AMERISTAR CASINOS INC Form 8-K June 13, 2006

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):

June 9, 2006

Ameristar Casinos, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada	000-22494	880304799
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 3773 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 490S, Las Vegas, Nevada	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) 89109
(Address of principal executive offices) Registrant s telephone number, including area c	ode:	(Zip Code) (702) 567-7000
Registrant's telephone number, including area c	Not Applicable	(702) 307-7000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

(b) On June 9, 2006, Angela R. Frost, Senior Vice President of Operations of the Registrant, notified the Registrant of her retirement, effective July 7, 2006. A copy of a press release issued by the Registrant on June 12, 2006 announcing Ms. Frost s retirement is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit
99.1DescriptionPress release of the Registrant, dated June 12, 2006.

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.

June 13, 2006

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description

99.1 Press release of the Registrant, dated June 12, 2006.