

Maradik Richard A
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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 *
Maradik Richard A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GAYLORD ENTERTAINMENT CO /DE [GET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
207 LYNNWOOD BLVD.
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/13/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP and Chief Mktng Officer

NASHVILLE, TN 37205

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/13/2012 | | M | | 10,000 (1) | A | \$ 29.57 12,511 D |
| Common Stock | 02/13/2012 | | F | | 2,684 (1) | D | \$ 29.57 9,827 D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2012 | | M | | 2,625 | A | \$ 12.47 12,452 D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2012 | | M | | 5,000 | A | \$ 20.08 17,452 D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2012 | | S | | 9,827 | D | \$ 29.541 7,625 D (2) |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|---------------------|-------|---|
| Common Stock | 02/14/2012 | S | 2,625 | D | \$ 29.501 (3) | 5,000 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2012 | S | 5,000 | D | \$ 29.519 (4) | 0 (5) | D |

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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 29.57 | 02/13/2012 | | M | 10,000 | 02/04/2012 12/31/2012 | Common Stock 10,000 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 12.47 | 02/14/2012 | | M | 2,625 | 06/22/2010 06/22/2019 | Common Stock 2,625 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 20.08 | 02/14/2012 | | M | 5,000 | 02/03/2011 02/03/2020 | Common Stock 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Carter R. Todd, Attorney-in-Fact for Richard A.
Maradik

02/15/2012

__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).

- On February 13, 2012, a total of 10,000 shares of the Company's common stock were awarded to Mr. Maradik upon the satisfaction of performance criteria with respect to a restricted stock unit award previously granted to Mr. Maradik on February 4, 2008 (the terms of which were amended on September 3, 2010). A total of 2,684 shares were withheld to satisfy Mr. Maradik's tax withholding obligations with respect to the award, and Mr. Maradik retained the remaining 7,316 shares.
- (1)
 - (2) Sold in a range between \$29.50 to \$29.63 per share
 - (3) Sold in a range between \$29.47 to \$29.53 per share
 - (4) Sold in a range between \$29.51 to \$29.52 per share

- Does not include the following shares of common stock issuable upon the ultimate vesting of time-based restricted stock unit awards: 5,000 (granted on 2/4/08); 4,000 (granted on 6/22/09); and 8,500 (granted on 2/3/10). Does not include the following shares of common stock issuable upon the satisfaction of criteria with respect to performance-based restricted stock unit awards: 2,900 (granted on 2/2/11). The restricted stock awards are subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable agreement with respect to such awards and will ultimately only be issued as provided in such agreements.
- (5)

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