

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC
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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 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)
08/08/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
CEO/President

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	08/08/2006		P		400	A	\$ 18.57
Common Stock	08/10/2006		P		400	A	\$ 18.4
Common Stock	08/10/2006		P		500	A	\$ 18.62
Common Stock	08/10/2006		P		100	A	\$ 18.65
Common Stock	08/10/2006		P		200	A	\$ 18.72

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Common Stock	08/10/2006	P	10,000	A	\$ 18.73	31,019,600	D
Common Stock	08/10/2006	P	600	A	\$ 18.75	31,020,200	D
Common Stock	08/10/2006	P	200	A	\$ 18.77	31,020,400	D
Common Stock	08/10/2006	P	500	A	\$ 18.79	31,020,900	D
Common Stock	08/10/2006	P	300	A	\$ 18.8	31,021,200	D
Common Stock	08/10/2006	P	476	A	\$ 18.81	31,021,676	D
Common Stock	08/10/2006	P	124	A	\$ 18.83	31,021,800	D
Common Stock	08/10/2006	P	9	A	\$ 18.91	31,021,809	D
Common Stock	08/10/2006	P	1,291	A	\$ 18.92	31,023,100	D
Common Stock	08/10/2006	P	500	A	\$ 18.94	31,023,600	D
Common Stock	08/10/2006	P	8,600	A	\$ 18.95	31,032,200	D
Common Stock	08/10/2006	P	73	A	\$ 18.97	31,032,273	D
Common Stock	08/10/2006	P	8,308	A	\$ 18.98	31,040,581	D
Common Stock	08/10/2006	P	765	A	\$ 18.99	31,041,346	D
Common Stock	08/10/2006	P	17,054	A	\$ 19	31,058,400	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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene
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Derivative Security	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Own 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
NEILSEN CRAIG H 3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY SUITE 490S LAS VEGAS, NV 89169	X	X	CEO/President	

Signatures

Peter C. Walsh, Attorney-in-Fact	08/10/2006
**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).
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