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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

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

| Name and Address of Reporting Person* (Last, First, Middle) Wolfzorn, John E. 312 Walnut Street, 28th Floor | | | | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol The E. W. Scripps Company (SSP) | 3. | I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary) | | | | |
|--|----------------------|-------|----|---|----|---|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | Statement for (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/02 | 5. | If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) | | | | |
| | (Street) | | 6. | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable) | 7. | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | |
| Cincinnati, | Cincinnati, OH 45202 | | | O Director O 10% Owner | | X | Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Vice President and Treasurer | | 0 | Form filed by More than One 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).

| | | Tabl | e I | Non-Derivative Se | ecu | rities Acquir | ed, Disposed of, o | r B | eneficially Ow | ne | d | | |
|---|----|--------------------------------------|-----|---|-----|-------------------------------------|--|-----|---|----|---|----|--|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. | Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2a. | Deemed Execution Date, if any. (Month/Day/Year) | 3. | Transaction4. Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. | Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. | Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | Code V | (A) or Amount (D) Price | | | | | | |
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | | | | | | | | | 650 | | D | | |
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| Common Voting Shares, \$.01 par value per share | | | | | | | | | None | | | | |
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 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Table II} & \textbf{Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned} \\ & (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

| 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) | Transa Code (Instr. | | 5. | Securiti Acquire (D) | | |
|----|---|----|--|----|---|------|--|-------------------------------|---|----|----------------------------|--------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | | (A) | (D) | |
| | Option | | \$34.50 | | 1/10/97 | | | A | V | | 1 | | |
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 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Table II} & \textbf{Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned} & \textbf{Continued} \\ & (\textit{e.g.}, \textbf{puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)} \end{tabular} \begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Continued of the properties} & \textbf{C$

| 6. | Date Exercis Expiration I (Month/Day/ | Date | 7. | Title and of Underly Securities (Instr. 3 and | ying | 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 | | | | | | | | |
| | 1/10/98 | 1/9/07 | | Class A Common | 2,000 | | | | | | D | | |
| | 1/15/99 | 1/14/08 | | Class A Common | 5,200 | | | | | | D | | |
| | 1/19/00 | 1/18/09 | | Class A Common | 5,200 | | | | | | D | | |
| | 1/24/01 | 1/23/10 | | Class A Common | 5,000 | | | | | | D | | |
| | 1/25/02 | 1/24/11 | | Class A Common | 5,000 | | | | | | D | | |
| | 2/20/03 | 2/19/12 | | Class A Common | 7,500 | | | | | | D | | |
| | * | * | | Class A Common | 5.72* | | | | 7 | | D | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

* - Pursuant to the company's 1997 Deferred Compensation and Phantom Stock Plan for Senior Officers and Selected Executives, executives may defer all or a portion of the payments which become payable under the Annual Executive Bonus Plan into a phantom stock fund. Dividends are credited quarterly and converted into phantom shares. The balance at 12/31/02 is 2,923.80.

| /s/ M. Denise Kuprionis, Attorney-in-fact for E. John Wolfzorn | 1/3/03 |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

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