

NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

February 28, 2006

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 *
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)

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

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

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

(Street)
IRVINE,, CA 92612

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ 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 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 Indirect Beneficial 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
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		
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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