

OVERTON DAVID  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**OVERTON DAVID**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC [CAKE]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**26901 MALIBU HILLS ROAD**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/12/2012**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman and C.E.O.**

**CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common stock	03/12/2012		M		50,000 A \$ 20	175,000	D
Common stock	03/12/2012		S		11,205 D \$ 30.5	163,795	D
Common stock	03/12/2012		S		400 D \$ 30.49	163,395	D
Common stock	03/12/2012		S		3,684 D \$ 30.48	159,711	D
Common stock	03/12/2012		S		3,176 D \$ 30.47	156,535	D

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Common stock	03/12/2012		S	4,220	D	\$ 30.46	152,315	D	
Common stock	03/12/2012		S	7,470	D	\$ 30.45	144,845	D	
Common stock	03/12/2012		S	1,100	D	\$ 30.44	143,745	D	
Common stock	03/12/2012		S	1,069	D	\$ 30.43	142,676	D	
Common stock	03/12/2012		S	1,787	D	\$ 30.42	140,889	D	
Common stock	03/12/2012		S	11,635	D	\$ 30.41	129,254	D	
Common stock	03/12/2012		S	4,254	D	\$ 30.4	125,000	D	
Common stock	03/13/2012		S	100	D	\$ 30.65	191,170	I	By trust <u>(3)</u>
Common stock	03/13/2012		S	1,000	D	\$ 30.64	190,170	I	By trust <u>(3)</u>
Common stock	03/13/2012		S	2,500	D	\$ 30.63	187,670	I	By trust <u>(3)</u>
Common stock	03/12/2012		G V	163,775	D	\$ 30.53	3,192,169	I	By trust <u>(1)</u>
Common stock							60,211	I	By Spouse <u>(2)</u>

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title

Options to purchase common stock	\$ 20	03/12/2012	M	50,000	02/06/2008	02/06/2013	Common stock	50,000
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OVERTON DAVID 26901 MALIBU HILLS ROAD CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301	X		Chairman and C.E.O.	

## Signatures

David Overton by Debby Zurzolo, his attorney in fact	03/14/2012
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\*\*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).
- (1) Shares are held by the David Overton Family Trust of which Mr. Overton is the trustee.
  - (2) Shares held by Mr. Overton's spouse as trustee for the Sheila A. Overton Living Trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by his spouse.
  - (3) Shares are held by the David M. Overton 2011 Gift Trust UTA dated 11/23/2011 for the benefit of the reporting person's son. The reporting person's spouse is trustee of the trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.

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