



UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: December 29, 2004

(Date of earliest event reported)

**BANCWEST CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-7949**  
(Commission File Number)

**99-0156159**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**999 Bishop Street, Honolulu, Hawaii**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**96813**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (808) 525-7000**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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On October 29, 2004, in connection with the acquisitions of Community First Bankshares, Inc. and USDB Bancorp, BancWest obtained short-term debt financing from BNP Paribas in the amount of \$590 million. The borrowing had an interest rate of 1.96% and maturity date of November 29, 2004. On November 29, 2004, the short-term debt financing was extended to December 29, 2004, with an interest rate of 2.18063%. On December 29, 2004 the short-term debt financing was extended to January 29, 2005, with an interest rate of 2.4175%.

**SIGNATURE**

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.

Date: December 31, 2004

**BANCWEST CORPORATION**

By: /s/ DOUGLAS C. GRIGSBY

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Douglas C. Grigsby  
Executive Vice President, Chief  
Financial Officer and Treasurer