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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549**

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940**

Check this box if no longer
subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5
obligations may continue.
See Instruction 1(b)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <i>(Last, First, Middle)</i></p> <p>Lowe, Kenneth W.</p>	<p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>The E. W. Scripps Company (SSP)</p>	<p>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity <i>(Voluntary)</i></p>
<p>312 Walnut Street, 28th Floor</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Street)</i></p> <p>Cincinnati, OH 45202</p> <p><i>(City) (State) (Zip)</i></p>	<p>4. Statement for <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i></p> <p>12/31/02</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date of Original <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i></p>
	<p>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer <i>(Check All Applicable)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <i>(give title below)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify below)</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">President and Chief Executive Officer</p>	<p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing <i>(Check Applicable Line)</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>

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).

Table I — Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security <i>(Instr. 3)</i>	2. Transaction Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	2a. Deemed Execution Date, if any. <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i>	3. Transaction Code <i>(Instr. 8)</i>	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i>	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) <i>(Instr. 3 and 4)</i>	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <i>(Instr. 4)</i>	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <i>(Instr. 4)</i>		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share						16,835		I	Wife's trust
Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share	12/31/02		F	V	6,461	D	\$76.52	134,412	D
Common Voting Shares, \$.01 par value per share								None	

**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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)
Option	\$16.35	12/16/93		A	V	1	
Option	\$18.76	12/9/94		A	V	1	
Option	\$34.50	1/10/97		A	V	1	
Option	\$47.22	1/15/98		A	V	1	
Option	\$49.00	1/24/00		A	V	1	
Deferred Stock Units							
Option	\$52.79	10/1/00		A	V	1	
Option	\$64.25	1/25/01		A	V	1	
Option	\$75.11	2/20/02		A	V	1	

Table II — Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned — Continued
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
12/16/94	12/16/03	Class A Common	16,200		D
12/9/95	12/9/04	Class A Common	40,500		D
1/10/98	1/9/07	Class A Common	23,500		D
1/15/99	1/14/08	Class A Common	30,000		D
1/24/01	1/23/10	Class A Common	60,000		D
*	*	Class A Common	38,414		D
10/1/01	9/30/10	Class A Common	60,000		D
1/25/02	1/24/11	Class A Common	100,000		D
2/20/03	2/19/12	Class A Common	125,000	9	D

Explanation of Responses:

* - The deferred stock units automatically convert into Class A Common shares as follows: 19,207 on 1/15/03 and 19,207 on 1/15/04.

/s/ M. Denise Kuprionis, Attorney-in-fact for
Kenneth W. Lowe

1/3/03

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.