

MID-STATE BANCSHARES

Form 8-K

December 24, 2003

**United States
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): **December 17, 2003**

MID-STATE BANCSHARES

(Name of Small Business Issuer in its Charter)

California

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

000-23925

(File Number)

77-0442667

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

**1026 Grand Ave. Arroyo
Grande, CA**

(Address of Principal Executive
Offices)

93420

(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, including area code: **(805) 473-7700**

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DISCLOSURE

OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD

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On December 17, 2003, at its regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Mid-State Bancshares, the Board declared a thirteen cents per-share quarterly cash dividend for all shareholders of record on December 31, 2003, payable on January 15, 2004. Please refer to the Press Release dated December 18, 2003 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99	Press Release announcing third quarter cash dividend December 18, 2003

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: December 18, 2003

MID-STATE BANCSHARES

By: /s/ JAMES W. LOKEY
James W. Lokey
President
Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ JAMES G. STATHOS
James G. Stathos
Executive Vice President
Chief Financial Officer

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