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| | CURRENT REPORT | |
| | TO SECTION 13 OF 15(d) OF THE FIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 | |
| Date of Report (| Date of earliest event reported) May 18, 2004 | 1 |
| | rarden & Pet Compa | nny |
| Delaware (State or other jurisdiction | 0-20242 (Commission File Number) | 68-0275553 (IRS Employer |
| of incorporation) 3697 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, Califor (Address of principal executive offices) | rnia | Identification No.) 94549 (Zip Code) |

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

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Inapplicable

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

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Item 5. Other Events

On May 18, 2004, Central Garden & Pet Company issued a press release announcing it has agreed to acquire substantially all of the assets of KRB Seed Company, LLC. 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 |
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| | |
| 99.1 | Press Release dated May 18, 2004. |

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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, Chief Financial Officer

and Secretary

Dated: May 18, 2004