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 March 06, 2002

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549  
 FORM 3 INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
 BARON, JOSEPH M.  
 1406 KEIM TRAIL  
  
 ST. CHARLES, IL 60174
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)  
 3/4/02
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CHARMING SHOPPES, INC. (CHRS)
5. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1) Title of Security	2) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3) D or I	4) Nature of Indirect or Beneficial Ownership
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Table II Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1) Title of Derivative Security	2) Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3) Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4) Condition exercisable price Derivative Security
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
			Amount or Number of Shares

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
 /S/ BARON, JOSEPH M.  
 DATE 03/06/02