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FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

[] Check this box if no longer subject of Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5
obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

MORGAN RICHARD T.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3551 MISTY MEADOW

(Street)

DALLAS TX 75287

(City) (State) (Zip)

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2. Issuer Name AND Ticker or Trading Symbol

MERITAGE CORPORATION (MTH)
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3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)

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4. Statement for Month/Day/Year

MARCH 13, 2003
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5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

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6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

[] Director [] 10% Owner
[X] Officer (give title below) [] Other (specify below)

Vice President-Treasurer

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7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)

[X] Form filed by One Reporting Person
[] Form filed by More Than one Reporting Person
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Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of,
or Beneficially Owned

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					Amount		
					of		
					Secur-		
				4.	ities		7.
Nature				Securities	Bene-	6.	
				Acquired (A)	cially	Owner-	of
Indirect				or Disposed	Owned	ship	
Bene-		2A.	3.	of (D) (Instr.	Following	Form:	
ficial		Deemed	Transaction	3, 4 and 5)	Reported	Direct	

Owner-ship Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Code	(A) or (D)	Amount	Price	Trans- action(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(D) or (I)	Indirect (Instr. 4)
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<S> Meritage Corporation Common Stock	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
								3,152	D	

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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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11. Nature of In- officially or Beneficial Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative at End of Month (Instr. 4)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Owner-ship of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)
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<S> Meritage Corp Common Stock Options	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>	<C>
	\$32.00	3/14/03		A	2,000	3/13/04 3/12/10	MTH Common Stock 2,000	\$32.00		
"	\$32.00	3/14/03		A	2,000	3/13/05 3/12/10	" 2,000	\$32.00		
"	\$32.00	3/14/03		A	2,000	3/13/06 3/12/10	" 2,000	\$32.00		
"	\$32.00	3/14/03		A	2,000	3/13/07 3/12/10	" 2,000	\$32.00		
"	\$32.00	3/14/03		A	2,000	3/13/08 3/12/10	" 2,000	\$32.00	85,000	D

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Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Richard T. Morgan

3/17/03

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.
If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedures.