

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC

Form 4

August 01, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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

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

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 18.585	07/28/2006		A	210,000	08/30/2007 ⁽³⁾ 07/28/2013	Common Stock 210,0
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 18.585	07/28/2006		A	210,000	01/01/2007 ⁽⁴⁾ 07/28/2013	Common Stock 210,0

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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