

BIG LOTS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 26, 2003

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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) February 26, 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  
(Address of principal executive office)

43228-5311  
(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 |
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| Item 4. | Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant | Not applicable |
| Item 5. | Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure     | Not applicable |
| Item 6. | Resignations of Registrant's Directors        | Not applicable |
| Item 7. | Financial Statements and Exhibits             | Not applicable |

(a) None required

(b) None required

(c) Exhibits

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
|---------------------------|--|
| 99                        | Press release, dated February 26, 2003, issued by Big Lots, Inc. |

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

On February 26, 2003, Big Lots, Inc. issued a press release setting forth the Company's results of operations for the quarter and year ended February 1, 2003, and issued its 2003 earnings guidance. A copy of the Company's press release is attached as exhibit 99 and hereby incorporated by reference.

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          

Jeffrey G. Naylor  
Senior Vice President &  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 26, 2003