UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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)

January 3, 2006

THE FIRST AMERICAN CORPORATION

(Exact Name of the Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

California (State or other jurisdiction

001-13585 (Commission File No.) 95- 1068610 (I.R.S. Employee

of incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

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1 First American Way, Santa Ana, California 92707-5913

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(714) 800-3000

(Registrant s Telephone Number including Area Code)

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the follow provisions:

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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

We regret to announce that Thomas A. Klemens, the corporation schief financial officer, passed away on January 3, 2006. A related press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release.

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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.

Dated: January 3, 2006

THE FIRST AMERICAN CORPORATION

By: /s/ Parker S. Kennedy Name: Parker S. Kennedy

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer