

NEW YORK TIMES CO  
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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)

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)  
02/23/2009

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)  
 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 (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) Amount (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 02/19/2009                           |  | A                              | 12,000  | A \$ 0  | 74,875 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | D <sup>(2)</sup>                  |

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) |                      |                      |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------|----------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                | Amount Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Options - Rights to Buy     | \$ 3.625   | 02/19/2009                           |  | A                              | 115,000   | <u>(3)</u>   | 02/19/2019  | Class A Common Stock | 115,000              |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/Theodore R. Wagner as Attorney-in-fact for Michael Golden 02/23/2009

\*\*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) Includes 4,159 shares of Class A Common Stock acquired on December 26, 2008 under the New York Times Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan in a transaction exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (2) In addition, as previously reported, the reporting person owns 139,515 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.
- (3) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 19, 2010.

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