

NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP  
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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): **December 13, 2001**

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**NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Issuer as Specified in its Charter)

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

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

**33-0683629**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**18400 Von Karman, Suite 1000, Irvine, California 92612**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

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**ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS**

A copy of the press release issued by New Century Financial Corporation, a Delaware corporation, on December 13, 2001 is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

The furnishing of this information is not intended to constitute a representation that such furnishing is required by Regulation FD or that the information it contains is material investor information that is not otherwise publicly available. In addition, all of the information in this report on Form 8-K is presented as of the date of this report, and the Company does not assume any obligation to update such information in the future.

**ITEM 7. EXHIBITS**

- (a) Financial statements of business acquired.  
Not applicable.

- (b) Pro forma financial information.  
Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release, dated December 13, 2001.

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### 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

December 20, 2001

By:            /s/ ROBERT K. COLE

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Robert K. Cole  
*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*

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