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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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)

KARSTADTQUELLE  
AG, THEODOR-ALTHOFF-STR.2

(Street)

ESSEN, GERMANY, 2M 45133

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/24/2007

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)

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

| 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<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8)<br>Code | (A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (A)        | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title                      | Amount<br>Number of<br>Shares |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---|------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Options<br>(Directors<br>2007) <u>(1)</u> | \$ 23.935                          | 04/24/2007       | A                  | (A)   | 4,000      |     | <u>(1)</u>          | 04/24/2017         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 4                             |
| Phantom<br>Stock Unit<br><u>(2)</u>       | <u>(2)</u>                         | 04/24/2007       | A                  | (A)   | 1,533.7141 |     | <u>(2)</u>          | <u>(2)</u>         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 1,533.7141                    |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Rhonda L. Brauer, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas Middelhoff 04/26/2007

\_\_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 2007 was April 24, 2007.

(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 24, 2007, 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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