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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) May 18, 2005

CHARMING SHOPPES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

PENNSYLVANIA 000-07258 23-1721355
-----(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of incorporation) Identification No.)

450 WINKS LANE, BENSALEM, PA 19020
----(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (215) 245-9100

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On May 18, 2005, Charming Shoppes, Inc. (the "Company") entered into an Agreement (the "Agreement") with Steven A. Lightman, pursuant to which Mr. Lightman has agreed, effective upon consummation of the Company's acquisition of Crosstown Trader's, Inc. ("Crosstown"), to serve as the President of Crosstown. Mr. Lightman currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Crosstown. Under the terms of the Agreement, Mr. Lightman is entitled to receive, upon consummation of the sale of Crosstown, 45,000 restricted stock units (each unit represents the right to receive one share of the Company's common stock) and 30,000 performance shares of the Company's common stock. The units and shares are being awarded to Mr. Lightman without approval of the Company's shareholders as an inducement to his entering into the Agreement. The terms and conditions of the awards will be set forth in a separate restricted stock unit agreement and performance share agreement to be entered into by the Company and Mr. Lightman in connection with the grant of the units and shares.

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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)

Date: May 24, 2005

/S/ERIC M. SPECTER

Eric M. Specter
Executive Vice President
Chief Financial Officer