

KANOFSKY GORDON  
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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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/16/2005

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

(Street)  
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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/16/2005		M			36,000	A	\$ 4.72	42,000	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S			390	D	\$ 50.32	41,610	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S			1,125	D	\$ 50.3	40,485	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S			400	D	\$ 50.29	40,085	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S			800	D	\$ 50.28	39,285	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>

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Common Stock	05/16/2005		S	1,800	D	\$ 50.25	37,485	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S	800	D	\$ 50.16	36,685	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S	100	D	\$ 50.15	36,585	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S	205	D	\$ 50.12	36,380	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S	300	D	\$ 50.11	36,080	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S	1,400	D	\$ 50.1	34,680	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S	600	D	\$ 50.09	34,080	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S	651	D	\$ 50.08	33,429	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S	4,500	D	\$ 50.07	28,929	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S	600	D	\$ 50.06	28,329	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S	7,445	D	\$ 50.05	20,884	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S	449	D	\$ 50.03	20,435	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S	3,070	D	\$ 50.02	17,365	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S	1,100	D	\$ 50.01	16,265	I	Family trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	05/16/2005		S	10,265	D	\$ 50	6,000	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	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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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