

WALSH PETER
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WALSH PETER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AMERISTAR CASINOS INC
[ASCA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
SVP, GC, Chief Admin Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

16633 VENTURA
BOULEVARD, SUITE 1050

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/05/2012

ENCINO, CA 91436

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/05/2012		M			10,000	A	\$ 13.18	52,636	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012		S			100	D	\$ 19.265	52,536	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012		S			200	D	\$ 19.27	52,336	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012		S			100	D	\$ 19.295	52,236	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012		S			500	D	\$ 19.3	51,736	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾

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Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	100	D	\$ 19.305	51,636	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	500	D	\$ 19.31	51,136	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	1,100	D	\$ 19.32	50,036	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	100	D	\$ 19.325	49,936	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	1,100	D	\$ 19.33	48,836	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	500	D	\$ 19.332	48,336	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	1,600	D	\$ 19.34	46,736	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	400	D	\$ 19.35	46,336	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	600	D	\$ 19.36	45,736	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	200	D	\$ 19.365	45,536	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	400	D	\$ 19.38	45,136	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	100	D	\$ 19.39	45,036	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	890	D	\$ 19.4	44,146	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	100	D	\$ 19.405	44,046	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	300	D	\$ 19.41	43,746	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	200	D	\$ 19.415	43,546	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	300	D	\$ 19.42	43,246	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	400	D	\$ 19.43	42,846	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	110	D	\$ 19.44	42,736	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	100	D	\$ 19.45	42,636	I	Family Trust ⁽¹⁾
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- (2) Balance includes previously reported restricted stock units, each of which constitutes the right to receive one share of common stock in the future.
- (3) Option vested in five equal annual installments commencing on April 2, 2003.

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