

MEREDITH CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**ZIESER JOHN S**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
1716 LOCUST STREET  
  
(Street)

DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MEREDITH CORP [MDP]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**08/09/2005**

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)  
V.P.-Corp.Dev.,G.Counsel & Sec

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock (\$1 par value) <sup>(1)</sup>				(A) or (D)	V Amount Price		by Managed Account
Common Stock (\$1 par value) <sup>(2)</sup>						I	by Spouse
Common Stock (Restricted) (\$1 par value) <sup>(3)</sup>						D	

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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 (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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(4)</u>	\$ 49.1	08/09/2005		A	20,000	08/09/2008 08/09/2015	Common Stock (\$1 par value) 20
Restricted stock units <u>(5)</u>	\$ 0	08/09/2005		A	3,333	08/08/1988 08/08/1988	Common Stock (\$1 par value) 3,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(6)</u>	\$ 28.0625					08/09/2008 08/08/2010	Common Stock (\$1 par value) 12
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(7)</u>	\$ 28.0625					08/09/2001 08/09/2010	Common Stock (\$1 par value) 18
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(8)</u>	\$ 33.1563					08/12/2000 08/10/2009	Common Stock (\$1 par value) 6,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(7)</u>	\$ 33.1563					08/11/2000 08/11/2009	Common Stock (\$1 par value) 18
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(7)</u>	\$ 34.8					08/08/2002 08/08/2011	Common Stock (\$1 par value) 22



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Shares were awarded pursuant to the Meredith Corporation Stock Incentive Plans. The shares are subject to forfeiture and are nontransferable until vested, as specified in each award agreement.

- (4) This option was granted pursuant to the Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plans and becomes exercisable in its entirety on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (5) Restricted stock units (granted pursuant to Meredith Corp.'s 2004 Stock Incentive Plan), which will be converted to Common Stock (\$1 par value) on a one-for-one basis: 3,790.59, upon the reporting person's retirement from or termination of Meredith Corp. employment and 3,333, upon the attainment of specified EPS growth targets and the completion of a three-year period of service. Quarterly dividends are accrued in the form of additional restricted stock units.
- (6) This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and will become exercisable in full August 9, 2008. Graduated percentages of the option, however, will become exercisable August 13, 2003, if specified EPS growth targets set forth in Exhibit A to the Nonqualified Stock Option Award agreement are met.
- (7) This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments, commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (8) This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and will become exercisable in full February 12, 2007. Graduated percentages of the option, however, will become exercisable August 12, 2000, if specified EPS growth targets set forth in Exhibit A to the Nonqualified Stock Option Award agreement are met.
- (9) This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and will become exercisable in full on August 12, 2011. Graduated percentages of the option, however, will become exercisable on August 12, 2006, if specified EPS growth targets set forth in Exhibit A to the Nonqualified Stock Option Award agreement are met.
- (10) Stock equivalents issued at fair market value (the average of the high and low selling price of Meredith Common Stock on the issue date), pursuant to Meredith Corp.'s deferred compensation plan which will be converted to Common Stock (\$1 par value) on a one-for-one basis upon the reporting person's retirement from or termination of Meredith Corp. employment. Quarterly dividends are accrued in the form of additional stock equivalents. Data in this footnote would normally appear in the Title, Exercisable Date, and Price columns.

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