PELTZ NELSON Form 4 January 24, 2005

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

PELTZ NELSON

Symbol **ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP INC**

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

[(ECPG)]

(Month/Day/Year)

01/20/2005

_X__ Director Officer (give title _X__ 10% Owner _ Other (specify

C/O TRIARC COMPANIES, INC., 280 PARK AVENUE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

NEW YORK, NY 10017

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-l | Derivative S | ecurit | ies Acq | uired, Disposed | of, or Benefic | ially Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--------|---------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securitie on(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4) | osed o | of (D) | 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) |
| Common Stock | 01/20/2005 | | S <u>(1)</u> | 964 | D | | 1,497,024 | I | By Ltd Partnership |
| Common Stock | 01/20/2005 | | S <u>(1)</u> | 604,790 | D | \$ 20 | 1,296,800 | I | By Madison West (3) (4) |
| Common Stock | 01/20/2005 | | S(1) | 581,310 | D | \$ 20 | 0 | I | By Nelson Peltz Children's Trust (3) (5) |
| Common | | | | | | | 101,275 | I | By Triarc (3) |

Stock (6)

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) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | ate | 7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr. | nt of lying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|---|
| | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| PELTZ NELSON | | | | | | | |
| C/O TRIARC COMPANIES, INC. | X | X | | | | | |
| 280 PARK AVENUE | Λ | Λ | | | | | |
| NEW YORK, NY 10017 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

By: Robin R. Pruitt, as Attorney-in-Fact for 01/24/2005

**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).

Deletionship

On January 20, 2005, in connection with an underwritten offering of the Issuer's Common Stock, Madison West Associates Corp. (Madison West), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Triarc Companies, Inc. (Triarc), the Nelson Peltz Children's Trust (the Trust), and the Peltz Family Limited Partnership (the Limited Partnership) entered into an Underwriting Agreement providing for the sale by Madison West of 604,790 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock, the sale by the Trust of 581,310 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock and the sale by the Limited Partnership of 964 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock at a price of \$20.00 per share, less Underwriter's discounts and commissions of \$0.35 per share. The offering is scheduled to close on January 25, 2005.

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- (2) All such shares are held by the Limited Partnership, an entity in which Mr. Peltz is a general partner.
- (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (4) All such shares are held by Madison West, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Triarc. Mr. Peltz is an officer, director and significant stockholder of Triarc.
- (5) All such shares were held by the Trust, an entity in which Mr. Peltz is a trustee.
- (6) All such shares are held by Triarc. Mr. Peltz is an officer, director and significant stockholder of Triarc.

Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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