AMERISTAR CASINOS INC Form 8-K July 27, 2006

#### 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):

July 24, 2006

Ameristar Casinos, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Nevada  | 000-22494                   | 880304799                               |  |  |
|---|-----------------------------|---|--|--|
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)                    | (Commission<br>File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |  |  |
| 3773 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suit<br>Las Vegas, Nevada             | e 490S,                     | 89169                                   |  |  |
| (Address of principal executive offices)                          |                             | (Zip Code)                              |  |  |
| Registrant s telephone number, includir                           | g area code:                | (702) 567-7000                          |  |  |
| 3773 Howard Hughes Parkway, Suite 490S<br>Las Vegas, Nevada 89109 |                             |   |  |  |
| Former name or former address, if changed since last report       |                             |   |  |  |

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#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 24, 2006, the Board of Directors of the Registrant approved the repurchase of up to 2.8 million shares of the Registrant s common stock, representing approximately 5% of its issued and outstanding common stock, in a stock repurchase program. The shares may be repurchased from time to time during the three-year period ending July 24, 2009 in open market transactions or privately negotiated transactions at the Registrant s discretion, subject to market conditions and other factors. A copy of the press release issued by the Registrant on July 26, 2006 announcing the stock repurchase program is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release of the Registrant dated July 26, 2006.

# 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.

July 27, 2006

By: /s/ Peter C. Walsh Name: Peter C. Walsh Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

#### Exhibit Description

99.1 Press release of the Registrant dated July 26, 2006.

border-right-width: 1; border-bottom-width: 1">11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)CodeV(A)(D)Date ExercisableExpiration DateTitleAmount or Number of Shares Restricted Stock Units (1)10/30/2017 A 10,000 (2) (2) Common Stock 10,000 (1) 10,000 D

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Addr                | ess        | Relationships |                   |       |  |
|--|------------|---------------|-------------------|-------|--|
|  | Director   | 10% Owner     | Officer           | Other |  |
| Strobbe Jason J                            |            |               |                   |       |  |
| 2398 TAYLOR DR                             |            |               | <b>EVP-</b> Sales |       |  |
| WEST LINN, OR 97068                        |            |               |                   |       |  |
| Signatures                                 |            |               |                   |       |  |
| /s/ Jason Strobbe                          | 05/07/2018 |               |                   |       |  |
| <u>**</u> Signature of<br>Reporting Person | Date       |               |                   |       |  |
|  |            |               |                   |       |  |

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(1) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Truett-Hurst, Inc. common stock.

(2) The RSUs subject to this award vest as follows: 25% of the RSUs vest on each of 10/30/2018, 10/30/2019, 10/30/2020, 10/30/2021.

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