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Form 8-K January 24, 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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 24, 2003

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORPORATION.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Webster Plaza, Waterbury, Connecticut 06702
-----(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (203) 578-2476

Not Applicable
----(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99 Press Release dated January 24, 2003.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

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On January 24, 2003, Webster Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Webster Financial Corporation, issued a press release announcing that it has completed the acquisition of Budget Installment Corp. That press release is filed as Exhibit 99 to this report.

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.

WEBSTER FINANCIAL CORPORATION
----(Registrant)

By: /s/ William J. Healy

William J. Healy Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 24, 2003

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