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 8, 2004

ANNTAYLOR STORES CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

of Incorporation)

Delaware1-1073813-3499319(State or Other Jurisdiction(Commission File Number)(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

142 West 57th Street New York, New York 10019 (Address, including Zip Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

(212) 541-3300 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable (Former Names or Former Addresses, if Changed Since Last Report)

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (c) Exhibits.
 - 99.1 Press Release issued by AnnTaylor Stores Corporation on January 8, 2004.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

AnnTaylor Stores Corporation issued a Press Release, dated January 8, 2004. A copy of the Press Release is appended to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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.

ANNTAYLOR STORES CORPORATION

Date: January 8, 2004

By: <u>/s/ Barbara K. Eisenberg</u> Barbara K. Eisenberg Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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