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April 10, 2003

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 (Date of Earliest Event Reported): APRIL 9, 2003

MERITAGE CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

MARYLAND (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	I-9977 (Commission File Number)	86-0611231 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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8501 E. PRINCESS DRIVE, SUITE 290, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85255  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(480) 609-3330  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

NOT APPLICABLE  
(Former Name or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report)

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORM FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated April 9, 2003.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE AND  
ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

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

On April 9, 2003, we announced in a press release information concerning our new orders, closings and backlog for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2003. A copy of this press release, including information concerning forward-looking statements and factors that may affect our future results, is attached hereto 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.

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Dated: April 9, 2003

MERITAGE CORPORATION

/s/ Vicki L. Biggs

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
99.1	Press Release