

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):

May 10, 2001

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-09781

74-2099724

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1600 Smith Street, Dept. HQSEO, Houston, Texas

77002

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(713) 324-2950

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events.

On May 10, 2001, Continental Airlines, Inc. issued a press release, which is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

a. Exhibits

1. Press Release

2. Biography of Nominee for Director

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Continental Airlines, Inc. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

By /s/ Jennifer L. Vogel

Jennifer L. Vogel

Vice President

May 10, 2001

EXHIBIT INDEX

1. Press Release
2. Biography of Nominee for Director

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES Announces Nomination of**Lawrence W. Kellner for Election to Board of Directors**

HOUSTON, May 10, 2001 -- Continental Airlines (NYSE: CAL) announced today that Lawrence W. Kellner has been nominated by the company's board of directors for election to the board at the company's May 15 annual meeting of stockholders in light of the decision of Gregory D. Brenneman on May 2 not to stand for re-election at the meeting. Mr. Kellner is currently Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the company. The company announced last week that it is anticipated that Mr. Kellner will be elected President of the company next week when the board meets.

Continental Airlines is the fifth largest airline in the U.S., offering more than 2,200 departures daily to 136 domestic and 92 international destinations. Operating hubs in Newark, Houston, Cleveland and Guam, Continental (www.continental.com) serves more international cities than any other U.S. carrier, including extensive services throughout the Americas, Europe and Asia.

Lawrence W. Kellner, age 42, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since November 1996. Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (June 1995-November1996); Director of Belden & Blake Corporation.