

SCRIPPS E W CO /DE  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |
| Hale Mark S                               |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | SCRIPPS E W CO /DE [SSP]                           |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
|   |         | 05/20/2005                           |  |  |
| 312 WALNUT STREET, 28TH FLOOR             |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)                             |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                                     |
|   |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below)                                 | (specify below)  |
| CINCINNATI, OH 45202                      |         |                                      | VP of Technology Operations                        | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4)               | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|
| Class A Common Shares, \$.01 par value per share | 1,470  | I   | Wife's Trust   |
| Common Voting Shares, \$.01 par value per share  | 0  | D   | H  |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) |                            | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|--|---|---|
|  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |   |   |
| Option                                     | 01/15/1999   | 01/14/2008      | Class A Common  | 8,000                      | \$ 23.61   | D   | Â   |
| Option                                     | 01/19/2000   | 01/18/2009      | Class A Common  | 10,000                     | \$ 23.66   | D   | Â   |
| Option                                     | 01/24/2001   | 01/23/2010      | Class A Common  | 11,000                     | \$ 24.5  | D   | Â   |
| Option                                     | 01/25/2002   | 01/24/2011      | Class A Common  | 15,000                     | \$ 32.13   | D   | Â   |
| Option                                     | 02/20/2003   | 02/19/2012      | Class A Common  | 10,000                     | \$ 37.56   | D   | Â   |
| Option                                     | 02/26/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 02/25/2013      | Class A Common  | 16,000                     | \$ 39.99   | D   | Â   |
| Option                                     | 02/25/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 02/24/2014      | Class A Common  | 16,000                     | \$ 49.15   | D   | Â   |
| Option                                     | 02/15/2006 <sup>(3)</sup>                                | 02/09/2013      | Class A Common  | 16,000                     | \$ 46.46   | D   | Â   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| Hale Mark S<br>312 WALNUT STREET, 28TH FLOOR<br>CINCINNATI, OH 45202 | Â             | Â         | Â VP of Technology Operations | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/M. Denise Kuprionis, Attorney-in fact for Mark S. Hale  
Date: 05/26/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

(1) This option is exercisable in three equal installments. 1/3 vested on 2/26/04, 1/3 vested on 2/26/05 and 1/3 will vest on 2/26/06.

(2) This option is exercisable in three equal installments. 1/3 vested on 2/25/05, 1/3 will vest on 2/25/06 and 1/3 will vest on 2/25/07.

(3) This option is exercisable in three equal installments. 1/3 will vest on 2/15/06, 1/3 will vest on 2/15/07 and 1/3 will vest on 2/15/08.

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