

CORNERSTONE BANCORP INC

Form 8-K

December 17, 2003

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 17, 2003

CORNERSTONE BANCORP, INC. /CT

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Connecticut
(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-25465
(Commission File Number)

06-1524044
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

550 Summer Street, Stamford, CT
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

06901
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (203) 356-0111

N/A

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure.

On December 17, 2003, Cornerstone Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) issued a Press Release announcing the declaration of the fourth quarter 2003 cash dividend.

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99.1 Press Release dated December 17, 2003

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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 hereto duly authorized.

Dated: December 17, 2003

CORNERSTONE BANCORP, INC.

By /s/ James P. Jakubek
James P. Jakubek

Executive Vice President