

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 *
BOUSHY JOHN M

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)

**3773 HOWARD HUGHES
PKWY, SUITE 490S**

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/28/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)
President

LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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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 (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 07/28/2006 | | A | 95,876 A \$ 0 | 95,876 | I | Family Trust ⁽²⁾ |

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)

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| 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 of Underlying Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$ 18.585 | 07/28/2006 | | A | 210,000 | 08/30/2007 ⁽³⁾ 07/28/2013 | Common Stock | 210,000 |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BOUSHY JOHN M 3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY SUITE 490S LAS VEGAS, NV 89169 | | | President | |

Signatures

John M. Boushy 08/01/2006
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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).
 - (4) Option vests in three equal, annual installments commencing on January 1, 2007.
 - (1) Constitutes grant of restricted shares that vest in three equal, annual installments commencing on January 1, 2007.
 - (3) Option vests in five equal, annual installments commencing on August 30, 2007.
 - (2) Securities owned by The John and Lisa Boushy Family Trust, dated April 9, 2004, of which Mr. Boushy and his spouse are co-trustees.
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