

BIG LOTS INC  
Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Rankin Norman John		(Month/Day/Year)	BIG LOTS INC [BLI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
300 PHILLIPI ROAD			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) Senior Vice President	
COLUMBUS,Â OHÂ 43228			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<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	24,200	D	Â
Common Stock	1,439	I	By 401(k) Plan <sup>(1)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Purchase Option	01/16/1998 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/20/2007	Common Stock	4,072	\$ 24.5477	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	01/16/1998 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/20/2007	Common Stock	19,350	\$ 24.5477	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	02/24/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/24/2008	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 37.75	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	10/13/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	10/13/2008	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 16.375	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	02/01/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/01/2009	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 17.3125	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	03/13/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/13/2010	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 11.25	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	11/15/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/05/2011	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 11.74	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	11/15/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/17/2011	Common Stock	50,000	\$ 9.86	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	11/15/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/24/2013	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 10.85	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	11/15/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/23/2014	Common Stock	100,000	\$ 15.05	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	Â <sup>(3)</sup>	02/24/2013	Common Stock	10,800	\$ 12.66	D	Â
Phantom Stock	Â <sup>(4)</sup>	Â <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	2,124 <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ <sup>(7)</sup>	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rankin Norman John 300 PHILLIPI ROAD COLUMBUS, OH 43228	Â	Â	Â Senior Vice President	Â

## Signatures

Charles W. Haubiel II, attorney in fact for Norman John Rankin 05/31/2006

\*\*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).
- (1) Common stock held under the Big Lots Savings Plan ("401(k) Plan"). This information is based on a 401(k) Plan report dated May 10, 2006.
- (2) The date upon which the option became fully exercisable.
- (3) The option is exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on February 24, 2007.
- (4) Immediately.
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) The reported phantom stock is held under the Big Lots Supplemental Savings Plan. This information is based on a plan statement dated May 10, 2006.
- (7) One-for-one.

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