

MIDDELHOFF THOMAS  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 MIDDELHOFF THOMAS

(Last) (First) (Middle)

BLM & PARTNERS LLP, # 5,  
 QUERIPEL HOUSE, 1 DUKE OF  
 YORK SQ

(Street)

LONDON, X0 SW3 4LY

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NEW YORK TIMES CO [NYT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/23/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Options (Directors 2009) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 4.92	04/23/2009	A		4,000		<sup>(1)</sup>	04/23/2019	Class A Common Stock	4
Phantom Stock Unit <sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	04/23/2009	A		7,772.5385		<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	7,772.5385

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

MIDDELHOFF THOMAS  
 BLM & PARTNERS LLP  
 # 5, QUERPEL HOUSE, 1 DUKE OF YORK SQ  
 LONDON, X0 SW3 4LY

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## Signatures

Kenneth A. Richieri, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas Middelhoff

04/24/2009

<sup>(1)</sup>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).

Right to buy Class A Common Stock under The New York Times Company 2004 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Incentive Plan.

(1) Options become exercisable on the date of the first Annual Meeting of Stockholders subsequent to the grant date. The grant date for Option 2009 was April 23, 2009.

(2) Phantom stock units credited to the reporting person's account in respect of a discretionary grant, with a value of \$35,000, and dividend equivalent payments and accumulated interest on previously granted phantom stock units. Each phantom stock unit was credited to the reporting person's account under The New York Times Company Non-Employee Directors Deferral Plan, on April 23, 2009, based on the average closing price of a share of Class A Common Stock for the 30 trading days prior to the date of credit. Distribution in cash is generally made following retirement. This transaction involved a derivative security that does not have an exercise date or an expiration date.

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