SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 22, 2005

The New York Times Company

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

New York (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **1-5837** (Commission File Number) 13-1102020 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

> **10036** (Zip Code)

229 West 43rd Street, New York, New York (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (212) 556-1234

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ITEM 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

The Company s Deferred Executive Compensation Plan (the Plan) has been amended. The amendments were made to comply with the provisions of Section 409A of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and are effective as of January 1, 2005.

A copy of the amended Plan is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 10.1 The Company s Deferred Executive Compensation Plan, as amended

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY

Date: December 27, 2005

/s/ Solomon B. Watson IV Solomon B. Watson IV Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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By:

Exhibit List

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