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Form SC 13D  
July 09, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

ARK Restaurants Corp.  
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(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, \$.01 par value  
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(Title of Class of Securities)

011591680  
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(CUSIP Number)

Murray A. Indick  
Prides Capital Partners, L.L.C.  
200 High Street, Suite 700  
Boston, MA 02110  
(617) 778-9200  
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

July 1, 2004  
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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(b) (3) or (4), check the following box [ ].

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ( Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Prides Capital Partners, L.L.C.

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
20-0654530

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)   
(b)

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3. SEC USE ONLY

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4. SOURCE OF FUNDS\*

See Item 3

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5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED

PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

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6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

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7. SOLE VOTING POWER

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8. SHARED VOTING POWER

179,826\*\*

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9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

179,826\*\*

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12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES

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13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.32%

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14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO ( Limited Liability Company)

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Kevin A. Richardson, II

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Henry J. Lawlor, Jr.

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Murray A. Indick

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Charles E. McCarthy



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(b) []

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4. SOURCE OF FUNDS\*  
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Item 1. Security and Issuer

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This Schedule 13D relates to shares of Common Stock, \$.01 par value (the Common Stock ) of ARK Restaurants Corp., a New York corporation (the Issuer ). The principal executive office and mailing address of the Issuer is 85 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10003.

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### Item 2. Identity and Background

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This Schedule 13D is being filed by Prides Capital Partners, L.L.C. a Delaware limited liability company, Kevin A. Richardson, II, Henry J. Lawlor, Jr., Murray A. Indick, Charles E. McCarthy and Christian Puscasiu.

Prides Capital Partners, L.L.C. is a Delaware limited liability company whose principal business is acting as general partner for an investment partnership and providing investment advisory services.

The principal business office address of Prides Capital Partners, L.L.C. is 200 High Street, Suite 700, Boston, MA 02110. The names of the executive officers and directors of Prides Capital Partners, L.L.C., their addresses, citizenship and principal occupations are as follows:

| Name and Office Held    | Business Address                           | Citizenship | Principal Occupation or Employment         |
|-------------------------|--|-------------|--|
| Kevin A. Richardson, II | 200 High Street, Ste 700, Boston, MA 02110 | USA         | Partner<br>Prides Capital Partners, L.L.C. |
| Henry J. Lawlor, Jr.    | 200 High Street, Ste 700, Boston, MA 02110 | USA         | Partner<br>Prides Capital Partners, L.L.C. |
| Murray A. Indick        | 200 High Street, Ste 700, Boston, MA 02110 | USA         | Partner<br>Prides Capital Partners, L.L.C. |
| Charles E. McCarthy     | 200 High Street, Ste 700, Boston, MA 02110 | USA         | Partner<br>Prides Capital Partners, L.L.C. |
| Christian Puscasiu      | 200 High Street, Ste 700, Boston, MA 02110 | USA         | Partner<br>Prides Capital Partners, L.L.C. |

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To the best knowledge of the Reporting Persons, none of the entities or persons identified in this Item 2 has, during the past five years, been convicted of any criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors), nor been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

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The source of funds for the purchases of securities was the working capital of the limited partnership for which Prides Capital Partners, L.L.C. serves as the sole general partner.

### Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

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The purpose of the acquisition of the Common Stock is for investment, and the acquisitions of the Common Stock were made in the ordinary course of business and were not made for the purpose of acquiring control of the Issuer.



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Although no Reporting Person has any specific plan or proposal to acquire or dispose of the Common Stock, consistent with its investment purpose, each Reporting Person at any time and from time to time may acquire additional Common Stock or dispose of any or all of its Common Stock depending upon an ongoing evaluation of the investment in the Common Stock, prevailing market conditions, other investment opportunities, liquidity requirements of the Reporting Persons, and/or other investment considerations.

Also, consistent with the investment purpose, the Reporting Persons may engage in communications with one or more shareholders of the Issuer, one or more officers of the Issuer and/or one or more members of the board of directors of the Issuer and/or one or more representatives of the Issuer regarding the Issuer, including but not limited to its operations. The Reporting Persons may discuss ideas that, if effected may result in any of the following: the acquisition by persons of additional Common Stock of the Issuer, an extraordinary corporate transaction involving the Issuer, and/or changes in the board of directors or management of the Issuer.

Except to the extent the foregoing may be deemed a plan or proposal, none of the Reporting Persons has any plans or proposals which relate to, or could result in, any of the matters referred to in paragraphs (a) through (j), inclusive, of the instructions to Item 4 of Schedule 13D. The Reporting Persons may, at any time and from time to time, review or reconsider their position and/or change their purpose and/or formulate plans or proposals with respect thereto.

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Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

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(a), (b) According to the Issuer's 10-Q filed on May 11, 2004, there were 3,382,399 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of April 29, 2004. Based on such information, after taking into account the transactions described in Item 5(c) below, the Reporting Persons report beneficial ownership of 179,826 shares of Common Stock held by Prides Capital Partners, L.L.C. Voting and investment power concerning the above shares are held solely by Prides Capital Partners, L.L.C. Although Kevin A. Richardson, II, Henry J. Lawlor, Jr., Murray A. Indick, Charles E. McCarthy and Christian Puscasiu are joining in this Schedule as Reporting Persons, the filing of this Schedule shall not be construed as an admission that any of them are, for any purpose, the beneficial owner of any of the securities that are beneficially owned by Prides Capital Partners, L.L.C.

c) During the last 60 days, the Reporting Persons purchased the following shares of Common Stock in the open market:

| Trade Date | Shares | Price /Share |
|------------|--------|--------------|
| 05-04-04   | 1,000  | 17 .57       |
| 05-11-04   | 3,000  | 18 .31       |
| 05-12-04   | 3,598  | 18 .60       |
| 05-13-04   | 2,600  | 19 .06       |
| 05-17-04   | 1,000  | 20 .06       |
| 05-19-04   | 3,198  | 21 .55       |
| 05-24-04   | 88,776 | 21 .60       |
| 06-28-04   | 3,298  | 22 .89       |
| 06-30-04   | 5,000  | 23 .20       |
| 07-01-04   | 6,936  | 24 .01       |

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| 07-02-04 | 500   | 24 .08 |
| 07-06-04 | 7,000 | 24 .05 |

(d) and (e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

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None of the Reporting Persons is a party to any contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship with respect to any securities of the Issuer.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

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Exhibit A Joint Filing Undertaking.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: July 9, 2004

**PRIDES CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.L.C.**

By: Murray A. Indick  
Managing Member

/s/ Murray A. Indick  
Murray A. Indick

/s/ Kevin A. Richardson, II  
Murray A. Indick  
Attorney-in-Fact

/s/ Henry J. Lawlor, Jr  
Murray A. Indick  
Attorney-in-Fact

/s/ Charles E. McCarthy  
Murray A. Indick  
Attorney-in-Fact

/s/ Christian Puscasiu  
Murray A. Indick  
Attorney-in-Fact

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Exhibit A  
JOINT FILING UNDERTAKING

The undersigned, being duly authorized thereunto, hereby execute this agreement as an exhibit to

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promulgated pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to file this Schedule jointly on beh

Dated: July 9, 2004

**PRIDES CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.L.C.**

By: Murray A. Indick

Managing Member

/s/ Murray A. Indick

Murray A. Indick

/s/ Kevin A. Richardson, II

Murray A. Indick

Attorney-in-Fact

/s/ Henry J. Lawlor, Jr

Murray A. Indick

Attorney-in-Fact

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Murray A. Indick

Attorney-in-Fact