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Form 8-K  
November 04, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

October 6, 2003  
Date of Report (Date Of Earliest Event Reported)

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
(Exact Name Of Registrant As Specified In Its Charter)

Delaware  
(State Or Other Jurisdiction Of Incorporation)

001-31486  
(Commission File Number)

06-1187536  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Webster Plaza  
Waterbury, Connecticut 06702  
(Address Of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(203) 578-2476  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

NOT APPLICABLE  
(Former Name Or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On October 6, 2003, the Registrant, Webster Financial Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Webster"), and FIRSTFED AMERICA BANCORP, INC., a Delaware corporation ("FIRSTFED"), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"), under which Webster has agreed to acquire FIRSTFED. A copy of the Merger Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
99.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 6, 2003, by and between Webster Financial Corporation and FIRSTFED AMERICA BANCORP, INC.

SIGNATURE

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 hereunder duly authorized.

Dated: November 4, 2003

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: /s/: William J. Healy

Name: William J. Healy  
Title: Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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