

THORNTON JOHN L  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 \*

THORNTON JOHN L  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NEWS AMERICA  
 INCORPORATED, 1211  
 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
 11/12/2004

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NEWS CORP [NWS]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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 Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security  
 (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned  
 (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form:  
 Direct (D)  
 or Indirect (I)  
 (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 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)

Date Exercisable      Expiration Date

Title      Amount or Number of

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership  
 (Instr. 5)

Shares or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THORNTON JOHN L C/O NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED 1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10036	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Laura O Leary, Attorney-in-Fact for John L. Thornton

11/12/2004

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

### No securities are beneficially owned

\* 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).

### Remarks:

This report does not reflect the non-derivative and / or derivative securities received in connection with which will be reflected on a Form 4 filed simultaneously herewith.

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