

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 earliest event
reported: May 19, 2004

American Airlines, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-2691 13-1502798
(State of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer
Identification No.)

4333 Amon Carter Blvd. Fort Worth, Texas 76155
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(817) 963-1234
(Registrant's telephone number)

Item 5. Other Events

American Airlines, Inc. (the Company) announced today (May 19, 2004) that the Company's Board of Directors named Gerard J. Arpey (formerly its President and Chief Executive Officer) as its Chairman. Mr. Arpey's new title will be Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. Edward A. Brennan, formerly the Company's Chairman, will return to his role as the Lead Director of the Company's Board of Directors.

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.

American Airlines, Inc.

/s/ Charles D. MarLett
Charles D. MarLett
Corporate Secretary

Dated: May 19, 2004