

NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 FLANAGAN PATRICK J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP [NEW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 18400 VON KARMAN, SUITE 1000  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/27/2006

IRVINE,, CA 92612

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/27/2006		M			3,749	A	\$ 7.53	356,207	D	
Common Stock	02/27/2006		M			11,250	A	\$ 9.1	367,457	D	
Common Stock	02/27/2006		M			5,625	A	\$ 18.66	373,082	D	
Common Stock	02/27/2006		F			4,712	D	\$ 39.52	368,370	D	

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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.53	02/27/2006		M	3,749	<u>(1)</u> 10/05/2011	Common Stock	3,749
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.1	02/27/2006		M	11,250	<u>(3)</u> 02/22/2012	Common Stock	11,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.66	02/27/2006		M	5,625	<u>(4)</u> 01/21/2013	Common Stock	5,625

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FLANAGAN PATRICK J 18400 VON KARMAN, SUITE 1000 IRVINE,, CA 92612			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

Jennifer Jewett  
(Attorney-in-fact) 02/28/2006

\_\_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) This stock option grant vested 20% on October 5, 2002, the first anniversary of the grant date, with an additional 5% vesting on the last day of each succeeding calendar quarter thereafter. The final 5% increment will vest on the fifth anniversary of the grant date. The portion of this stock option grant exercised by the reporting person on February 27, 2006 vested on December 31, 2005.

(2) This column is not applicable.

(3) This stock option grant vested 20% on February 22, 2003, the first anniversary of the grant date, with an additional 5% vesting on the last day of each succeeding calendar quarter thereafter. The final 5% increment will vest on the fifth anniversary of the grant date. The portion of this stock option grant exercised by the reporting person on February 27, 2006 vested on December 31, 2005.

(4) This stock option grant vested 20% on January 21, 2004, the first anniversary of the grant date, with an additional 5% vesting on the last day of each succeeding calendar quarter thereafter. The final 5% increment will vest on the fifth anniversary of the grant date. The portion of this stock option grant exercised by the reporting person on February 27, 2006 vested on December 31, 2005.

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