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IMPERIAL CAPITAL BANCORP, INC.  
Form SC 13D  
July 14, 2008

OMB Number 3235-0145

United States  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
Washington DC 20549

Schedule 13D  
Under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934

Imperial Capital Bancorp, Inc.  
Name of Issuer

Common Stock, \$ .01 Par Value  
Title of Class of Securities

CUSIP Number 452680101

Howard Amster, 23811 Chagrin Blvd., Suite 200  
Beachwood, Ohio 44122-5525, 216 595-1047  
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized  
to Receive Notices and Communications)

July 7, 2008  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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|    |                          |               |
|----|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1  | Name of Reporting Person | Howard Amster |
| 2  | If a member group        | a) / /        |
| b) | /X/                      |               |
| 3  | SEC Use only             |               |
| 4  | Source of Funds          | PF            |
| 5  | Check if Disclosure      |               |
| 6  | Citizenship              | U.S.A.        |

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|                  |                                                        |                    |         |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Number of Shares | 7                                                      | Sole Voting        | 106,400 |
| Beneficially     |                                                        |                    |         |
| Owned By Each    | 8                                                      | Shared Voting      | 382,600 |
| Reporting Person |                                                        |                    |         |
| With             | 9                                                      | Sole Dispositive   | 106,400 |
|                  | 10                                                     | Shared Dispositive | 382,600 |
| 11               | Aggregate Amount Beneficially owned                    |                    | 489,000 |
| 12               | Check if Aggregate Amount (11) Excludes Certain Shares |                    |         |
| 13               | Percent of Class Represented by amount in row (11)     |                    | 9.01 %  |
| 14               | Type of Reporting Person                               |                    | IN      |

|                  |                                                        |                    |                        |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1                | Name of Reporting Person                               |                    | Amster Trading Company |
| 2                | If a member group                                      | a)                 | / /                    |
| b)               | /X/                                                    |                    |                        |
| 3                | SEC Use only                                           |                    |                        |
| 4                | Source of Funds                                        |                    | WC                     |
| 5                | Check if Disclosure                                    |                    |                        |
| 6                | Citizenship                                            |                    | USA                    |
| Number of Shares | 7                                                      | Sole Voting        |                        |
| Beneficially     |                                                        |                    |                        |
| Owned By Each    | 8                                                      | Shared Voting      | 205,300                |
| Reporting Person |                                                        |                    |                        |
| With             | 9                                                      | Sole Dispositive   |                        |
|                  | 10                                                     | Shared Dispositive | 205,300                |
| 11               | Aggregate Amount Beneficially owned                    |                    | 205,300                |
| 12               | Check if Aggregate Amount (11) Excludes Certain Shares |                    |                        |
| 13               | Percent of Class Represented by amount in row (11)     |                    | 3.78 %                 |
| 14               | Type of Reporting Person                               |                    | CO                     |

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|----|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------|
| 1  | Name of Reporting Person                               |        | Pleasant Lake Apts. Corp.  |
| 2  | If a member group                                      | a)     | / /                        |
| b) | /X/                                                    |        |                            |
| 3  | SEC Use only                                           |        |                            |
| 4  | Source of Funds                                        | WC     |                            |
| 5  | Check if Disclosure                                    |        |                            |
| 6  | Citizenship                                            | U.S.A. |                            |
|    | Number of Shares                                       | 7      | Sole Voting                |
|    | Beneficially                                           |        |                            |
|    | Owned By Each                                          | 8      | Shared Voting 177,300      |
|    | Reporting Person                                       |        |                            |
|    | With                                                   | 9      | Sole Dispositive           |
|    |                                                        | 10     | Shared Dispositive 177,300 |
| 11 | Aggregate Amount Beneficially owned                    |        | 177,300                    |
| 12 | Check if Aggregate Amount (11) Excludes Certain Shares |        |                            |
| 13 | Percent of Class Represented by amount in row (11)     |        | 3.27 %                     |
| 14 | Type of Reporting Person                               |        | CO                         |

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|----|--------------------------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------------|
| 1  | Name of Reporting Person                               |    | Pleasant Lake Apts. Ltd.<br>Partnership |
| 2  | If a member group                                      | a) | / /                                     |
| b) | /X/                                                    |    |                                         |
| 3  | SEC Use only                                           |    |                                         |
| 4  | Source of Funds                                        | 00 |                                         |
| 5  | Check if Disclosure                                    |    |                                         |
| 6  | Citizenship                                            |    | U.S.A.                                  |
|    | Number of Shares                                       | 7  | Sole Voting                             |
|    | Beneficially                                           |    |                                         |
|    | Owned By Each                                          | 8  | Shared Voting 177,300                   |
|    | Reporting Person                                       |    |                                         |
|    | With                                                   | 9  | Sole Dispositive                        |
|    |                                                        | 10 | Shared Dispositive 177,300              |
| 11 | Aggregate Amount Beneficially owned                    |    | 177,300                                 |
| 12 | Check if Aggregate Amount (11) Excludes Certain Shares |    |                                         |
| 13 | Percent of Class Represented by amount in row (11)     |    | 3.27 %                                  |
| 14 | Type of Reporting Person                               |    | 00                                      |

Item 1. Security and Issuer

Imperial Capital Bancorp, Inc.  
888 Prospect Street, Suite 110  
La Jolla, California 92037

Imperial Capital Bancorp, Inc.  
Common Stock

CUSIP Number 452680101

Item 2. Identity and Background

Howard Amster

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- a) Howard Amster
- b) 23811 Chagrin Blvd., # 200, Beachwood, Ohio 44122-5525
- c) Present principal occupation- Real Estate Operator  
23811 Chagrin Blvd. # 200, Beachwood, Oh 44122-5525
- d) Howard Amster has not been convicted in any criminal proceedings (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors, if any) within the last five years.
- e) Howard Amster has not been party to any civil proceedings of a judicial or administrative body or competent jurisdiction of the type described in Item 2 of Schedule 13D within the last five years.
- f) U.S.A.

Amster Trading Company

Howard Amster is the 100% owner of Amster Trading Company and as such can be deemed the beneficial owner of such entity and may be deemed to have shared voting and dispositive power over shares owned by Amster Trading Company.

- a) Amster Trading Company
- b) 23811 Chagrin Blvd., # 200  
Beachwood, Ohio 44122-5525
- c) Investments
- d) Neither the officers, directors, or shareholder of Amster Trading Company have been convicted in any criminal proceedings (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors, if any) within the last five years.
- e) Neither the officers, directors, or shareholder of Amster Trading Company have been a party to any civil proceedings of a judicial or administrative body or competent jurisdictions of the type described in Item 2 of Schedule 13D within the last five years.
- f) U.S.A.

Pleasant Lake Apts. Corp.

Howard Amster is the 100 % owner of Pleasant Lake Apts. Corp. and as such can be deemed the beneficial owner of such entity and may be deemed to have shared voting and dispositive power over shares owned by Pleasant Lake Apts. Ltd. Corp.

- a) Pleasant Lake Apts. Corp.
- b) 23811 Chagrin Blvd., # 200  
Beachwood, Ohio 44122-5525
- c) Investments
- d) Neither the officers, directors or shareholder of Pleasant Lake Apts. Corp. have been convicted in any criminal proceedings (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors, if any) within the last five years.

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e) Neither the officers, directors or shareholder of Pleasant Lake Apts. Corp. have been a party to any civil proceedings of a judicial or administrative body or competent jurisdictions of the type described in Item 2 of Schedule 13D within the last five years.

f) U.S.A.

Pleasant Lake Apts. Ltd. Partnership

Howard Amster is the 99.75 % owner of Pleasant Lake Apts. Ltd. Partnership and as such can be deemed the beneficial owner of such entity and may be deemed to have shared voting and dispositive power over shares owned by Pleasant Lake Apts. Ltd. Partnership.

Pleasant Lake Apts. Corp. is the General Partner of Pleasant Lake Apts. Ltd. Partnership and as such can be deemed the beneficial owner of such entity and may be deemed to have shared voting and dispositive power over shares owned by Pleasant Lake Apts. Ltd. Partnership.

a) Pleasant Lake Apts. Ltd. Partnership  
b) 7530 Lucerne Drive, # 101  
Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130

c) Real Estate

d) Neither the officers, directors or partners of Pleasant Lake Apts. Ltd. Partnership have been convicted in any criminal proceedings (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors, if any) within the last five years.

e) Neither the officers, directors or partners of Pleasant Lake Apts. Ltd. Partnership have been a party to any civil proceedings of a judicial or administrative body or competent jurisdictions of the type described in Item 2 of Schedule 13D within the last five years.

f) U.S.A.

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### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

Howard Amster, in his personal and individual retirement accounts purchased 106,400 common shares with personal funds without borrowing. The total consideration for the purchases is \$ 1,099,009.85.

Amster Trading Company purchased 168,400 common shares and received PIK distributions of 36,900 common shares. The purchases were with working capital without borrowing. The total consideration on 205,300 shares is \$ 1,629,133.47.

Pleasant Lake Apts. Ltd. Partnership purchased 177,300 common shares with partnership funds without borrowing. The total consideration for these purchases is \$ 2,964,239.97.

### Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

The following acquired their shares or may be deemed to be a group for purposes of investment.

Howard Amster  
Amster Trading Company  
Pleasant Lake Apts. Corp.  
Pleasant Lake Apts. Ltd. Partnership

There are no present plans or proposals by this group of record or the beneficial owners as reported in this Schedule 13D which relates to or would result in the following:

- a. The acquisition by any person of additional securities of the issuer, or the disposition of securities of the issuer provided, however, the reporting persons might acquire additional shares or other securities of the issuer or dispose of some or all of their shares depending upon market conditions and their personal circumstances;
- b. An extraordinary corporate transaction, such as a merger, reorganization or liquidation, involving the issuer or any of its subsidiaries;
- c. A sale or transfer or a material amount of assets of the issuer or any of its subsidiaries;
- d. Any change in the present board of directors or management of the issuer, including any plans or proposals to change the number of the terms of directors or to fill any existing vacancies on the board;
- e. Any material change in the present capitalization or dividend policy of the issuer;
- f. Any other material in the issuer's business or corporate structure;
- g. Changes in the issuer's charter, bylaws or instruments corresponding thereto or other actions which may impede the acquisition of control of the issuer by any person;
- h. Causing a class of securities of the issuer to be delisted from a national securities exchange or cease to be authorized to be quoted in an inter-dealer quotation system of a registered national securities

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association;

i) A class of equity securities of the issuer becoming eligible for termination of registration pursuant to Section 12(g) (4) of the Act; or

j. Any action similar to any of those enumerated above.

### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

The outstanding common shares of the Issuer is 5,428,760 shares as referenced in the 10-Q for the quarterly period ending March 31, 2008.

(a) (b) The aggregate amount owned by this Reporting Group is 489,000 shares or 9.01 % of the outstanding shares.

Howard Amster in his name and individual retirement accounts owns 106,400 shares or 1.96 % of the common outstanding shares.

Amster Trading Company owns 205,300 shares or 3.78 % of the common outstanding shares.

Pleasant Lake Apts. Ltd. Partnership owns 177,300 common shares or 3.27 % of the common outstanding shares.

### c) Description of Transactions

Purchases executed on a listed stock exchange as open market transactions excluding payment in kind (PIK) distributions received by Amster Trading Company from a charitable remainder unitrust.

PIK priced at closing and included in table. Executing broker Bear Stearns except where referenced differently.

| Identity                                  | Date     | Shares | Price   |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|----------|
| Howard                                    | 11/09/07 | 300    | 18.4168 |          |
| Amster and Individual Retirement Accounts | 12/10/07 | 4100   | 21.7961 |          |
|                                           | 12/11/07 | 1000   | 22.03   |          |
|                                           | 01/22/08 | 2000   | 14.432  |          |
|                                           | 01/25/08 | 2300   | 15.727  |          |
|                                           | 02/11/08 | 3000   | 23.388  |          |
|                                           | 05/08/08 | 4100   | 13.00   | Cheevers |
|                                           | 05/08/08 | 20100  | 13.4934 |          |
|                                           | 05/09/08 | 11100  | 13.756  |          |
|                                           | 05/28/08 | 15000  | 10.2143 |          |
|                                           | 07/10/08 | 43400  | 4.9489  |          |
| Amster Trading Company                    | 11/01/07 | 6200   | 21.4747 |          |
|                                           | 12/20/07 | 27700  | 18.13   | PIK      |



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|          |       |         |     |
|----------|-------|---------|-----|
| 01/02/08 | 9200  | 16.65   | PIK |
| 01/11/08 | 1200  | 14.5328 |     |
| 07/07/08 | 2000  | 4.999   |     |
| 07/07/08 | 67300 | 5.0438  |     |
| 07/08/08 | 27800 | 5.2315  |     |
| 07/09/08 | 16200 | 5.5325  |     |
| 07/10/08 | 47700 | 4.9489  |     |

|             |          |       |         |
|-------------|----------|-------|---------|
| Pleasant    | 12/04/07 | 3116  | 20.7196 |
| Lake Apts.  | 12/05/07 | 2600  | 21.1019 |
| Ltd.        | 12/06/07 | 3000  | 21.0503 |
| Partnership | 12/07/07 | 1200  | 21.00   |
|             | 01/04/08 | 10000 | 15.2674 |
|             | 01/08/08 | 43484 | 15.7426 |
|             | 01/09/08 | 9800  | 14.0792 |
|             | 01/10/08 | 15000 | 14.8583 |
|             | 01/11/08 | 3400  | 14.5328 |
|             | 01/23/08 | 24000 | 14.5415 |
|             | 02/07/08 | 40000 | 22.7545 |
|             | 02/12/08 | 5000  | 23.303  |
|             | 02/13/08 | 2500  | 23.5448 |
|             | 07/07/08 | 14200 | 5.0438  |

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

There are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships with respect to securities of the Issuer with any person except as set forth in items 2, 3, 5 above.

Item 7. Material to be filed as exhibits.

None

Signature After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge

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and belief, we certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: July 11, 2008

/s/  
Howard Amster

/s/  
Amster Trading Company  
By: Howard Amster  
Title: President

/s/  
Pleasant Lake Apts. Corp.  
By: Howard Amster  
Title: President

/s/  
Pleasant Lake Apts. Ltd. Partnership  
By: Howard Amster,  
Title: President of Pleasant Lake Apts. Corp.  
Its General Partner