

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

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 4)\*

SAGA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, CLASS A

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(Title of Class of Securities)

786598102

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(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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(See Rule 13d-7.)

\*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 disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on 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).

CUSIP No. 786598102

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Ronald Baron

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
(a) [ ]  
(b) [ ]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS  
2(C) OR 2(E) [ ]

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

NUMBER OF SHARES	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY		378,500
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		2,122,949
REPORTING	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON		378,500
WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		2,122,949

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,501,449

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

31.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IN

\*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT



Item 1. Security and Issuer

- (a) Name of Issuer:  
Saga Communications, Inc.
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:  
73 Kercheval Avenue  
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
- (c) Title and Class of Securities:  
Common Stock, Class A

Item 2. Identity and Background

- (a) Name:  
Ronald Baron
- (b) Business Address:  
767 Fifth Avenue  
24th Floor  
New York, NY 10153
- (c) Present Principal Employment:  
President: Baron Capital Management, Inc., BAMCO, Inc.,  
Baron Capital, Inc.  
767 Fifth Avenue  
24th Floor  
New York, NY 10153
- (d) Record of Convictions:  
No material change.
- (e) Record of Civil Proceedings:  
No material change.
- (f) Citizenship:  
No material change.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

Reporting Person owns no shares of the issuer directly. As General Partner of Baron Capital Partners, L.P. and Baron Investment Partners, L.P. (the "Partnerships"), investment partnerships, he directed the purchase of 378,500 shares for the account of the Partnerships for an aggregate purchase price of \$5,179,237. Those shares were paid for by cash assets in the Partnerships' accounts and by margin borrowings pursuant to the standard margin agreement of Spear, Leeds & Kellogg. An additional 1,770,300 shares were purchased for an aggregate purchase price of \$27,037,620 for the accounts of two investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, Baron Asset Fund and Baron Growth & Income Fund, (the "Baron Funds"), which are advised by BAMCO, Inc. ("BAMCO"), a registered investment adviser which is controlled by Ronald Baron. An additional 352,649 shares were purchased for an aggregate purchase price of \$4,149,047 for the accounts of investment advisory clients of



Baron Capital Management, Inc. ("BCM") a registered investment adviser controlled by Ronald Baron. All of those shares were paid for by cash the assets in the accounts of the investment companies and advisory clients.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction  
No material change.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a) Amount and percentage beneficially owned:

Reporting Person: (i) 2,122,949 shares in his capacity as a controlling person of BAMCO and BCM . Reporting Person disclaims that he is the beneficial owner of these shares. (ii) 378,500 shares in his capacity as General Partner of the Partnerships. (iii) no shares personally.

(b) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or direct the vote:

378,500

(ii) shared power to vote or direct the vote:

2,122,949

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition:

378,500

(iv) shared power to dispose or direct the disposition:

2,122,949

Reporting Person may be deemed to share power to vote and dispose of shares referred to herein as a result of his control of the investment advisers for whose advisory clients he is reporting. He may be deemed to have sole power to vote and direct the disposition of the shares referred to above to by reason of being a general partner of BCP

(c) A schedule of transactions effected in the last sixty days is attached hereto.

(d) Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

The investment advisory clients have the right to receive the dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of the securities in their respective accounts. To the best of Reporting Person's knowledge, no person has such interest relating to more than 5% of the outstanding class of securities, except that Baron Asset Fund, an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and an advisory client of BAMCO, owns 1,560,300 (19.4%) of the shares reported herein.

(e) Ownership of Less than Five Percent:

Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer  
No material change.



Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits  
Exhibit 99 - 60 days of trading.

Signature

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

Date: October 9, 1996

/s/ Ronald Baron

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Ronald Baron



Transaction Schedule  
 From 07-31-96 to 09-30-96

Date	Account ID	Exec. Quantity	Price
07-31-96	bgi	2,500	19.7500
08-01-96	bgi	5,000	19.7500
08-02-96	bgi	2,500	19.7500
08-14-96	baf	5,000	21.5000
08-14-96	baf	2,000	21.5000
08-15-96	baf	12,100	21.4132
08-16-96	baf	4,000	21.7500
08-16-96	baf	5,900	21.5000
08-19-96	baf	1,500	21.6250
08-20-96	baf	4,500	21.6250
08-22-96	baf	5,000	21.7500
08-22-96	baf	5,000	21.5000
08-23-96	baf	12,500	21.2500
08-23-96	baf	2,500	21.2500
08-23-96	bgi	5,000	21.2500
08-26-96	baf	10,000	21.0312
08-26-96	baf	10,000	21.2500
08-27-96	baf	15,000	21.0000
08-27-96	bgi	5,000	21.0000
08-28-96	baf	15,000	21.0000
08-28-96	baf	1,400	20.8750
08-28-96	bgi	5,000	21.0000
08-29-96	baf	11,700	20.9861
08-30-96	baf	6,900	21.0000
09-03-96	baf	10,000	21.0000
09-03-96	bgi	5,000	21.0000
09-04-96	baf	6,000	21.0000
09-04-96	baf	5,000	21.0000
09-05-96	baf	3,800	20.8586
09-06-96	baf	5,200	21.0000
09-09-96	baf	10,000	21.0000
09-09-96	baf	10,000	20.9900
09-09-96	bcm4	6,000	21.0000
09-10-96	baf	10,000	20.9900
09-11-96	baf	15,900	20.9769
09-11-96	bcm4	500	20.8750
09-11-96	bcm4	2,500	20.9769
09-12-96	baf	14,100	21.0000
09-12-96	bip	3,500	21.0000
09-16-96	bcm4	20,000	21.4568
09-17-96	baf	10,000	21.5000
09-17-96	bcm4	5,000	21.5000
09-18-96	baf	10,000	21.0000
09-18-96	bcm4	5,000	21.0000
09-19-96	baf	6,000	20.7500
09-19-96	baf	7,500	21.0000
09-19-96	baf	1,200	20.7500
09-20-96	baf	12,300	20.9390
09-23-96	baf	8,000	20.9297
09-24-96	baf	10,000	21.0000
09-24-96	baf	5,000	21.0000
09-24-96	bcm4	5,000	21.0000
09-24-96	bgi	5,000	21.0000
09-25-96	bcm4	2,700	20.8750
09-26-96	baf	1,000	21.3750
09-26-96	bgi	1,000	21.3750
09-27-96	baf	600	21.7500
09-27-96	baf	2,300	21.5920
09-30-96	baf	6,400	22.1178
09-30-96	bgi	4,000	22.1178