BOUSHY JOHN M

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(Instr. 3)

Stock (1)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BOUSHY JOHN M**

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC

[ASCA]

(Check all applicable)

President

(Middle)

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

X_ Officer (give title below)

Director

10% Owner Other (specify below)

3773 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY, SUITE 490S

4. If Amendment, Date Original

08/30/2006

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

08/30/2006

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Indirect (I) Owned (Instr. 4) Following

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Price Code V Amount (D) Common

(Month/Day/Year)

\$0 A 441 A

Family I 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. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	Amount Underly Securiti	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

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 08/31/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).
- (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.
- (1) Constitutes grant of restricted shares that vest in three equal, annual installments commencing on January 1, 2007.

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