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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 *
GOLDEN MICHAEL

(Last) (First) (Middle)
**THE NEW YORK TIMES
COMPANY, 620 8TH AVENUE**

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NEW YORK TIMES CO [NYT.A]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/16/2008

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (Instr. 4) | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---------|--------|------------------|--|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 12/16/2008 | | F | | 1,049 | D | | \$ 7.11 | 58,716 | D ⁽²⁾ | |

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)

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| 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GOLDEN MICHAEL THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY 620 8TH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10036 | X | | Vice Chairman | |

Signatures

/s/ Theodore R. Wagner, Michael Golden, By: Theodore R. Wagner,
Attorney-in-fact

12/18/2008

**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) Delivery of shares to The New York Times Company to satisfy withholding tax obligations related to the vesting of restricted stock granted December 16, 2004 under the 1991 Executive Stock Incentive Plan.

In addition, as previously reported, the reporting person owns 237,415 shares of Class A Common Stock indirectly by a limited liability company as general partner of a limited partnership, 700 shares of Class A Common Stock indirectly by his wife, as to which shares he disclaims beneficial ownership, and 1,400,000 shares of Class A Common Stock indirectly by a trust.

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