000		7		D		
Option	\$64.32								05/10	0/2002	05/	09/2011	Class Comm		,000		7		D		
Option	\$78.01								05/09	9/2003	05/	08/2012	Class Comm		,000		7		D		
Option	\$79.64								04/29	9/2004	04/	28/2013	Class Comm		,000		7		D		
Phantom Stock	\$100.43								(	(2)		(2)	Class Comm		3.82 <sup>(2)</sup>		7		D		
Option	\$105.82	04/15/2004			A		1		04/15	5/2005	04/	14/2014	Class Comm		,000	(3)	7		D		

### Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The reporting person is a Trustee of the Edward W. Scripps Trust (the "Trust") and has the power, together with the other Trustees of the Trust, to vote and dispose of the shares of the company held by the Trust. Mr. Burlingame disclaims any beneficial interest in the shares held by the Trust.
- 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 or at another specified date, the balance may be paid in either shares or cash. The balance at 3/31/04 is 1,027.58 phantom shares.
- 3. The exercice price of this nonqualified stock option award granted under the company's Long Term Incentive Plan is \$105.82.

# Remarks:

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

04/16/2004

<u>Burlingame</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

<sup>\*</sup> 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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