

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC

Form 8-K

May 30, 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): May 23, 2006

**Ameristar Casinos, Inc.**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

3773 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 490S,  
Las Vegas, Nevada

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89109

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(702) 567-7000

Not Applicable

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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):

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- (b) On May 23, 2006, Joseph E. Monaly notified the Registrant of his retirement from the Board of Directors of the Registrant, effective June 19, 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.

Ameristar Casinos, Inc.

*May 30, 2006*

*By: /s/ Peter C. Walsh*

*Name: Peter C. Walsh*

*Title: Senior Vice President and General  
Counsel*