

NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 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): October 17, 2003

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**NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

**000-22633**  
(Commission File

**33-0683629**  
(IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Number)

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 October 17, 2003, the Company issued a press release announcing that it has filed a registration statement on Form S-3 to cover the resale of its 3.50% Senior Convertible Notes due 2008, and the underlying shares of common stock into which the notes are convertible. The Company originally issued the notes in a private offering in July 2003. The press release is filed as exhibit 99.1 to this current report and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 7. EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release, dated October 17, 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

October 17, 2003

By:

/s/ BRAD A. MORRICE

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Brad A. Morrice

*Vice Chairman, President and*

*Chief Operating Officer*

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