

NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**MORRICE BRAD A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL CORP [NEW]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**18400 VON KARMAN, SUITE 1000**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/14/2005**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Vice Chairman, Pres. and COO**

**IRVINE,, CA 92612**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	04/14/2005		M			22,056	A	\$ 5	1,437,375	D	
Common Stock	04/14/2005		M			11,250	A	\$ 6.65	1,448,625	D	
Common Stock	04/14/2005		M			1,175	A	\$ 7.33	1,449,800	D	
Common Stock	04/14/2005		M			5,624	A	\$ 10.47	1,455,424	D	
Common Stock	04/14/2005		M			5,625	A	\$ 18.66	1,461,049	D	

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Common Stock	100,000	I	By trust
Common Stock	15,000	I	By daughter <u>(1)</u>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5	04/14/2005		M	22,056	<u>(2)</u> 05/24/2007	Common Stock	22,056
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.65	04/14/2005		M	11,250	<u>(4)</u> 09/04/2011	Common Stock	11,250
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.33	04/14/2005		M	1,175	<u>(5)</u> 06/25/2007	Common Stock	1,175
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.47	04/14/2005		M	5,624	<u>(6)</u> 02/27/2012	Common Stock	5,624
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.66	04/14/2005		M	5,625	<u>(7)</u> 01/21/2013	Common Stock	5,625

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORRICE BRAD A 18400 VON KARMAN, SUITE 1000 IRVINE,, CA 92612	X		Vice Chairman, Pres. and COO	

## Signatures

Jennifer Jewett  
(Attorney-in-fact) 04/18/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) These shares are owned by the Samantha H. Morrice Trust, the sole beneficiary of which is the reporting person's daughter.

(2) This stock option grant vested as to 100% of the total number of options on the grant date and the option is, therefore, currently exercisable.

(3) This column is not applicable.

(4) This stock option grant vested 20% on September 4, 2002, the first anniversary of the grant date, with an additional 5% vesting on the last day of each succeeding calendar quarter thereafter. The final 5% increment will vest on the fifth anniversary of the grant date. The portion of this stock option grant exercised by the reporting person on April 14, 2005 vested on March 31, 2005.

(5) This stock option grant vested as to one-third of the total number of options on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date. The final one-third increment vested on the third anniversary of the grant date and the option is, therefore, currently exercisable.

(6) This stock option grant vested 20% on February 27, 2003, the first anniversary of the grant date, with an additional 5% vesting on the last day of each succeeding calendar quarter thereafter. The final 5% increment will vest on the fifth anniversary of the grant date. The portion of this stock option grant exercised by the reporting person on April 14, 2005 vested on March 31, 2005.

(7) This stock option grant vested 20% on January 21, 2004, the first anniversary of the grant date, with an additional 5% vesting on the last day of each succeeding calendar quarter thereafter. The final 5% increment will vest on the fifth anniversary of the grant date. The portion of this stock option grant exercised by the reporting person on April 14, 2005 vested on March 31, 2005.

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