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April 25, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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) April 25, 2002

FirstFed Financial Corp.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-9566 95-4087449  
(State of Incorporation) (Commission File No.) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

401 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica, California, 9401-1490  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (310)319-6000

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Item 5. Other Events.

On April 25, 2002 the registrant, FirstFed Financial Corp., issued a press release. A copy of the relevant portion of this press release is attached and incorporated herein as an Exhibit.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

a) Financial Statements of businesses acquired.

Not applicable.

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b) Pro forma financial information.

Not applicable.

c) Exhibits

Press Release dated April 25, 2002.

### S I G N A T U R E S

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 thereunto duly authorized.

FIRSTFED FINANCIAL CORP.

Dated: April 25, 2002

By:/s/ Babette E. Heimbuch  
Babette E. Heimbuch  
Chief Executive Officer

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### FIRSTFED FINANCIAL CORP. ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF JAMES P. GIRALDIN AS PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR

April 25, 2002, Santa Monica, California. The Board of Directors of FirstFed Financial Corp. (NYSE-FED) today announced that James P. Giralдин has been appointed to the position of President of the Company and of its operating subsidiary, First Federal Bank of California. Mr. Giralдин, who will continue to serve as Chief Operating Officer, also has been elected to fill the vacancy left on the Board by the retirement of William S. Mortensen. Babette E. Heimbuch, who has served as President from 1989 until the present, will continue to serve as the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and the Bank.

Mr. Giralдин joined First Federal Bank of California in 1992 as its Chief Financial Officer. He was promoted to Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer in 1997.

Ms. Heimbuch stated, "Mr. Giralдин's day-to-day management of the Company has

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been a primary factor in the Company's successful results. As President and Chief Operating Officer, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company, Mr. Giralдин will continue this important role, and continue to make a significant contribution to the leadership of our community."

FirstFed Financial Corp. is the parent holding company of First Federal Bank of California, a \$4.6 billion banking institution with 29 retail offices and 4 regional loan centers throughout Southern California.