

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 PAR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 ONE INTERNATIONAL PLACE SUITE 2401,  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/25/2011

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

BOSTON, MA 02110

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code V	Amount		
Common Stock	04/25/2011		S	44,294	D	\$ 19.53	3,325,244 D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	04/26/2011		S	4,632	D	\$ 19.51	3,320,612 D <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 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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

## 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  
Date: 04/27/2011

\_\_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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