

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)
05/04/2012

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/04/2012 | | M | | 10,000 | A | \$ 6.9675 107,332 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/04/2012 | | S | | 1,235 | D | \$ 19.23 106,097 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/04/2012 | | S | | 2,000 | D | \$ 19.2622 104,097 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/04/2012 | | S | | 2,000 | D | \$ 19.2308 102,097 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/04/2012 | | S | | 3,000 | D | \$ 19.3811 99,097 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |

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| Common Stock | 05/04/2012 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 19.338 | 98,097 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/04/2012 | S | 765 | D | \$ 19.67 | 97,332 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | M | 10,000 | A | \$ 6.9675 | 107,332 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | S | 1,300 | D | \$ 19.04 | 106,032 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | S | 100 | D | \$ 19.0433 | 105,932 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | S | 100 | D | \$ 19.05 | 105,832 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | S | 1,477 | D | \$ 19.1 | 104,355 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | S | 123 | D | \$ 19.11 | 104,232 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | S | 700 | D | \$ 19.111 | 103,532 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | S | 1,400 | D | \$ 19.12 | 102,132 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 19.1251 | 101,132 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | S | 800 | D | \$ 19.13 | 100,332 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | S | 800 | D | \$ 19.19 | 99,532 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | S | 1,500 | D | \$ 19.2 | 98,032 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | S | 400 | D | \$ 19.21 | 97,632 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | S | 200 | D | \$ 19.2148 | 97,432 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | S | 100 | D | \$ 19.218 | 97,332 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | S | 466 | D | \$ 19.34 | 96,866 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | S | 1,529 | D | \$ 19.35 | 95,337 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | S | 800 | D | \$ 19.352 | 94,537 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| | 05/07/2012 | S | 1,700 | D | \$ 19.36 | 92,837 | I | |

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| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | | S | 300 | D | \$ 19.3601 | 92,537 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | | S | 300 | D | \$ 19.365 | 92,237 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/07/2012 | | S | 1,200 | D | \$ 19.37 | 91,037 | I | Family Trust ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 248,155 ⁽²⁾ | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 6.9675 | 05/04/2012 | | M | 10,000 | 12/19/2003 ⁽³⁾ 12/20/2012 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 6.9675 | 05/07/2012 | | M | 10,000 | 12/19/2003 ⁽³⁾ 12/20/2012 | Common Stock | 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

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

ENCINO, CA 91436

Signatures

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

05/08/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (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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