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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

(Last)

Salas Carl

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

05/11/2005

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PRIMEDIA INC [PRM]

(Check all applicable)

Vice President, Treasurer

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

PRIMEDIA INC., Â 745 FIFTH **AVENUE**

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

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

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10151

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership

Form: Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

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)

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

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration

Date

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

Derivative Security

Security: Direct (D) or Indirect

(I)

(Instr. 5)

Stock Options (Right to Buy) $12/02/2004_{\frac{(1)}{2}}$ 12/02/2008 Common Stock 2,500 \$ 2.9 D Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Salas Carl

PRIMEDIA INC.
745 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10151

Signatures

Carl Salas 05/16/2005

**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) The option is exercisable in three installments of one-third each beginning December 3, 2004. As of the date hereof, 833 shares are vested.

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Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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