

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

Form 8-K

January 14, 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 13, 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 13, 2003, Central Garden & Pet Company issued a press release announcing that it is proposing to offer in a private placement \$150,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Senior Subordinated Notes. 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

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Exhibit</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated January 13, 2003. |
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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 13, 2003