

NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 28, 2003

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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 21, 2003**

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**NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**000-22633**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**33-0683629**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**18400 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 1000, Irvine, California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**92612**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(949) 440-7030**

Former name or former address, if changed since last report: **N/A**

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**ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS**

On May 21, 2003, New Century Financial Corporation announced that its Board of Directors had approved a three-for-two split of its common stock and a quarterly cash dividend payment to its common stockholders at the rate of \$0.10 per share after the three-for-two stock split (\$0.15 on a pre-split basis). A copy of the press release issued by New Century announcing the three-for-two stock split and the quarterly dividend is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated May 21, 2003, issued by New Century Financial Corporation

**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.

NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By:           /s/ EDWARD F. GOTSCHALL          

Edward F. Gotschall  
*Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer*

May 27, 2003

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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