

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC
Form 8-K
April 20, 2012

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

Current Report

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **April 19, 2012**

Ameristar Casinos, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File No. **000-22494**

Nevada
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

88-0304799
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3773 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 490S, Las Vegas, NV 89169

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(702) 567-7000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Former name or former address, if changed since last report: N/A

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 19, 2012, Ameristar Casinos, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it is making a private placement offering of \$240,000,000 principal amount of 7.50% Senior Notes due 2021. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press release of the registrant dated April 19, 2012 regarding a private placement offering of senior notes |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Ameristar Casinos, Inc.

(Registrant)

Date: April 19, 2012

By:

/s/ Peter C. Walsh
Peter C. Walsh
Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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