

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC

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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): February 2, 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.

| <b>Exhibit</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|----------------|---|
| 99.1           | February 2, 2004 Press Release of the Registrant announcing financial results for the fourth quarter of 2003 and the year ended December 31, 2003 |

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On February 2, 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 fourth quarter of 2003 and the year ended December 31, 2003.

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

The Registrant's February 2, 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 undersigned registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERISTAR CASINOS, INC.

February 2, 2004  
(Date)

By: /s/ Peter C. Walsh

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Peter C. Walsh  
Senior Vice President and  
General Counsel

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