

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

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 5)*

SAGA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, CLASS A

(Title of Class of Securities)

786598102

(CUSIP Number)

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

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(b)(3) or (4), check the following box [].

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(A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.)
(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		2,207,649
REPORTING	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON		378,500
WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		2,207,649

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,586,149

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

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

36.5%

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 1,855,000 shares were purchased for an aggregate purchase price of \$28,850,876 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 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) 2,207,649 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:

2,207,649

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

378,500

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

2,207,649

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 1,645,000 (23.2%) 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: December 3, 1996

/s/ Ronald Baron

Ronald Baron

Transaction Schedule
From 10-02-96 To 12-02-96

Date	Acct ID	Exec. Acty	Qty	Price
10-03-96	baf	by	1,000	22.6250
10-10-96	baf	by	600	22.6250
10-11-96	baf	by	4,800	22.6615
10-14-96	baf	by	3,300	22.6818
10-16-96	baf	by	1,000	22.2500
10-18-96	baf	by	1,800	22.3194
10-21-96	baf	by	300	22.3750
10-24-96	baf	by	12,900	22.6415
10-28-96	baf	by	4,000	23.0000
11-01-96	baf	by	2,500	21.3750
11-04-96	baf	by	1,500	21.1250
11-05-96	baf	by	6,000	21.0000
11-07-96	baf	by	500	20.1250
11-15-96	baf	by	10,000	20.1288
11-19-96	baf	by	5,000	20.0000
11-21-96	baf	by	10,000	19.7500
11-22-96	baf	by	700	19.6250
11-25-96	baf	by	700	19.6250
11-26-96	baf	by	7,500	19.3330
11-27-96	baf	by	5,000	19.2500
11-29-96	baf	by	1,600	19.4920
12-02-96	baf	by	4,000	19.8125