

WALSH PETER  
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**FORM 4**

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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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

16633 VENTURA BOULEVARD, SUITE 1050

(Street)

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

ENCINO, CA 91436

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	03/05/2012		M		10,000	A	\$ 13.18 52,636	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012		S		100	D	\$ 19.265 52,536	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012		S		200	D	\$ 19.27 52,336	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012		S		100	D	\$ 19.295 52,236	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012		S		500	D	\$ 19.3 51,736	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>

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Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	100	D	\$ 19.305	51,636	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	500	D	\$ 19.31	51,136	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	1,100	D	\$ 19.32	50,036	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	100	D	\$ 19.325	49,936	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	1,100	D	\$ 19.33	48,836	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	500	D	\$ 19.332	48,336	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	1,600	D	\$ 19.34	46,736	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	400	D	\$ 19.35	46,336	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	600	D	\$ 19.36	45,736	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	200	D	\$ 19.365	45,536	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	400	D	\$ 19.38	45,136	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	100	D	\$ 19.39	45,036	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	890	D	\$ 19.4	44,146	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	100	D	\$ 19.405	44,046	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	300	D	\$ 19.41	43,746	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	200	D	\$ 19.415	43,546	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	300	D	\$ 19.42	43,246	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	400	D	\$ 19.43	42,846	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	110	D	\$ 19.44	42,736	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/05/2012	S	100	D	\$ 19.45	42,636	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
						92,424 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	



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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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