

NEILSEN ESTATE OF CRAIG H
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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 *
 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)
 04/05/2011

____ 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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	04/05/2011		S		1,000 (1) \$ 18.96	D	31,313,449
Common Stock	04/05/2011		S		6,087 (1) \$ 18.97	D	31,307,362
Common Stock	04/05/2011		S		1,500 (1) \$ 18.98	D	31,305,862
Common Stock	04/05/2011		S		1,872 (1) \$ 18.99	D	31,303,990
	04/05/2011		S		\$ 19	D	31,293,155

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Common Stock			10,835 <u>(1)</u>				
Common Stock	04/05/2011	S	908 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 19.01	31,292,247	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	S	2,000 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.85	31,290,247	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	S	5,000 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.86	31,285,247	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	S	2,574 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.87	31,282,673	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	S	5,426 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.88	31,277,247	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	S	5,000 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.89	31,272,247	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	S	10,000 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.91	31,262,247	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	S	1,400 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.92	31,260,847	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	S	2,448 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.93	31,258,399	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	S	4,094 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.94	31,254,305	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	S	7,757 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.95	31,246,548	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	S	5,000 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.96	31,241,548	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	S	2,204 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.97	31,239,344	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	S	4,800 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.99	31,234,544	D
Common Stock	04/06/2011	S	8,652 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 19	31,225,892	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)

