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 12, 2003

Mercantile Bankshares Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 0-5127 52-0898572 (State or other (Commission (IRS Employer jurisdiction of File Number) Identification No.)

incorporation)

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Two Hopkins Plaza, P.O. Box 1477, Baltimore, MD 21203

 $(Address\ of\ principal\ executive\ office)\ (Zip\ Code)$

Registrant s telephone number, including area code, (410) 237-5900

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Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

This is an optional filing made to disclose the event reported below. It is not a filing required by Regulation FD.

On March 12, 2003, the registrant issued a press release correcting a misleading First Call Note. A copy of the release is attached as Exhibit 20 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibits

20 Press release dated March 12, 2003.

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	<u>Signatures</u>	
Pursuant to the requirements of the Sec undersigned thereunto duly authorized.		nt has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the
	Mercantile Bankshares (Corporation (Registrant)
Date: March 12, 2003	Ву:	/s/ Terry L. Troupe
		Terry L. Troupe Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer