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> 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): December 31, 2003

1-6880 (Commission File Number)

U.S. BANCORP (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 41-0255900 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402 (Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

651-466-3000 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(not applicable)
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REQUIRED FD DISCLOSURE.

U.S. Bancorp announced today that it has completed its spin-off of Piper Jaffray Companies by means of a distribution of all of the currently outstanding Piper Jaffray Companies common stock to U.S. Bancorp stockholders of record at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on December 22, 2003. The press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference. The press release contains forward-looking statements regarding U.S. Bancorp and includes a cautionary statement identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated.

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit	
No.	Description
99.1	Press Release, dated December 31, 2003

## 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.

U.S. BANCORP

By: /s/ Terrance R. Dolan

Name: Terrance R. Dolan Title: Executive Vice President and Controller

DATE: December 31, 2003

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