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> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

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CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) September 4, 2003

THE FIRST AMERICAN CORPORATION

_____ (Exact Name of the Registrant as Specified in Charter) 0-3658 95-1068610 California _____ _____ (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission of Incorporation) File Number) (IRS Employer of Incorporation) 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.

On September 4, 2003, The First American Corporation issued a press release announcing its intent to acquire Transamerica Finance Corporation's tax and flood companies. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein.

Item 7. Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release

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.

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Date: September 4, 2003

By: /s/ Thomas A. Klemens

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