

GOTTSCHALKS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 25, 2005

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

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Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): April 22, 2005

Gottschalks Inc.

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**

*(State of Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)*

**1-09100**

**77-0159791**

*(Commission File Number)*

*(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)*

7 River Park Place East  
Fresno, California 93720

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*(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)*

(559) 434-4800

*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

Not Applicable

*(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)*

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

Mr. Max Gutmann, age 82, has been a Director of the Company since 1992, and on April 19, 2005, informed the Company that he intends to resign from the Board of Directors effective May 1, 2005. The Company is engaged in a search for a replacement who will, among other things, meet the independence requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission and The New York Stock Exchange.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Gottschalks Inc.  
(Registrant)

April 22, 2005

By: /s/ James R. Famalette  
James R. Famalette President and Chief Executive Officer

April 22, 2005

By: /s/ J. Gregory Ambro  
J. Gregory Ambro  
Chief Financial Officer

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