

GOTSCHALL EDWARD F
Form SC 13G/A
February 10, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

(Rule 13d-102)

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO RULES 13d-1(b) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED
PURSUANT TO 13d-2(b)**

(Amendment No. 6)¹

New Century Financial Corporation

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

64352 D 10 1

(CUSIP Number)

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

¹ The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, *see* the *Notes*).

1. Name of Reporting Persons

I.R.S. Identification No. of above persons (entities only)

Edward F. Gotschall

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*

(a) ..

(b) ..

Not applicable

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

United States

NUMBER OF 5. Sole Voting Power

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY **1,607,693**

OWNED BY 6. Shared Voting Power

EACH

REPORTING **0**

PERSON 7. Sole Dispositive Power

WITH

1,607,693

8. Shared Dispositive Power

0

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

1,607,693

10. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares

Not applicable

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

4.8%

12. Type of Reporting Person*

IN

***SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!**

Item 1(a). Name of Issuer: **New Century Financial Corporation**

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

18400 Von Karman, Suite 1000

Irvine, CA 92612

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

Edward F. Gotschall

Item 2(b). Address Of Principal Business Office Or, If None, Residence:

c/o New Century Financial Corporation

18400 Von Karman, Suite 1000

Irvine, CA 92612

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

United States

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

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Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

Not applicable

Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:	1,607,693
(b) Percent of class:	4.8%
(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:	
(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:	1,607,693
(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:	0
(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	1,607,693
(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	0

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following x

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.

Not applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable

Item 10. Certification.

Not applicable

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 6, 2004

(Date)

/s/ EDWARD F. GOTSCHALL

(Signature)

Edward F. Gotschall

(Name/Title)