

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 04, 2011

**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): March 30, 2011**

**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, Nevada 89169**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(702) 567-7000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - 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 March 30, 2011, Ameristar Casinos, Inc. issued a press release announcing a private placement offering of \$800,000,000 principal amount of unsecured senior notes maturing in 2021. The release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit	Description
99.1	Press release of Ameristar Casinos, Inc. dated March 30, 2011 regarding offering of unsecured 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, thereunto duly authorized.

**Ameristar Casinos, Inc.**

(Registrant)

Date: April 4, 2011

By: /s/ Peter C. Walsh

Peter C. Walsh

Senior Vice President and General

Counsel

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