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May 17, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

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FORM 8-K

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

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Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) May 17, 2001  
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THE FIRST AMERICAN CORPORATION

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(Exact Name of the Registrant as Specified in Charter)

California 0-3658 95-1068610

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

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

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (714) 800-3000  
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Not Applicable.

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(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