

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC

Form 8-K

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 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): July 28, 2004

AMERISTAR CASINOS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)

0-22494
(Commission File Number)

88-0304799
(IRS Employer Identification
Number)

3773 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 490 South
Las Vegas, Nevada
(Address of principal executive offices)

89109
(Zip Code)

(702) 567-7000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits. Each of the exhibits listed below is incorporated herein in its entirety.

| <u>Exhibit</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | July 28, 2004 Press Release of the Registrant announcing financial results for the second quarter of 2004. |

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On July 28, 2004, the Registrant issued a press release, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1. The press release disclosed material non-public information regarding the Registrant's financial results for the second quarter of 2004.

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

The Registrant's July 28, 2004 press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 (see Item 9 above) is also being furnished pursuant to this Item 12.

SIGNATURE

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.

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| July 28, 2004 (Date) | AMERISTAR CASINOS, INC. By: <u> /s/ Peter C. Walsh </u> Peter C. Walsh Senior Vice President and General Counsel |
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