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CHARMING SHOPPES INC

Form 8-K March 18, 2004

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) March 18, 2004

Charming Shoppes, Inc. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Pennsylvania (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-07258 (Commission File Number)

23-1721355 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

450 Winks Lane, Bensalem, PA (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

19020 (Zip Code)

(215) 245-9100 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The Exhibit Index on page 3 of this report is incorporated herein by reference.

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Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 18, 2004 we issued a press release announcing our earnings for the quarter and fiscal year ended January 31, 2004. The earnings announcement is attached as Exhibit 99 to this report.

In accordance with general instruction B.6 to Form 8-K, the information included in this Item 12, and the exhibit attached hereto, shall be deemed to be "furnished" and shall not be deemed to be "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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.

CHARMING SHOPPES, INC.
-----(Registrant)

Dated: March 18, 2004 By: /S/ ERIC M. SPECTER

Name: Eric M. Specter

Title: Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit. No.

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Press Release dated March 18, 2004