

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 *
MALONE THOMAS

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)
02/10/2005

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Vice President and Controller

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 89109

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2005 | | M | A | 3,108 | \$ 13.935 | 3,108 D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2005 | | M | A | 1,390 | \$ 23.055 | 4,498 D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2005 | | S | D | 4,498 | \$ 49.50 | 0 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 (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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 13.935 | 02/10/2005 | | M | 3,108 | 12/19/2003 ⁽¹⁾ 12/20/2012 | Common Stock | 3,108 |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 23.055 | 02/10/2005 | | M | 1,390 | 12/10/2004 ⁽²⁾ 12/11/2013 | Common Stock | 1,390 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MALONE THOMAS 3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY SUITE 490S LAS VEGAS, NV 89109 | | | Vice President and Controller | |

Signatures

Peter C. Walsh,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/11/2005

**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 19, 2003.

(2) Option vests in five equal annual installments commencing on December 10, 2004.

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