

MIDDELHOFF THOMAS  
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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 \*  
**MIDDELHOFF THOMAS**  
  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
 (Check all applicable)

**KARSTADTQUELLE  
 AG, THEODOR-ALTHOFF-STR.2**  
  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/22/2008**

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

**ESSEN, GERMANY, 2M 45133**  
  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Options (Directors 2008) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 19.875	04/22/2008			A		4,000		<sup>(1)</sup>	04/22/2018	Class A Common Stock	4
Phantom Stock Unit <sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	04/22/2008			A		1,998.1722		<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	1,998.1722

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MIDDELHOFF THOMAS KARSTADTQUELLE AG THEODOR-ALTHOFF-STR.2 ESSEN, GERMANY, 2M 45133	X			

## Signatures

Rhonda L. Brauer, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas Middelhoff  
 04/23/2008  
 \*\*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).

Right to buy Class A Common Stock under The New York Times Company 2004 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Incentive Plan.  
 (1) Options become exercisable on the date of the first Annual Meeting of Stockholders subsequent to the grant date. The grant date for Option 2008 was April 22, 2008.

(2) Phantom stock units credited to the reporting person's account in respect of a discretionary grant, with a value of \$35,000, and dividend equivalent payments and accumulated interest on previously granted phantom stock units. Each phantom stock unit was credited to the reporting person's account under The New York Times Company Non-Employee Directors Deferral Plan, on April 22, 2008, based on the average closing price of a share of Class A Common Stock for the 30 trading days prior to the date of credit. Distribution in cash is generally made following retirement. This transaction involved a derivative security that does not have an exercise date or an expiration date.

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