AMERISTAR CASINOS INC Form 8-K January 17, 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): January 16, 2006 Ameristar Casinos, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada 000-22494 880304799

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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

(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):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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On January 16, 2006, the Registrant provided irrevocable notice to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the Trustee ), that it will redeem all \$380,000,000 outstanding principal amount of its 10-3/4% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2009 (the Notes ) pursuant to the optional redemption provision of the Indenture dated as of February 2, 2001, as subsequently amended, among the Registrant, as issuer, the Guarantors named therein and the Trustee. The Notes will be redeemed on February 15, 2006 at a redemption price of 105.375% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. The redemption will be funded through borrowings under the Registrant s senior secured credit facilities. The redemption will result in a one-time charge for loss on early retirement of debt of approximately \$26,200,000 on a pre-tax basis.

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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.

January 17, 2006 By: /s/ Peter C. Walsh

Name: Peter C. Walsh

Title: Senior Vice President and General

Counsel

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