

BIG LOTS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 02, 2003

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) **December 2, 2003**

**BIG LOTS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

1-8897  
(Commission File Number)

06-1119097  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

300 Phillipi Road, P.O. Box 28512, Columbus, Ohio 43228-5311  
(Address of principal executive office) (Zip Code)

(614) 278-6800  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 1. Changes in Control of Registrant Not applicable  
 Item 2. Acquisition or Disposition of Assets Not applicable  
 Item 3. Bankruptcy or Receivership Not applicable  
 Item 4. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant Not applicable  
 Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 2, 2003, Big Lots, Inc. ( Company ) issued a press release announcing the appointment of John C. Martin as Executive Vice President of Merchandising. A copy of the Company's press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1. The information in Exhibit 99.1 is being furnished, not filed, under Item 5 of this Current Report on Form 8-K. By filing this Current Report on Form 8-K and furnishing this information, the Company is making no admission as to the materiality of any information in this Current Report, including the Exhibits.

Item 6. Resignations of Registrant's Directors Not applicable  
 Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release, dated December 2, 2003, issued by Big Lots, Inc.

Item 8. Change in Fiscal Year Not applicable  
 Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 1, 2003, an article appeared in The Wall Street Journal pertaining to holiday sales by certain retailers. In relevant part, when referring to the Company, the article states: "The Columbus, Ohio, retailer said it met its plan Friday for a 4% to 6% increase in same-store sales, or those at stores open at least a year. We feel like we have some momentum going into next week," said Kent Larsson, executive vice president of marketing. By filing this Current Report on Form 8-K and furnishing this information, the Company is making no admission as to the materiality of this information. The Company notes that it reports its comparable store sales for all stores that have been open for at least two years as of the beginning of the fiscal year.

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Item 10.	Amendments to the Registrant's Code of Ethics, or Waiver of a Provision of the Code of Ethics	Not applicable
Item 11.		
Temporary Suspension of Trading Under Registrant's Employee Benefit Plans Not applicable	Item 12.	
Results of Operations and Financial Condition Not applicable		

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SIGNATURE

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.

BIG LOTS, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey G. Naylor

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Jeffrey G. Naylor  
Senior Vice President &  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 2, 2003