

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 \*  
KANOFSKY GORDON

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)  
16633 VENTURA BOULEVARD,  
SUITE 1050  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/13/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

ENCINO, CA 91436

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

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	11/13/2006		M		24,500	A	\$ 2.36 36,500	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	11/13/2006		S		1,800	D	\$ 24.9 34,700	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	11/13/2006		S		4,200	D	\$ 24.93 30,500	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	11/13/2006		S		4,600	D	\$ 24.94 25,900	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	11/13/2006		S		1,244	D	\$ 24.95 24,656	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>

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Common Stock	11/13/2006	S	7,392	D	\$ 24.96	17,264	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	11/13/2006	S	3,000	D	\$ 24.97	14,264	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	11/13/2006	S	2,264	D	\$ 24.98	12,000	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 2.36	11/13/2006		M	24,500	Date Exercisable: 10/15/2001 <sup>(2)</sup> Expiration Date: 10/16/2010	Common Stock	24,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KANOFSKY GORDON 16633 VENTURA BOULEVARD, SUITE 1050 ENCINO, CA 91436			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

Peter C. Walsh,  
Attorney-in-Fact

11/14/2006

          \*\*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) Securities owned by the Kanofsky Family Trust dated 1-27-98, of which Mr. Kanofsky and his spouse are co-trustees.
- (2) Option vested in five equal annual installments commencing on October 15, 2001.

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