

BENTEN R ANTHONY
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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 *
BENTEN R ANTHONY

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**THE NEW YORK TIMES
 COMPANY, 620 EIGHTH
 AVENUE**

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10018

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
02/19/2009

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)
 S.V.P., Finance and Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 of Underlying Securities
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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 or Number of Shares
Option ⁽¹⁾	\$ 3.625	02/19/2009	A		26,400		⁽¹⁾	02/19/2019	Class A Common Stock	26,400
Cash-settled Restricted Stock Unit ⁽²⁾	⁽²⁾	02/19/2009	A		3,000		⁽²⁾	⁽²⁾	Class A Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BENTEN R ANTHONY THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY 620 EIGHTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10018			S.V.P., Finance and Controller	

Signatures

Kenneth A. Richieri, Attorney-in-Fact for R. Anthony Benten
 02/20/2009
 **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) Right to buy Class A Common Stock granted under The New York Times Company 1991 Executive Stock Incentive Plan. The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on February 19, 2010.
- (2) The cash-settled restricted stock units were granted under The New York Times Company 1991 Executive Stock Incentive Plan. Each cash-settled restricted stock unit will vest on February 19, 2012 and entitles the holder to receive the cash equivalent of one share of Class A Common Stock based on the market value of Class A Common Stock at vesting.

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