

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**HODGES LARRY**

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)  
**3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY, SUITE 490S**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/01/2012**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**President, COO**

**LAS VEGAS, NV 89169**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |   |                             |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |   |   |                             |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 5,500   | D  | \$ 20.01 87,326                                       | I | Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 1,681   | D  | \$ 20.0101 85,645                                     | I | Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 300   | D  | \$ 20.02 85,345                                       | I | Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 800   | D  | \$ 20.0201 84,545                                     | I | Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 1,200   | D  | \$ 20.0205 83,345                                     | I | Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup> |

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|              |            |   |       |   |          |                        |   |                             |
|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Common Stock | 03/01/2012 | S | 390   | D | \$ 20.03 | 82,955                 | I | Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2012 | S | 2,600 | D | \$ 20.04 | 80,355                 | I | Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock |            |   |       |   |          | 133,920 <sup>(2)</sup> | 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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | 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 |
| HODGES LARRY<br>3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY<br>SUITE 490S<br>LAS VEGAS, NV 89169 | X             |           | President,<br>COO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Peter C. Walsh,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/02/2012

\*\*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) Securities owned by The Larry Hodges Family Trust, of which Mr. Hodges is the sole trustee.

(2) Balance includes previously reported restricted stock units, each of which constitutes the right to receive one share of common stock in the future.

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