

PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT INC.  
Form 8-K  
March 15, 2011

**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): March 10, 2011**

**PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Delaware</b> (State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	<b>001-13641</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>95-3667491</b> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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<b>8918 Spanish Ridge Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada</b> (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	<b>89148</b> (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(702) 541-7777**

**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:

- 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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b)

On March 10, 2011, Michael Ornest notified Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. (the Company) that he retired from the Company's Board of Directors effective on March 10, 2011.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On March 15, 2011, the Company issued a press release announcing Mr. Ornest's retirement from the Board of Directors of the Company. A copy of this press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
Exhibit 99.1	Press Release dated March 15, 2011, 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: March 15, 2011

By: /s/ Elliot D. Hoops  
Elliot D. Hoops  
Vice President and Corporate Counsel

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