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(Print or Type	e Responses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> KANOFSKY GORDON			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERISTAR CASINOS INC			-	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
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Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr.		Securities (Month/Day/Y Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ar) (Instr. 3 and 4)		4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 42.6	12/16/2004		А	41,900	12/15/2005 <u>(1)</u>	12/16/2011	Common Stock	41,900

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships					
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
KANOFSKY GORDON 16633 VENTURA BOULEVARD, SUITE 1050 ENCINO, CA 91436				Executive Vice President				
Signatures								
Peter C. Walsh, Attorney-in-Fact	12/17/2004							
**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) Option vests in five equal annual installments commencing on December 15, 2005.

(2) The option is owned by the Kanofsky Family Trust dated 1-27-98, of which Mr. Kanofsky and his spouse are co-trustees.

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