

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 \*  
Cochrane Luther P

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)  
08/13/2013

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)				
				Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/13/2013		D		10,496	D		\$ 26.50 <sup>(1)</sup>		D	
Common Stock	08/13/2013		D		27,901	D		\$ 26.50 <sup>(2)</sup>		I	Trust <sup>(3)</sup>

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.88	08/13/2013		D	17,600	<u>(4)</u> 01/27/2016	Common Stock	17,600
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.09	08/13/2013		D	3,750	<u>(4)</u> 07/29/2021	Common Stock	3,750
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.62	08/13/2013		D	3,750	<u>(4)</u> 07/31/2019	Common Stock	3,750
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.23	08/13/2013		D	7,500	<u>(4)</u> 06/20/2018	Common Stock	7,500
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.68	08/13/2013		D	8,210	<u>(4)</u> 07/25/2022	Common Stock	8,210
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.62	08/13/2013		D	3,750	<u>(4)</u> 07/30/2020	Common Stock	3,750

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cochrane Luther P 3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY	X			

SUITE 490S  
LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

## Signatures

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

08/14/2013

\_\_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) 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 Luther P. Cochrane Irrevocable Trust, of which the reporting person's children are the beneficiaries and of which the reporting person's wife is a co-trustee. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of securities owned by such trust.

(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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