

AMERICAN VANGUARD CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 18, 2004

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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): March 16, 2004

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**AMERICAN VANGUARD CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-6354  
Commission File Number

95-2588080  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

4695 MacArthur Court

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Newport Beach, California 92660

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number: (949) 260-1200

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**Item 5.**

On March 16, 2004, American Vanguard Corporation issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$.12 per share and a 3 for 2 stock split to be distributed on April 16, 2004 to shareholders of record as of March 26, 2004. The full text of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7.**

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated March 16, 2004 of American Vanguard Corporation.

**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 VANGUARD CORPORATION**

(Registrant)

By: /s / James A. Barry

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James A. Barry  
Senior Vice President  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 16, 2004

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