

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC

Form 8-K

April 03, 2006

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**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 3, 2006  
AMERISTAR CASINOS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

Nevada	000-22494	880304799
(State of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
3773 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 490S Las Vegas, Nevada		89109
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (702) 567-7000		
Not Applicable		
Former name or former address, if changed since last report)		
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):		
o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)		
o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)		
o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))		
o 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 3, 2006, Ameristar Casinos, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it has submitted a written proposal to the Board of Directors of Aztar Corporation to acquire Aztar for \$42 per common share in an all-cash transaction. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release of Ameristar Casinos, Inc. dated April 3, 2006

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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.

Date: April 3, 2006

AMERISTAR CASINOS, INC.

By: Peter C. Walsh  
Name: Peter C. Walsh  
Title: Senior Vice President and General  
Counsel

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