

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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)  
**04/20/2011**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 (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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	04/20/2011		S	49,300	D	\$ 19.27	3,569,510 D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	04/20/2011		S	99,972	D	\$ 19.29	3,469,538 D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	04/21/2011		S	25,000	D	\$ 19.36	3,444,538 D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	04/21/2011		S	75,000	D	\$ 19.44	3,369,538 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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
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## 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

04/25/2011

\_\_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).

(1) 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

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beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of their respective 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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