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April 25, 2003

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED) APRIL 24, 2003

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 0-16914

THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY  
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

OHIO  
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF  
INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

31-1223339  
(I.R.S. EMPLOYER  
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)

312 WALNUT STREET  
CINCINNATI, OHIO  
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

45202  
(ZIP CODE)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: (513) 977-3000

NOT APPLICABLE

(FORMER NAME OR FORMER ADDRESS, IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)

THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY

Item 5. Other Events

The Edward W. Scripps Trust (the "Scripps Trust"), the controlling shareholder of The E.W. Scripps Company (the "Company"), is offering 7,000,000 of the Class A Common Shares (the "Shares") of the Company through Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (the "Underwriters") pursuant to an Underwriting Agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") dated April 24, 2003, among the Company, the Scripps Trust and the Underwriters. The Shares are registered on a Registration Statement (the "Registration Statement") on Form S-3 of the Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 25, 2003 (file number 333-104008). Filed herewith as Exhibit 1.1 is the Underwriting Agreement, which is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(a) Financial Statements. Not applicable.

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(b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibits are being filed herewith:

- 1.1 Underwriting Agreement dated April 24, 2003, among The E.W. Scripps Company, The Edward W. Scripps Trust, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY

By: /s/ E. John Wolfzorn

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E. John Wolfzorn  
Vice President and Treasurer

Dated: April 24, 2003

THE E.W. SCRIPPS COMPANY

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