UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 3, 2004

PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

001-13641 (Commission File Number) 95-3667491 (IRS Employer

Identification No.)

3800 Howard Hughes Parkway

Las Vegas, Nevada (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

89109 (Zip Code)

Registrant s Telephone Number, including area code: (702) 784-7777

N/A

(Former name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2):

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (7 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 3, 2004, Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the third quarter and year-to-date period ended September 30, 2004. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC. (Registrant)

Date: November 3, 2004 By: /s/ Stephen H. Capp

Stephen H. Capp
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| Exhibit 99.1 | Press release dated November 3, 2004, issued by Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. |

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