

WATSON SOLOMON B IV

Form 4

December 21, 2005

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
WATSON SOLOMON B IV

(Last) (First) (Middle)

THE NEW YORK TIMES  
COMPANY, 229 WEST 43RD  
STREET

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

NEW YORK TIMES CO [NYT]

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

12/20/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

SVP and General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)     | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                           |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                     | Price                                                             |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock <sup>(1)</sup> | 12/20/2005                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                            | 6,000                                                                                                              | A                                                                    | \$ 0 18,971                                                       |
|                                           |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            |                                                                                                                    | D                                                                    |                                                                   |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    | 8.                         |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                                                            | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                                 | Expiration<br>Date | Title                      | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Option<br>2005 <u>(2)</u>                           | \$ 27.445                                                             | 12/20/2005                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                                                              | 14,835                                                         |     | <u>(2)</u>                                                          | 12/20/2015         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 14,835                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                  | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                                 | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| WATSON SOLOMON B IV<br>THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY<br>229 WEST 43RD STREET<br>NEW YORK, NY 10036 |               |           | SVP and General Counsel |       |

## Signatures

Solomon B.  
Watson IV 12/21/2005

**\*\*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) Consists of grant of restricted stock units under The New York Times Company 1991 Executive Stock Incentive Plan. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Class A Common Stock and vests on December 20, 2010.
- (2) Right to buy Class A Common Stock granted under The New York Times Company 1991 Executive Stock Incentive Plan. The option vests in four annual installments beginning on December 20, 2006.

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