

NEILSEN ESTATE OF CRAIG H

Form 4

April 11, 2011

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)
04/08/2011

____ Director ____X____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ 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)
X 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	04/08/2011		S		5,000 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.6	31,152,092	D
Common Stock	04/08/2011		S		5,000 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.78	31,147,092	D
Common Stock	04/08/2011		S		4,700 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.91	31,142,392	D
Common Stock	04/08/2011		S		300 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 18.92	31,142,092	D
	04/08/2011		S			D	\$ 18.94	31,136.892	D

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Common Stock				5,200 (1)					
Common Stock	04/08/2011	S	2,717 (1)	D	\$ 18.95	31,134,175	D		
Common Stock	04/08/2011	S	1,300 (1)	D	\$ 18.97	31,132,875	D		
Common Stock	04/11/2011	S	19,100 (1)	D	\$ 18.85	31,113,775	D		
Common Stock	04/11/2011	S	10,000 (1)	D	\$ 18.84	31,103,775	D		
Common Stock	04/11/2011	S	5,000 (1)	D	\$ 18.83	31,098,775	D		
Common Stock	04/11/2011	S	200 (1)	D	\$ 18.821	31,098,575	D		
Common Stock	04/11/2011	S	200 (1)	D	\$ 18.82	31,098,375	D		
Common Stock	04/11/2011	S	1,600 (1)	D	\$ 18.8	31,096,775	D		
Common Stock	04/11/2011	S	5,000 (1)	D	\$ 18.9	31,091,775	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, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor 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
NEILSEN ESTATE OF CRAIG H C/O AMERISTAR CASINOS INC. 3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY SUITE 490S LAS VEGAS, NV 89169			X	

Signatures

/s/ Gregory H .Cooper,
Attorney-in-Fact

04/11/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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) Sales made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan implemented by the reporting person.

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