

SCRIPPS CHARLES E

Form 4

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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**

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <i>(Last, First, Middle)</i></p> <p>Scripps, Charles E.</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 type="checkbox"/> Officer <i>(give title below)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify below)</i></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> | |

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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> |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|

(A)
or
Code V Amount(D) Price

| | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|------------|--|----------------|
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | | | | | 29,096,111 | | As Trustee* |
|--|--|--|--|--|------------|--|----------------|

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| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | | | | | 18,800 | D | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--------|---|--|

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| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | | | | | 1,050 | I | By wife |
|--|--|--|--|--|-------|---|---------|

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|---|--|--|--|--|------------|--|----------------|
| Common Voting Shares, \$.01 par value per share | | | | | 16,040,000 | | As Trustee* |
|---|--|--|--|--|------------|--|----------------|

*see
explanation

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security <i>(Instr. 3)</i> | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i> | 3a. Deemed Execution Date, if any <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i> | 4. Transaction Code <i>(Instr. 8)</i> | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i> | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|-----|-----|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |
| Option | \$48.50 | 5/13/99 | | 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 <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i> | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities <i>(Instr. 3 and 4)</i> | 8. Price of Derivative Security <i>(Instr. 5)</i> | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) <i>(Instr. 4)</i> | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <i>(Instr. 4)</i> | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <i>(Instr. 4)</i> |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|---|---|
| 5/13/00 | 5/12/09 | Class A Common | 2,000 | | D |
| 5/18/01 | 5/17/10 | Class A Common | 5,000 | | D |
| 5/10/02 | 5/9/11 | Class A Common | 5,000 | | D |
| 5/9/03 | 5/8/12 | Class A Common | 5,000 | | D |
| ** | ** | Class A Common | 143.05** | 5 | D |

Explanation of Responses:

* - 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. The reporting person has a life income interest in the Trust.

** - 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 balance at 12/31/02 is 1,449.15.

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/s/ M. Denise Kuprionis,
Attorney-in-fact for
Charles E. Scripps

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.

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