

Maradik Richard A
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Maradik Richard A | | (Month/Day/Year) | GAYLORD ENTERTAINMENT CO /DE [GET] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| 207 LYNNWOOD BLVD. | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| NASHVILLE,Â TNÂ 37205 | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | (give title below) (specify below) | |
| | | | SVP and Chief Mktng Officer | |
| | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person | |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 22,250 ⁽¹⁾ | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of | |

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| | | | | Shares | | (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------|--------|----------|-------------------|---|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 02/08/2007 ⁽²⁾ | 02/08/2016 | Common Stock | 10,000 | \$ 44.3 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 02/07/2008 ⁽²⁾ | 02/07/2017 | Common Stock | 10,000 | \$ 56.14 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 02/04/2009 ⁽³⁾ | 02/04/2018 | Common Stock | 25,000 | \$ 38 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Maradik Richard A 207 LYNNWOOD BLVD. NASHVILLE, TN 37205 | Â | Â | Â SVP and Chief Mkting Officer | Â |

Signatures

Carter R. Todd, Attorney-in-Fact for Richard A. Maradik
05/18/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

Includes 20,000 performance based restricted stock units that will vest and convert to common stock on a one to one basis on February 4, 2012 subject to vesting requirements, as well as 1,250 restricted shares of common stock, the restrictions on which lapse on February 8, 2010.

(2) Stock option vests in 1/4 increments over four years.

(3) Stock option vest in 1/3 increments over three years beginning on February 4, 2010

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