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

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **GOLDEN MICHAEL**

(First)

(State)

COMPANY, 620 8TH AVENUE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

NEW YORK TIMES CO [NYT.A]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2008

_X__ Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

X_ Officer (give title below)

Other (specify below)

Vice Chairman

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

Class A Common 12/16/2008 Stock (1)

F 1.049 D 58,716 7 11

 $D^{(2)}$

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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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

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

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 (2) 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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