

MERITAGE CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2003

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**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): October 20, 2003

**MERITAGE CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

<b>Maryland</b>	<b>I-9977</b>	<b>86-0611231</b>
<b>(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)</b>	<b>(Commission File Number)</b>	<b>(IRS Employer Identification No.)</b>
<b>8501 E. Princess Drive, Suite 290, Scottsdale, Arizona 85255</b>		
<b>(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)</b> <b>(480) 609-3330</b>		
<b>(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)</b> <b>Not applicable</b>		
<b>(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)</b>		

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(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated October 20, 2003.

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References to we, our and us in this Current Report on Form 8-K refer to Meritage Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries.

On October 20, 2003, we issued a press release to announce our earnings for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003. A copy of this press release, including information concerning forward-looking statements and factors that may affect our future results, is attached as Exhibit 99.1. This press release is being furnished, not filed, under Item 12 in this Report on Form 8-K.

**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.

Dated: October 20, 2003

MERITAGE CORPORATION

/s/ Vicki L. Biggs

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By: Vicki L. Biggs  
Chief Accounting Officer and  
Vice President-Controller

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