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On June 18, 2003, First Mariner Bancorp (the "Registrant") completed a \$14.5 million private placement of Trust Preferred Securities through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Mariner Capital Trust III.

Further information regarding the private placement is set forth in the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated into this Form 8-K by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated June 20, 2003 announcing the private placement.

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.

FIRST MARINER BANCORP

Date: June 20, 2003 By: /s/ Joseph A. Cicero  
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Joseph A. Cicero  
President and Chief Operating Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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