

MERITAGE CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 21, 2004

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**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): July 20, 2004**

**MERITAGE CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

<b>Maryland</b>		<b>1-9977</b>		<b>86-0611231</b>
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)		(Commission File Number)		(IRS Employer Identification No.)
<b>8501 E. Princess Drive, Suite 290, Scottsdale, Arizona</b>				<b>85255</b>
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)				(Zip Code)
<b>(480) 609-3330</b>				
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)				
<b>Not Applicable</b>				
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)				



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

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated July 20, 2004.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE AND

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On July 20, 2004, we announced in a press release our earnings for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2004. 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: July 20, 2004

MERITAGE CORPORATION

/s/ Larry W. Seay

By: Larry W. Seay  
Chief Financial Officer,  
Vice President-Finance and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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