BURKLE RONALD W Form SC 13G/A June 10, 2009

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

SCHEDULE 13G/A

(Amendment No. 1)*
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA COMPANY, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

390064103

(CUSIP Number)

February 28, 2009

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- o Rule 13d-1(b)
- b Rule 13d-1(c)
- o Rule 13d-1(d)
- * The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person s initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act, but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP No. 17 390064103 Page 2 of NAME OF REPORTING PERSON 1 Ronald W. Burkle CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP: 2 (a) þ (b) o SEC USE ONLY 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 4 **United States SOLE VOTING POWER** 5 NUMBER OF 0 shares **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 2,592,610 shares **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7 REPORTING **PERSON** 0 shares WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 8 2,592,610 shares AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

2,592,610 shares

2

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES:

| Percent of Class represented by amount in row (9)

11

4.5%1

Type of reporting person

IN

1. Percentages listed in each Row 11 hereto are based on 57,771,720 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of May 8, 2009, as set forth in the Issuer s Form 10-K for the year ended February 28, 2009, filed May 12, 2009.

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CUSIP No. 17 390064103 Page 3 of NAME OF REPORTING PERSON 1 Yucaipa Corporate Initiatives Fund I, LLC CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP: 2 (a) þ (b) o SEC USE ONLY 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 4 Delaware **SOLE VOTING POWER** 5 NUMBER OF 0 shares **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 892,372 shares **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7 REPORTING **PERSON** 0 shares WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 8 892,372 shares AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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892,372 shares

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| 10 | CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES: |
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| | þ |
| 11 | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) |
| | 1.5% |
| 12 | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON |
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CUSIP No. 17 390064103 Page of NAME OF REPORTING PERSON 1 Yucaipa Corporate Initiatives Fund I, LP CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP 2 (a) þ (b) o SEC USE ONLY 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 4 Delaware **SOLE VOTING POWER** 5 NUMBER OF 892,372 shares **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 892,372 shares **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7 REPORTING **PERSON** 892,372 shares WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 8 892,372 shares AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 9

892,372 shares

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| 11 | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) |
| | 1.5% |
| 12 | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON |
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CUSIP No. 17 390064103 Page 5 of NAME OF REPORTING PERSON 1 Yucaipa American Management, LLC CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP 2 (a) þ (b) o SEC USE ONLY 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 4 Delaware **SOLE VOTING POWER** 5 NUMBER OF 0 shares **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 1,700,238 shares **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7 **REPORTING PERSON** 0 shares WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 8 1,700,238 shares AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 9

1,700,238 shares

| 10 | CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES: |
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| | þ |
| 11 | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) |
| | 2.9% |
| 12 | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON |
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CUSIP No. 17 390064103 Page 6 of NAME OF REPORTING PERSON 1 Yucaipa American Funds, LLC CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP 2 (a) þ (b) o SEC USE ONLY 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 4 Delaware **SOLE VOTING POWER** 5 NUMBER OF 0 shares **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER **BENEFICIALLY** OWNED BY 1,700,238 shares **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7 **REPORTING PERSON** 0 shares WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 8 1,700,238 shares AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 9

1,700,238 shares

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| | 2.9% |
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CUSIP No. 17 390064103 Page 7 of NAME OF REPORTING PERSON 1 Yucaipa American Alliance Fund I, LLC CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP 2 (a) þ (b) o SEC USE ONLY 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 4 Delaware **SOLE VOTING POWER** 5 NUMBER OF 0 shares **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 1,700,238 shares **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7 **REPORTING PERSON** 0 shares SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER WITH 8 1,700,238 shares AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 9

1,700,238 shares

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850,125 shares

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CUSIP No. 17 390064103 Page of NAME OF REPORTING PERSON 1 Yucaipa American Alliance (Parallel) Fund I, LP CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP 2 (a) þ (b) o SEC USE ONLY 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 4 Delaware **SOLE VOTING POWER** 5 NUMBER OF 850,113 shares **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 850,113 shares **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7 REPORTING **PERSON** 850,113 shares WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 8 850,113 shares AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 9

850,113 shares

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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer.

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the <u>Issuer</u>).

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer s Principal Executive Offices.

Two Paragon Drive, Montvale, New Jersey 07645.

Item 2(a). Name of Persons Filing.

This Schedule 13G is filed by the following <u>Reporting Persons</u>: (i) Ronald W. Burkle, (ii) Yucaipa Corporate Initiatives Fund I, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (<u>YCI LLC</u>), (iii) Yucaipa Corporate Initiatives Fund I, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (<u>YCI</u> and, together with YCI LLC, the <u>YCI Parties</u>), (iv) Yucaipa American Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (<u>YAF</u>), (vi) Yucaipa American Funds, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (<u>YAF</u>), (vii) Yucaipa American Alliance Fund I, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (<u>YAF LLC</u>), (vii) Yucaipa American Alliance Fund I, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (<u>YAAF Parallel</u>), and (viii) Yucaipa American Alliance (Parallel) Fund I, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (<u>YAAF Parallel</u>) and, together with YAM, YAF, YAAF LLC and YAAF, the <u>YAAF Parties</u>).

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office.

Each Reporting Person s principal business office is located at c/o The Yucaipa Companies LLC, 9130 W. Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90069.

Item 2(c). Citizenship.

Each of YCI LLC, YCI, YAM, YAF, YAFF LLC, YAAF and YAAF Parallel is organized under the laws of the state of Delaware. Mr. Burkle is a United States citizen.

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities.

Common stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the <u>Common Stock</u>), of the Issuer.

Item 2(e). CUSIP No.

390064103

Item 3. Statement is Filed Pursuant to §§240.13d 1(b) or 240.13d 2(b) or (c).

Not applicable.

Item 4. Ownership.

See Items 5 through 9 and Item 11 of the cover pages with respect to each Reporting Person.

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By virtue of the relationships among the Reporting Persons, each of the other Reporting Persons may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock directly beneficially owned by YCI, YAAF and YAAF Parallel.

Each of the YCI Parties disclaims any ownership of the shares of Common Stock owned by the YAAF Parties, and the filing of this Statement shall not be construed as an admission that any YCI Party is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the beneficial owner of such shares.

Each of the YAAF Parties disclaims any ownership of the shares of Common Stock owned by the YCI Parties, and the filing of this Statement shall not be construed as an admission that any YAAF Party is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the beneficial owner of such shares.

YAAF and YAAF Parallel each disclaims any ownership of the shares of Common Stock owned by the other, and the filing of this Statement shall not be construed as an admission that either YAAF or YAAF Parallel is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the beneficial owner of the shares of Common Stock owned by the other.

Mr. Burkle disclaims any ownership of the shares of Common Stock owned by each of the other Reporting Persons, and the filing of this Statement shall not be construed as an admission that Mr. Burkle is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the beneficial owner of such shares.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

IF THIS STATEMENT IS BEING FILED TO REPORT THE FACT THAT AS OF THE DATE HEREOF THE REPORTING PERSON HAS CEASED TO BE THE BENEFICIAL OWNER OF MORE THAN 5% OF THE CLASS OF SECURITIES, CHECK THE FOLLOWING. b

Item 6. Ownership More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Except as stated in Item 4, no other person has the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the shares of Common Stock owned by the Reporting Persons.

Item 7. <u>Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by</u> the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not applicable.

Item 8. <u>Identification and Classification of Members of the Group</u>.

See Item 2(a).

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

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Item 10. Certification.

By signing below the undersigned certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: June 10, 2009 RONALD W. BURKLE

By: /s/ Ronald W. Burkle

Dated: June 10, 2009 YUCAIPA CORPORATE INITIATIVES FUND I, LLC

By: /s/ Ronald W. Burkle

Name: Ronald W. Burkle Its: Managing Member

Dated: June 10, 2009 YUCAIPA CORPORATE INITIATIVES FUND I, LP

By: Yucaipa Corporate Initiatives Fund I, LLC

Its: General Partner

By: /s/ Robert P. Bermingham

Name: Robert P. Bermingham

Its: Vice President

Dated: June 10, 2009 YUCAIPA AMERICAN MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: /s/ Ronald W. Burkle

Name: Ronald W. Burkle Its: Managing Member

Dated: June 10, 2009 YUCAIPA AMERICAN FUNDS, LLC

By: Yucaipa American Management, LLC

Its: Managing Member

By: /s/ Robert P. Bermingham

Name: Robert P. Bermingham

Its: Vice President

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Dated: June 10, 2009 YUCAIPA AMERICAN ALLIANCE FUND I, LLC

By: Yucaipa American Funds, LLC

Its: Managing Member

By: Yucaipa American Management, LLC

Its: Managing Member

Bv: /s/ Robert P. Bermingham

Name: Robert P. Bermingham

Its: Vice President

YUCAIPA AMERICAN ALLIANCE FUND I. LP Dated: June 10, 2009

By: Yucaipa American Alliance Fund I, LLC

Its: General Partner

By: Yucaipa American Funds, LLC

Its: Managing Member

By: Yucaipa American Management, LLC

Its: Managing Member

By: /s/ Robert P. Bermingham

Name: Robert P. Bermingham

Its: Vice President

Dated: June 10, 2009 YUCAIPA AMERICAN ALLIANCE

(PARALLEL) FUND I, LP

By: Yucaipa American Alliance Fund I, LLC

Its: General Partner

By: Yucaipa American Funds, LLC

Its: Managing Member

By: Yucaipa American Management, LLC

Its: Managing Member

/s/ Robert P. Bermingham By:

Name: Robert P. Bermingham

Its: Vice President

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EXHIBIT I Joint Filing Agreement

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k)(1) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned hereby agree to the joint filing with all other Reporting Persons (as such term is defined in the Schedule 13G referred to below) on behalf of each of them of a statement on Schedule 13G (including amendments thereto) with respect to the common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, Inc., a Maryland corporation, and that this agreement may be included as an exhibit to such joint filing.

The undersigned hereby execute this joint filing agreement as of June 10, 2009.

Dated: June 10, 2009 RONALD W. BURKLE

By: /s/ Ronald W. Burkle

Dated: June 10, 2009 YUCAIPA CORPORATE INITIATIVES FUND I, LLC

By: /s/ Ronald W. Burkle

Name: Ronald W. Burkle Its: Managing Member

Dated: June 10, 2009 YUCAIPA CORPORATE INITIATIVES FUND I, LP

By: Yucaipa Corporate Initiatives Fund I, LLC

Its: General Partner

By: /s/ Robert P. Bermingham

Name: Robert P. Bermingham

Its: Vice President

Dated: June 10, 2009 YUCAIPA AMERICAN MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: /s/ Ronald W. Burkle

Name: Ronald W. Burkle Its: Managing Member

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Dated: June 10, 2009 YUCAIPA AMERICAN FUNDS, LLC

By: Yucaipa American Management, LLC

Its: Managing Member

By: /s/ Robert P. Bermingham

Name: Robert P. Bermingham

Its: Vice President

Dated: June 10, 2009 YUCAIPA AMERICAN ALLIANCE FUND I, LLC

By: Yucaipa American Funds, LLC

Its: Managing Member

By: Yucaipa American Management, LLC

Its: Managing Member

By: /s/ Robert P. Bermingham

Name: Robert P. Bermingham

Its: Vice President

Dated: June 10, 2009 YUCAIPA AMERICAN ALLIANCE FUND I, LP

By: Yucaipa American Alliance Fund I, LLC

Its: General Partner

By: Yucaipa American Funds, LLC

Its: Managing Member

By: Yucaipa American Management, LLC

Its: Managing Member

By: /s/ Robert P. Bermingham

Name: Robert P. Bermingham

Its: Vice President

Dated: June 10, 2009

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YUCAIPA AMERICAN ALLIANCE (PARALLEL) FUND I, LP

By: Yucaipa American Alliance Fund I, LLC

Its: General Partner

By: Yucaipa American Funds, LLC

Its: Managing Member

By: Yucaipa American Management, LLC

Its: Managing Member

By: /s/ Robert P. Bermingham

Name: Robert P. Bermingham

Its: Vice President