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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549								NOMB Number:	3235	-0287
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(Print or Type Respondence)	nses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> WALSH PETER			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
		AMERISTAR CASINOS INC [ASCA]				(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)				Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
3773 HOWARD PKWY, SUITE			12/16/2	2004			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	and General Co	unsel	
(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 				
LAS VEGAS, N	V 89109						Person	wore than one R	epotting	
(City) ((State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owne	d
1.Title of Security2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deemed Execution I any (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)			(A) or of (D) 4 and 5) (A)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature Indirect Beneficia Ownersh (Instr. 4)	al 1ip	
				Code V	Amount	(D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
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Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying S	ecurities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Yea	r)	(Instr. 3 and	4)
				Code V	(A) (D)) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 42.6	12/16/2004		А	24,400	12/15/2005 <u>(1)</u>	12/16/2011	Common Stock	24,400
Reporting Owners									
Reporting Owner Name / Address		e / Address	D		ationships				
WALSH PETER 3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY SUITE 490S LAS VEGAS, NV 89109			Director 10% Own		er V.P. and Gen		Other		

Signatures

Peter Walsh 12/17/2004

<u>**</u>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) Option vests in five equal annual installments commencing on December 15, 2005.

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

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