

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC  
Form 8-K  
January 19, 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): January 12, 2012**

**Ameristar Casinos, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Nevada**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-22494**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**88-0304799**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**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**

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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) On January 12, 2012, Heather A. Rollo, Senior Vice President of Accounting and the principal accounting officer of Ameristar Casinos, Inc. (the Company ), notified the Company that she is resigning her employment with the Company for personal reasons, effective March 2, 2012.

**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.

By: /s/ Peter C. Walsh

Name: Peter C. Walsh

Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Dated: January 18, 2012