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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 8)*

NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value

(Title of Class of Securities)

64352 D 10 1

(CUSIP Number)

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Receive Notices and Communications)

April 19, 2002

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS/I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)
U.S. Bancorp 41-0255900

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)
(a) []
(b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) []

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF SHARES 0

8 SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 0

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON 0

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH 0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

0

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions) []

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0%

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

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This Amendment No. 8 (the "Amendment") amends the statement on Schedule 13D filed by U.S. Bancorp with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 4, 1998, as amended on January 7, 1999, May 12, 1999, August 3, 1999, May 8, 2000, January 12, 2001, November 28, 2001 and April 8, 2002 (the "Statement"). This Amendment supplements and, to the extent inconsistent therewith, amends the information set forth in the Statement.

In particular, this amendment reflects the conversion of 20,000 shares of Series 1998A Convertible Preferred Stock and 12,856 shares of Series 1999A Convertible Preferred Stock and the sale of all of the underlying shares of Common Stock of New Century Financial Corporation.

ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER.

The title and class of shares to which this statement relates is the Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of New Century Financial Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"). The Issuer's principal executive office is 18400 Von Karman, Suite 1000, Irvine, California, 92612.

ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND.

The information previously reported in this Item of the Statement with respect to U.S. Bancorp is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION.

The information previously reported in this Item of the Statement with respect to the source of funds for U.S. Bancorp's investment in securities of the Issuer is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION.

The information previously reported in this Item of the Statement with respect to the purpose of U.S. Bancorp's investment in securities of the Issuer is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.

- (a) As of April 19, 2002, U.S. Bancorp no longer is the beneficial owner of any shares of the Issuer's capital stock. However, U.S. Bancorp may be deemed to beneficially own shares of Common Stock held in client accounts with respect to which U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray Inc., an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of U.S. Bancorp ("Piper"), or employees of Piper have voting or investment discretion, or both ("Managed Accounts"). U.S. Bancorp and Piper disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock held in Managed Accounts. U.S. Bancorp and Piper may also be deemed to

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beneficially own from time to time shares of Common Stock acquired in ordinary course trading by Piper.

- (b) The Reporting Person has no voting or dispositive power as to the shares of Common Stock described in paragraph (a) above, other than those shares held by Piper in ordinary course trading activities.

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- (c) On April 19, 2002, U.S. Bancorp converted all of its shares of the Issuer's 1999A Convertible Preferred Stock and Series 1998A Convertible Preferred Stock and sold all of the underlying shares of the Issuer's Common Stock to various accredited investors at a purchase price of \$14.00 per share. See Item 6 below.

Except for such transaction and any shares bought or sold by Piper in ordinary course trading activities neither the Reporting Person nor, to the best knowledge of the Reporting Person, any of Reporting Person's executive officers or directors, has effected any transaction in the shares of the Issuer's Common Stock during the past sixty (60) days.

- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) As of April 19, 2002, U.S. Bancorp ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the Issuer's Common Stock.

ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.

The information previously reported in this Item of the Statement with respect to contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships with respect to securities of the Issuer is incorporated by reference herein.

On or about February 28, 2002, U.S. Bancorp entered into purchase agreements with the Issuer, Friedman, Billings, Ramsey & Co., Inc., as placement agent (the "Placement Agent"), and 64 separate "accredited investors" as defined by Rule 501(a) of Regulation D under the Securities Act (the "Purchasers"), whereby the Purchasers agreed to purchase in the aggregate from U.S. Bancorp 3,624,462 shares of Common Stock (the "Shares") issuable upon conversion of the 12,856 shares of the Issuer's Series 1999A Convertible Preferred Stock and 20,000 shares of the Issuer's Series 1998A Convertible Preferred Stock owned by U.S. Bancorp. On April 19, 2002, U.S. Bancorp converted all of its shares of the Issuer's 1999A Convertible Preferred Stock and Series 1998A Convertible Preferred Stock and sold the Shares to the Purchasers at a purchase price of \$14.00 per Share.

ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS.

The following agreements are filed as exhibits to this

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Statement:

- 7 (a) Form of Purchase Agreement entered into by and among U.S. Bancorp, the Issuer, the Placement Agent and the Purchasers on or about February 28, 2002 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 7(a) filed with Amendment No. 7 to this Schedule 13D).
- 7 (b) Stock Repurchase Agreement dated as of February 28, 2002 by and between U.S. Bancorp and the Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 7(b) filed with Amendment No. 7 to this Schedule 13D).

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: May 2, 2002

U.S. BANCORP

By: /s/ Lee R. Mitau

Lee R. Mitau

Its: Executive Vice President and General Counsel

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