CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY Form 8-K January 31, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OF 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) January 30, 2003

Central Garden & Pet Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 0-20242 (Commission File Number) 68-0275553 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

3697 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, California (Address of principal executive offices) 94549 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (925) 283-4573

Inapplicable

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

Item 5. Other Events

On January 30, 2003, Central Garden & Pet Company issued a press release announcing the closing of its private placement of \$150,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 9-1/8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 7. Financial Statement and Exhibits

(a) Not applicable

(b) Not applicable

(c) Exhibits

Number Exhibit

99.1 Press Release dated January 30, 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.

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

By: /s/ Stuart W. Booth

Stuart W. Booth Vice President Finance and Chief

Financial Officer

Dated: January 30, 2003

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