NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GOTSCHALL EDWARD F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

18400 VON KARMAN, SUITE 1000

(Street)

IRVINE,, CA 92612

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/02/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/02/2006		M		85,444	A	$ 6.65	1,148,990	D	
Common Stock	10/02/2006		M		14,556	A	$ 10.47	1,163,546	D	
Common Stock	10/02/2006		S(1)		100,000	D	$ 38.98	1,063,546	D	
Common Stock								1,127	I	By daughter
Common Stock								1,127	I	By son

Common Stock	1,127	I	By son (2)
Common Stock	100,000	I	By wife

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 D S (I
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 6.65	10/02/2006		M			85,444	(3)	09/04/2011	Common Stock	85,444	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$ 10.47	10/02/2006		M			14,556	(5)	02/27/2012	Common Stock	14,556	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOTSCHALL EDWARD F 18400 VON KARMAN, SUITE 1000 IRVINE,, CA 92612	X			

Signatures

Jennifer Jewett (Attorney-in-Fact)	10/04/2006
**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 sale was effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on June 15, 2006.

(2) Shares held by the reporting person's wife as custodian for the benefit of his son under the California Uniform Transfers to Minor Act.

(3) This stock option grant vested 20% on September 4, 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 vested on the fifth anniversary of the grant date and the option is, therefore, currently exercisable.

(4) This column is not applicable.

(5) This stock option grant vested 20% on February 27, 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 the option exercised by the reporting person on October 2, 2006 vested on February 27, 2003.

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