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May 17, 2001

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) May 17, 2001

THE FIRST AMERICAN CORPORATION

(Exact Name of the Registrant as Specified in Charter)

California 0-3658 95-1068610

(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer
of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

1 First American Way, Santa Ana, California 92707-5913

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (714) 800-3000

Not Applicable.

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Item 5. Other Events.

See the attached Exhibit.

Item 7. Exhibits.

99 Press Release dated May 17, 2001.

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.

THE FIRST AMERICAN CORPORATION

Date: May 17, 2001

By: /s/ Thomas A. Klemens

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Name: Thomas A. Klemens
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer