

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC

Form 8-K

May 04, 2011

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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 4, 2011**

**Ameristar Casinos, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

000-22494

880304799

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

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

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

89169

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(702) 567-7000

Not Applicable

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):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On May 4, 2011, Ameristar Casinos, Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the first quarter of 2011. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On May 4, 2011, Ameristar Casinos, Inc. issued a press release announcing plans to address flood risks at Ameristar Vicksburg. The press release is filed as Exhibit 99.2 hereto.

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

(d) Exhibits. Each of the exhibits listed below is incorporated herein in its entirety.

<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	May 4, 2011 Press Release of the Registrant announcing financial results for the first quarter of 2011.
99.2	May 4, 2011 Press Release of the Registrant announcing plans to address flood risks at Ameristar Vicksburg.

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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 4, 2011

By: */s/ Thomas M. Steinbauer*

Name: Thomas M. Steinbauer

Title: Senior Vice President of Finance,  
Chief Financial Officer and  
Treasurer

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