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obligations

may continue.

See Instruction

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading WALSH PETER Issuer Symbol AMERISTAR CASINOS INC (Check all applicable) [ASCA] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 16633 VENTURA 02/02/2012 SVP, GC, Chief Admin Officer **BOULEVARD, SUITE 1050** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **ENCINO, CA 91436** Person

(City)	(State) (A	Table Table	e I - Non-l	De	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.		4. Securi	ties A	cquired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of			d of	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Code (D)				Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8))	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
								Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
						(A)		Reported		
						or		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common	00/00/0010		г		1 400	Ъ	\$	05 400 (1)	Ъ	
Stock	02/02/2012		F		1,420	D	20.7	95,499 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common	02/02/2012		G V	V	3,075	D	\$0	92,424 (1)	D	
Stock					-,		Ť ,	-, -		
Common										Family
Stock	02/02/2012		G V	V	3,075	A	\$0	42,636	I	Trust $\frac{(2)}{}$
DIOCK										11450

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transactio	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da		7. Titl		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Teat)	(Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/		Under	lying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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

WALSH PETER 16633 VENTURA BOULEVARD SUITE 1050 ENCINO, CA 91436

SVP, GC, Chief Admin Officer

Signatures

/s/ Peter C. 02/03/2012 Walsh

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).
- (1) Balance includes previously reported restricted stock units, each of which constitutes the right to receive one share of common stock in the future.
- (2) Securities owned by the Walsh Family Trust dated 9-11-03, of which Mr. Walsh and his spouse are co-trustees.

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