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December 15, 2003

UNITED STATES  
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): December 15, 2003

1-6880  
(Commission File Number)

U.S. BANCORP  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

41-0255900  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

800 Nicollet Mall  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402  
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

651-466-3000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(not applicable)  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REQUIRED FD DISCLOSURE.

On December 15, 2003, U.S. Bancorp (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the declaration of a special dividend of all of the outstanding shares of common stock of Piper Jaffray Companies, the capital markets business being spun off by the Company. The press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference. The press release contains forward-looking statements regarding the Company and includes a cautionary statement identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated.

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release issued by U.S. Bancorp on December 15, 2003

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 hereunto duly authorized.

U.S. BANCORP

By: /s/ Terrance R. Dolan

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Name: Terrance R. Dolan  
Title: Executive Vice President

DATE: December 15, 2003