

KANOFSKY GORDON  
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**FORM 4**

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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)  
06/07/2012

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

ENCINO, CA 91436

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	06/07/2012		M	27,660	A \$ 6.9675	118,697	I Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012		S	500	D \$ 19.03	118,197	I Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012		S	3,400	D \$ 19.0301	114,797	I Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012		S	500	D \$ 19.036	114,297	I Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012		S	500	D \$ 19.0364	113,797	I Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>

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Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	2,300	D	\$ 19.04	111,497	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	200	D	\$ 19.05	111,297	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	500	D	\$ 19.0501	110,797	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	100	D	\$ 19.0621	110,697	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	1,682	D	\$ 19.07	109,015	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	1,418	D	\$ 19.09	107,597	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	800	D	\$ 19.091	106,797	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	100	D	\$ 19.0947	106,697	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	4,600	D	\$ 19.13	102,097	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	100	D	\$ 19.15	101,997	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	100	D	\$ 19.16	101,897	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	1,819	D	\$ 19.17	100,078	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	100	D	\$ 19.175	99,978	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	324	D	\$ 19.18	99,654	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	624	D	\$ 19.2	99,030	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	100	D	\$ 19.205	98,930	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	300	D	\$ 19.225	98,630	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	200	D	\$ 19.23	98,430	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	5,060	D	\$ 19.25	93,370	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	400	D	\$ 19.26	92,970	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
	06/07/2012	S	163	D	\$ 19.27	92,807	I	

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Common Stock								Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	37	D	\$ 19.28	92,770	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	1,433	D	\$ 19.3	91,337	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	06/07/2012	S	100	D	\$ 19.32	91,237	I	Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock						248,155 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	

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)
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.9675	06/07/2012		M	27,660	12/19/2003 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/20/2012	Common Stock 27,660

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

06/11/2012

\_\_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) Balance includes previously reported restricted stock units, each of which constitutes the right to receive one share of common stock in the future.
- (3) Options vested in five equal, annual installments commencing on December 19, 2003.

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