

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
WALSH PETER

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)
 16633 VENTURA
 BOULEVARD, SUITE 1050
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 08/13/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP, GC, Chief Admin Officer

ENCINO, CA 91436

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/13/2013		D			68,906	D	\$ 26.50 ⁽¹⁾	0	D	
Common Stock	08/13/2013		D			65,010	D	\$ 26.50 ⁽²⁾	0	I	Family Trust ⁽³⁾

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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.68	08/13/2013		D	73,490	(4) 07/25/2022		Common Stock	73,490
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.62	08/13/2013		D	133,656	(4) 11/21/2021		Common Stock	133,656
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.57	08/13/2013		D	33,800	(4) 07/25/2018		Common Stock	33,800
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.62	08/13/2013		D	28,540	(4) 07/30/2020		Common Stock	28,540
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.62	08/13/2013		D	34,090	(4) 07/31/2019		Common Stock	34,090
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.3	08/13/2013		D	42,944	(4) 12/16/2014		Common Stock	42,944
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.09	08/13/2013		D	28,670	(4) 07/29/2021		Common Stock	28,670

Buy)

Employee

Stock

Option

\$ 22.87

08/13/2013

D

40,718

(4)

12/15/2015

Common
Stock

40,718

(Right to

Buy)

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.

08/13/2013

Walsh

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Pursuant to the terms of the issuer's applicable stock incentive plans and the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger") among the issuer, Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., and certain affiliates of Pinnacle, vesting of restricted stock units included in these securities (if not already vested) was accelerated and such units were cancelled in the Merger in exchange for a cash payment equal to \$26.50, the price payable by the acquirer in the Merger (the "Merger Price") for each share receivable in respect of such units.

(2) Pursuant to the Merger, all outstanding shares of common stock of the issuer were cancelled in exchange for the right to receive the Merger Price in cash.

(3) Securities owned by the Walsh Family Trust dated 9-11-03, of which Mr. Walsh and his spouse are co-trustees.

(4) Pursuant to the issuer's applicable stock incentive plans and the terms of the Merger, vesting of these options (if not already vested) was accelerated and such options were cancelled in the Merger in exchange for a cash payment, per share, equal to the difference between the Merger Price and the exercise price of the option.

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