

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC

Form 4

April 29, 2011

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
**PAR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT
INC**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**ONE INTERNATIONAL PLACE
SUITE 2401,**

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02110

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
**AMERISTAR CASINOS INC
[ASCA]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/27/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____X____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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 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	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	04/27/2011		S		31,993	D	\$ 19.53	3,228,619 D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	04/28/2011		S		29,081	D	\$ 19.54	2,259,538 D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	04/28/2011		S		70,000	D	\$ 19.58	3,189,538 D ⁽¹⁾

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 10)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
PAR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC ONE INTERNATIONAL PLACE SUITE 2401 BOSTON, MA 02110	X
PAR INVESTMENT PARTNERS LP ONE INTERNATIONAL PLACE, SUITE 2401 BOSTON, MA 02110	X
PAR Group, L.P. ONE INTERNATIONAL PLACE SUITE 2401 BOSTON, MA 02110	X

Signatures

Steven M. Smith, Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel

04/29/2011

__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).

- These securities are held directly by PAR Investment Partners, L.P. ("PIP"). PAR Group, L.P. ("PAR Group") is the general partner of PIP and PAR Capital Management, Inc. ("PCM") is the general partner of PAR Group. Each of PCM and PAR Group disclaims
- (1) beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of their respective pecuniary interests therein, if any, as a result of their direct or indirect ownership interests in PIP and a contingent right on the part of PAR Group to receive a performance-based incentive allocation from PIP.

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