

PRIMEDIA INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**CHELL BEVERLY C**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O PRIMEDIA, 745 FIFTH AVENUE**  
  
(Street)

**NEW YORK, NY 10151**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**PRIMEDIA INC [PRM]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**08/25/2005**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Vice Chairman, Gen. Coun. & Sec.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code V Amount (D) Price   |  |                                   |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
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| (Instr. 3)                           | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) Code  | (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title      |  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|--|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5                         | 08/25/2005       | D <sup>(1)</sup> |                                | 1,542,484        | <sup>(1)</sup>  | 05/13/2005 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5                         | 08/25/2005       | A <sup>(1)</sup> | 1,542,484                      |                  | <sup>(1)</sup>  | 11/30/2008 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                  |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                          | Other |
| CHELL BEVERLY C<br>C/O PRIMEDIA<br>745 FIFTH AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10151 | X             |           | Vice Chairman, Gen. Coun. & Sec. |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Beverly C.  
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08/26/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) Amendment of outstanding option resulting in deemed cancellation of option and grant of replacement option. The option was originally granted on May 13, 1992 and is fully vested.

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