

PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT INC.

Form 8-K

April 26, 2012

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): April 26, 2012

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.)

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8918 Spanish Ridge Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's Telephone Number, including area code: (702) 541-7777

89148
(Zip Code)

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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 (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 26, 2012, Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company has entered into agreements to execute a series of transactions that would result in the Company owning 75.5% of the equity in Retama Partners, Ltd., the owner of the racing license for Retama Park Racetrack. A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| Exhibit 99.1 | Press Release dated April 26, 2012, issued by Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. |

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the 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: April 26, 2012

By: /s/ John A. Godfrey
John A. Godfrey

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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