

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 BALOUSEK JOHN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO
 [CENT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1340 TREAT BLVD., STE. 600
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/27/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|-------|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2006 | | M | | | 2,300 | A | \$ 21.99 | 5,684 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/27/2006 | | S | | | 2,300 | D | \$ 53.793 | 3,384 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2006 | | M | | | 2,247 | A | \$ 21.99 | 5,631 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2006 | | S | | | 2,247 | D | \$ 54.21 | 3,384 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Remarks:

Exhibit List

Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

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