

NEILSEN ESTATE OF CRAIG H  
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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 \*  
 NEILSEN ESTATE OF CRAIG H

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)  
 03/30/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

C/O AMERISTAR CASINOS INC., 3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY SUITE 490S

(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

LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

(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 or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/30/2011		S	3,147 (1) D \$ 17.75	31,525,253	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2011		S	6,853 (1) D \$ 17.75	31,518,400	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2011		S	7,000 (1) D \$ 17.8	31,511,400	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2011		S	1,000 (1) D \$ 17.84	31,510,400	D	
	03/31/2011		S		31,508,400	D	

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Common Stock				2,000 <u>(1)</u>	\$			17.85	
Common Stock	03/31/2011		S	1,400 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 17.9	31,507,000		D
Common Stock	04/01/2011		S	6,600 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.02	31,500,400		D
Common Stock	04/01/2011		S	2,000 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.04	31,498,400		D
Common Stock	04/01/2011		S	2,000 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.05	31,496,400		D
Common Stock	04/01/2011		S	2,000 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.1	31,494,400		D
Common Stock	04/01/2011		S	2,000 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.15	31,492,400		D
Common Stock	04/01/2011		S	3,000 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.25	31,489,400		D
Common Stock	04/01/2011		S	2,000 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.3	31,487,400		D
Common Stock	04/01/2011		S	2,000 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.35	31,485,400		D
Common Stock	04/01/2011		S	2,000 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.4	31,483,400		D
Common Stock	04/01/2011		S	9,487 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.51	31,473,913		D
Common Stock	04/01/2011		S	200 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.52	31,473,713		D

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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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