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(Print or Type Responses)						
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u></u> HODGES LARRY	2. Issuer Name and Symbol	Ticker or Trading	5. Relationship of Issuer	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
	AMERISTAR CA [ASCA]	ASINOS INC	(Chec	(Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Tra	ansaction	X Director			
3773 HOWARD HUGHES(Month/Day/Year)97/31/200907/31/20099KWY, SUITE 490S07/31/2009			_X_Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President, COO			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Da	te Original	6. Individual or Jo	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
	Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line _X_ Form filed			y One Reporting Person		
LAS VEGAS, NV 89169			Form filed by N Person	Iore than One Re	eporting	
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-D	erivative Securities	Acquired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deer Execution any (Month/I	n Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		ed 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
	Code V	(A) or Amount (D) Pr	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common 07/31/2009 Stock	А	55,530 A \$	0 86,862 <u>(2)</u>	D		
Common Stock			45,681	Ι	Family Trust <u>(3)</u>	

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.62	07/31/2009		А	43,030	07/30/2010 <u>(4)</u>	07/31/2019	Common Stock	43,030

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
Treforming Colline Found (Francisco	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
HODGES LARRY 3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY SUITE 490S LAS VEGAS, NV 89169	х		President, COO		
Signatures					
/s/ Peter C. Walsh, Attorney-in-Fact	08/04/2	2009			

**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) Constitutes a grant of restricted stock units, each of which represents a right to receive one share of common stock in the future. Such restricted stock units vest in four equal, annual installments commencing on July 30, 2010.
- (2) Balance includes previously reported restricted stock units, each of which constitutes the right to receive one share of common stock in the future.
- (3) Securities owned by The Larry Hodges Family Trust, of which Mr. Hodges is the sole trustee.
- (4) Options vest in four equal, annual installments commencing on July 30, 2010.

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