



CURRENT REPORT ON FORM 8-K

Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;  
5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

- (b) On October 1, 2008, New York Community Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that Mr. John A. Pileski, a director of the Company and its primary subsidiaries, New York Community Bank and New York Commercial Bank, passed away on September 28, 2008. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is the press release issued by the Company on October 1, 2008.
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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.

Date: October 1, 2008      NEW YORK COMMUNITY  
BANCORP, INC.

/s/ Ilene A. Angarola  
Ilene A. Angarola  
Executive Vice President and  
Director, Investor Relations

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 99.1      Press release issued on October 1, 2008.