

NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP  
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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 \*  
**CLOYD KEVIN**

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)  
**03/31/2006**

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/31/2006                           |  | M                              | 1,500   | A \$ 6.42   | 50,764   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 03/31/2006                           |  | M                              | 1,500   | A \$ 6.63   | 52,264   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 03/31/2006                           |  | M                              | 1,875   | A \$ 26.97  | 54,139   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 226  | I By son <sup>(1)</sup>           |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.



## 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) Shares are held by reporting person as custodian for the benefit of his son under the California Uniform Transfers to Minor Act.

This stock option grant vested 20% on January 30, 2002, the first anniversary of the grant date, with an additional 5% vesting on the last

(2) day of each succeeding quarter thereafter. The final 5% increment vested on January 30, 2006, the fifth anniversary of the grant date, and the option is, therefore, currently exercisable.

(3) This column is not applicable.

This stock option grant vested 20% on September 19, 2002, the first anniversary of the grant date, with an additional 5% vesting on the

(4) last day of each succeeding quarter thereafter. The final 5% increment will vest on the fifth anniversary of the grant date. The portion of this stock option exercised by the reporting person on March 31, 2006 vested as follows: 750 shares on December 31, 2005 and 750 shares on March 31, 2006.

This stock option grant vested 20% on May 21, 2004, the first anniversary of the grant date, with an additional 5% vesting on the last day

(5) of each succeeding quarter thereafter. The final 5% increment will vest on the fifth anniversary of the grant date. The portion of this stock option exercised by the reporting person on March 31, 2006 vested on March 31, 2006.

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