

M&T BANK CORP  
Form 8-K  
September 20, 2002

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D. C. 20549

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CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 19, 2002

M&T BANK CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-9861

(Commission File Number)

16-0968385

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

One M&T Plaza, Buffalo, New York

(Address of principal executive offices)

14203

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (716) 842-5445

(NOT APPLICABLE)

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

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Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

On September 19, 2002, M&T Bank Corporation announced that beginning January 2003, it will recognize stock-based compensation expense in accordance with the fair value-based method of accounting described in Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation. The public announcement of M&T Bank Corporation's decision to expense the fair value of stock options beginning in January, 2003 was made by means of a news release, the text of which is set forth in Exhibit 99 hereto.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed as a part of this report:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	
99	News Release. Filed herewith.

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.

Date: September 20, 2002

M&T BANK CORPORATION

By: /s/ Michael P. Pinto

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Michael P. Pinto  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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