

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 20, 2012

# 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 19, 2012**

## 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, NV 89169**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(702) 567-7000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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  - 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 19, 2012, Ameristar Casinos, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it is making a private placement offering of \$240,000,000 principal amount of 7.50% Senior Notes due 2021. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release of the registrant dated April 19, 2012 regarding a private placement offering of 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 hereunto duly authorized.

**Ameristar Casinos, Inc.**

(Registrant)

Date: April 19, 2012

By:

*/s/ Peter C. Walsh*  
Peter C. Walsh  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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