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Form 10-Q  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549  
FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2004  
Commission File No. 0-19305

CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas 75-2092519  
(State or other jurisdiction of (IRS Employer  
incorporation or organization) Identification Number)

4200 Airport Freeway  
Fort Worth, Texas 76117-6200  
817.222.1122  
(Address, including zip code, of principal executive  
offices and Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed  
all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months  
(or for such shorter period that the registrant was required  
to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing  
requirements for the past 90 days.

YES X NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an  
accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange  
Act).

YES NO X

6,953,551 shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, \$.01 par  
value, were outstanding as of May 13, 2004.

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### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS OR INFORMATION

This Form 10-Q Report contains forward-looking statements. The Company is including this statement for the express purpose of providing the Company with the protections of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 with respect to all forward-looking statements. Several important factors, in addition to the specific factors discussed in connection with such forward-looking statements individually, could affect future results and could cause those results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements contained in this report.

The Company's expected future results, products and service performance or other non-historical facts are forward-looking and reflect management's current perspective of existing trends and information. These statements involve risks and uncertainties that cannot be predicted or quantified and, consequently, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, the seasonality of its business, geographic concentration, the impact of weather and other growing conditions, general economic conditions, the ability to manage growth, the impact of competition, the ability to obtain future financing, the ability to finance redemption of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock, government regulations, market risks associated with variable-rate debt, and other risks and uncertainties defined from time to time in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

Therefore, each reader of this report is cautioned to consider carefully these factors as well as the specific factors discussed with each forward-looking statement in this report and disclosed in the Company's filings with the Securities and

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Exchange Commission as such factors, in some cases, have affected, and in the future (together with other factors) could affect, the Company's ability to implement its business strategy and may cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the statements expressed in this report.

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Part 1. FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
Item 1. Financial Statements

CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)  
(In Thousands)

	March 31, 2004	September 30, 2003	March 31, 2003
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,335	\$ 1,921	\$ 787
Accounts receivable	726	232	969
Inventories	5,796	4,802	5,921
Prepays and other assets	137	19	122
Deferred income taxes, current	--	--	1,226
Current assets of discontinued operations	--	--	2,238
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>8,994</b>	<b>6,974</b>	<b>11,263</b>
Property and equipment, net	10,605	10,841	11,113
Goodwill, net	--	--	631
Deferred income taxes	--	--	1,568
Other assets	167	182	197
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$19,766</b>	<b>\$17,997</b>	<b>\$24,772</b>

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Accounts payable	\$ 6,046	\$ 2,919	\$ 5,231
Accrued expenses	2,035	2,368	3,372
Current portion of long-term debt	472	474	390
Non-voting preferred stock, with mandatory redemption provisions	3,185	2,949	--
Current liabilities of discontinued operations	--	--	237
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>11,738</b>	<b>8,710</b>	<b>9,230</b>
Deferred rent payable	563	641	720
Long-term debt, net of current portion	6,488	6,695	7,191
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>18,789</b>	<b>16,046</b>	<b>17,141</b>
Commitments and contingencies			
Non-voting preferred stock, with mandatory redemption provisions	--	--	2,743
Shareholders' equity:			
Common stock	72	72	69
Additional paid-in capital	10,221	10,201	10,043

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Accumulated deficit	(7,919)	(6,926)	(3,828)
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	2,374	3,347	6,284
Less: Treasury stock, at cost	(1,397)	(1,396)	(1,396)
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Total shareholders' equity	977	1,951	4,888
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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$19,766	\$17,997	\$24,772
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)  
(amounts in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Six Months Ended March 31,		Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
Net sales	\$21,546	\$20,084	\$10,597	\$9,236
Cost of goods sold	11,329	11,193	5,305	4,737
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Gross profit	10,217	8,891	5,292	4,499
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Operating expenses	7,701	8,315	3,806	4,117
Advertising expenses	905	983	332	428
Occupancy expenses	1,720	1,621	937	835
Depreciation and amortization	244	306	117	129
Interest expense	578	405	292	205
Interest income	(4)	(7)	--	(3)
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total expenses	11,144	11,623	5,484	5,711
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	(927)	(2,732)	(192)	(1,212)
Income tax expense (benefit)	66	(1,042)	--	(440)
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Loss from continuing operations	(993)	(1,690)	(192)	(772)
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Discontinued operations:				
Loss from discontinued operations (net of tax)	--	(576)	--	(190)
Gain on disposal of discontinued operations (net of tax)	--	420	--	420
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	--	(156)	--	230
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net loss	(993)	(1,846)	(192)	(542)
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Accretion of preferred stock	--	(205)	--	(102)
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net loss attributable to common shareholders	(\$993)	(\$2,051)	(\$192)	(\$644)
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Weighted average number of common shares outstanding -				

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Basic and diluted	6,959	6,615	6,962	6,663
Net loss per common share - basic and diluted				
Loss from continuing operations	(\$.14)	(\$.29)	(\$.03)	(\$.13)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	--	(.02)	--	.03
Net loss	(\$.14)	(\$.31)	(\$.03)	(\$.10)

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CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)  
(In thousands)

	Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2004	2003
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	(\$993)	(\$1,846)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:		
Loss from discontinued operations (net of tax)	--	156
Depreciation and amortization	244	306
Accretion of preferred stock included in interest expense	236	--
Net change in operating assets and liabilities	1,125	385
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	612	(999)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Additions to property and equipment	(8)	(77)
Net cash used for investing activities	(8)	(77)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net proceeds from issuance (repurchases) of common stock	19	159
Repayments of debt	(209)	(1,166)
Net cash used for financing activities	(190)	(1,007)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents from continuing operations	414	(2,083)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents from discontinued operations	--	395
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	414	(1,688)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning		

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of period	1,921	2,475
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 2,335	\$ 787
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### CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Liquidity and Going Concern

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. The Company incurred a net loss for each of the fiscal years ended September 30, 2003, 2002 and 2001. In addition, the Company has \$3.4 million of preferred stock which becomes mandatorily redeemable in September 2004.

Management believes that the Company will generate funds which will contribute to its ability to redeem the preferred stock because it has disposed of its unprofitable wholesale and growing operations and instituted tighter controls over (i) expenses, (ii) inventory and (iii) capital expenditures. These steps have already contributed to substantially improved results for the three-month and six-month periods ended March 31, 2004. However, there can be no assurance that these steps will generate sufficient funds to redeem the preferred stock by September 2004. In such event, the Company may take further actions, including the sale and/or refinancing of property and equipment, to generate funds. However, there can be no assurance that these further actions will generate sufficient funds to redeem the preferred stock by September 2004.

Given this uncertainty, there is substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of assets and liabilities that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

#### 2. Basis of Presentation

These interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements were prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). In management's opinion, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated financial position at March 31, 2004, the results of operations for the three-month and six-month periods ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, and the cash flows for the six-month periods ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 have been made. Such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature.

Because of seasonal and other factors, the results of operations the cash flows for the three-month and six-month periods ended March 31, 2004 are not necessarily indicative of expected results of operations and cash flows for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

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Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the SEC rules and regulations referred to above. Accordingly, these financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and related notes for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2003 included in the Form 10-K covering such period.

3. Reclassifications

Certain amounts for fiscal 2003 have been reclassified to conform to the fiscal 2004 presentation of discontinued operations.

4. Inventories

Inventories consist of finished goods.

5. Segment Information

The Company has only one reportable segment: Retail.

The Company aggregates its individual retail stores because they are all managed in a similar way, they serve a similar type of customer, they use similar methods to distribute their products and services, they carry similar product lines, and they use similar marketing approaches. For example, the retail stores sell plants, garden supplies, and other merchandise, primarily to individuals, on a cash-and-carry basis.

The reporting segment follows the same accounting policies used for the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements.

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6. Stock-Based Compensation

Statement 148  
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The Company accounts for its stock options plans under the recognition and measurement principles of APB Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and related interpretations. No stock-based employee compensation cost is reflected in net loss, as all options granted under those plans had an exercise price equal to the market value of the underlying common stock on the date of the grant. The following table illustrates the effect on net loss and loss per share if the Company had applied the fair value recognition provisions of FASB Statement No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation to stock-based employee

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compensation (amounts in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Six- Month Period Ended March 31		Three- Month Period Ended March 31	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
Net loss, as reported	(\$993)	(\$1,846)	(\$192)	(\$542)
Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related income tax effects	--	--	--	--
Pro forma net loss	(\$993)	(\$1,846)	(\$192)	(\$542)
Net loss per share - basic and diluted				
As reported	(\$.14)	(\$.31)	(\$.03)	(\$.10)
Pro forma	(\$.14)	(\$.31)	(\$.03)	(\$.10)

### 7. Commitments and Contingencies

In fiscal 2002 the Company entered the San Antonio market by leasing seven retail store locations. Three of those leases were entered into with Mr. George J. Wechsler (the "Affiliate Leases"), who was elected to the Company's Board of Directors and was named a Vice President of the Company at the time of the San Antonio market entry. The Affiliate leases have three year terms. Rental expense under the Affiliate Leases was \$71,000 for each of the six-month periods ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 and \$35,000 for each of the three-month periods ended March 31, 2004 and 2003.

### 8. Advertising Expenses

The substantial majority of the Company's advertising consists of printed newspaper advertisements and radio announcements. Occasionally the Company will use direct mail and other media.

The Company expenses all advertising costs as they are incurred.

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## Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

### Executive-Level Overview

The Company achieved improved results of operations for its second fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2004 (the "March 2004 Quarter"). The Company typically incurs losses for its second fiscal quarter. For the March 2004 Quarter, the Company had a pre-tax loss from continuing operations of \$0.2 million compared to a pre-tax loss from continuing operations of \$1.2 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2003 (the "March 2003



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Quarter").

Year-to-date, the Company achieved a similar improvement. For the six month period ended March 31, 2004 (the "2004 Six Month Period"), the Company had a pre-tax loss from continuing operations of \$1.0 million compared to a pre-tax loss from continuing operations of \$2.7 million for the six-month period ended March 31, 2003 (the "2003 Six Month Period").

Furthermore, the company achieved Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities of \$0.6 for the 2004 Six Month Period compared to Cash Flows Used by Operating Activities of \$1.0 million for the 2003 Six Month Period.

### Results of Operations

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#### Introduction

As noted above, the Company disposed of all of its growing operations in fiscal 2003. Accordingly, the following discussion is presented as (i) continuing operations and (ii) discontinued operations.

### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### Continuing Operations

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Three-month Period Ended March 31, 2004 Compared with Three-month Period Ended March 31, 2003

Pre-tax loss from continuing operations improved 52% for the March 2004 Quarter compared to the March 2003 Quarter. The improvement was primarily attributable to (i) increased sales, (ii) improved gross margin, and (ii) reduced expenses.

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The following table shows the comparative amounts (in millions) and percentages of sales for gross profit, total expenses, and loss from continuing operations before income taxes:

	March 2004 Quarter		March 2003 Quarter	
	Amount	% of Sales	Amount	% of Sales
Sales	\$10.6		\$9.2	
Gross profit	5.3	50%	4.5	49%
Total expenses	5.5	52%	5.7	62%
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	(\$0.2)	(2%)	(\$1.2)	(13%)

Sales increased from \$9.2 million for the March 2003 Quarter to \$10.6 million for the March 2004 Quarter. There was higher demand for the Company's plants and gardening-related merchandise.

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Same-store sales increased from \$9.0 million for the March 2003 Quarter to \$10.1 million for the March 2004 Quarter. The Company opened two new retail stores, and closed one retail store, during the March 2004 Quarter.

Gross Profit increased 18%, from \$4.5 million for the March 2003 Quarter to \$5.3 million for the March 2004 Quarter. Gross margin improved from 49% for the March 2003 Quarter to 50% for the March 2004 Quarter. The improvement was primarily attributable to improved buying practices.

Operating expenses declined 8%. The decline was primarily attributable to tighter controls over labor and other operating expenses in the retail stores and administrative offices.

Occupancy expenses increased 12%. The increase was primarily attributable to higher real property taxes and the costs of the two new retail stores opened during the March 2004 Quarter.

Advertising expenses declined 22%. The decline was primarily attributable to the alignment of spending on advertising to better match seasonal patterns of consumer demand.

Depreciation and amortization declined 29%. Capital expenditures have been curtailed in recent years. For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2003, 2002 and 2001, capital expenditures were \$91,000, \$204,000 and \$248,000, respectively. Depreciation expense for those same six fiscal years was \$592,000, \$748,000 and \$783,000, respectively. Accordingly, many assets are becoming fully depreciated. The Company intends to continue limiting capital expenditures; it has no significant capital projects planned for the remainder of fiscal 2004.

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Interest expense increased 42%. The increase was primarily attributable to accretion of preferred stock, which was not recorded as interest expense before July 2003, when the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 150, Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Both Liabilities and Equity ("Statement 150"). Adoption of Statement of 150 caused (i) the company's preferred stock to be reclassified as a current liability on the balance sheets at March 31, 2004 and September 30, 2003, and (ii) the related accretion on the preferred stock to be classified as interest expense for the March 2004 Quarter. Accretion of the preferred stock was a non-cash expense of \$118,000 for the March 2004 Quarter.

There was no income tax expense for the March 2004 Quarter, compared to income tax benefits of \$602,000 for the March 2003 Quarter. The Company recorded a valuation allowance on all of its deferred tax assets during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2003, and does not currently record income tax expense or benefits during interim periods, except to the extent that income taxes are paid and/or income tax benefits are realized.

Six-month Period Ended March 31, 2004 Compared with Six-month Period Ended March 31, 2003

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Pre-tax loss from continuing operations improved 52% for the 2004 Six Month Period compared to the 2003 Six Month Period. The improvement was primarily attributable to (i) increased sales, (ii) improved gross margin, and (ii) reduced expenses.

The following table shows the comparative amounts (in millions) and percentages of sales for gross profit, total expenses, and loss from continuing operations before income taxes:

	2004 Six Month Period		2003 Six Month Period	
	Amount	% of Sales	Amount	% of Sales
Sales	\$21.5		\$20.1	
Gross profit	10.2	47%	8.9	44%
Total expenses	11.1	52%	11.6	58%
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	(\$0.9)	(5%)	(\$2.7)	(14%)

Sales increased from \$20.1 million for the 2003 Six Month Period to \$21.5 million for the 2004 Six Month Period. There was higher demand for the Company's plants and gardening-related merchandise partially offset by lower demand for the Company's Christmas merchandise. Same-store sales increased from \$19.6 million for the 2003 Six Month Period to \$20.8 million for the 2004 Six Month Period.

Gross Profit increased 15%, from \$8.9 million for the 2003 Six Month Period to \$10.2 million for the 2004 Six Month Period. Gross margin improved from 44% for the 2003 Six Month Period to 47% for the 2004 Six Month Period. The improvement was primarily attributable to improved buying practices.

Operating expenses declined 7%. The decline was primarily attributable to tighter controls over labor and other operating expenses in the retail stores and administrative offices.

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Occupancy expenses increased 6%. The increase was primarily attributable to increased real property taxes.

Advertising expenses declined 8%. The decline was primarily attributable to the alignment of spending on advertising to better match seasonal patterns of consumer demand.

Depreciation and amortization declined 20%. Capital expenditures have been curtailed in recent years. For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2003, 2002 and 2001, capital expenditures were \$91,000, \$204,000 and \$248,000, respectively. Depreciation expense for those same six fiscal years was \$592,000, \$748,000 and \$783,000, respectively. Accordingly, many assets are becoming fully depreciated. The Company intends to continue limiting capital expenditures; it has no significant capital projects planned for the remainder of fiscal 2004.

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Income tax expense was \$66,000 for the 2004 Six Month Period compared to income tax benefits of \$1,042,000 for the 2003 Six Month Period. The Company recorded a valuation allowance on all of its deferred tax assets during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2003, and does not currently record income tax expense or benefits during interim periods, except to the extent that income taxes are paid and/or income tax benefits are actually realized. The Company paid \$66,000 in state income taxes during the 2004 Six Month Period.

### Discontinued Operations

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As noted above, the Company disposed of all of its growing operations in fiscal 2003. Accordingly, there were no revenues or expenses from discontinued operations for the March 2004 Quarter or the 2004 Six Month Period. For the March 2003 Quarter and the 2003 Six Month Period, discontinued operations results were as follows (amounts in thousands):

	2003 Six Month Period -----	March 2003 Quarter -----
Sales	\$716	\$394
Cost of goods sold	700	394
	-----	-----
Gross profit	16	--
Total expenses	944	290
	-----	-----
Loss before income taxes	(928)	(290)
Income tax benefit	(352)	(100)
	-----	-----
Loss from discontinued operations	(\$576)	(\$190)
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### Financial Condition - Capital Resources and Liquidity

Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities were \$612,000 for the 2004 Six Month Period Cash Flows Used by Operating Activities of \$999,000 for the 2003 Six Month Period. The improvement was primarily attributable to the improvement in income from continuing operations before income taxes.

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Cash flows Used for Investing Activities were \$8,000 for the 2004 Six Month Period compared to \$77,000 for the 2003 Six Month Period. The decline was primarily attributable to continued limits on the amount spent on capital expenditures. The Company has no significant capital projects planned for the remainder of fiscal 2004.

Cash Flows Used for Financing Activities were \$190,000 for the 2004 Six Month Period compared to \$1,007,000 for the 2003 Six Month Period. For the 2003 Six Month Period the Company paid-off one real estate note payable in addition to its regular monthly payments of principal and interest on its other long term debt. For the 2004 Six Month Period the Company only made its regular monthly payments of principal and interest on its remaining long term debt.

Cash Flows Used for Discontinued Operations were \$-0- for the 2004 Six Month Period compared to Cash Flows Provided by Discontinued Operations of \$0.4 million for the 2003 Six Month Period. In fiscal 2003 the Company disposed of all of its growing operations.

### Line of Credit Arrangement

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The Company's business is seasonal, and it relies on a revolving line of credit arrangement provided by a bank (the "Line of Credit") to supplement its working capital during seasons of lower sales volumes, typically the quarter ending March 31.

For both fiscal 2004 and 2003 the Company has borrowed from the Line of Credit during the quarter ending March 31, and repaid those borrowings during the same quarter. The amount which may be borrowed under the line of credit is tied to amounts of accounts receivable and inventories, with a maximum of \$3.0 million.

The company had no amounts outstanding on the line of credit at March 31, 2004, September 31, 2003, or March 31, 2003, and does not expect to have any need for borrowings under the line of credit through its expiration date of May 28, 2004.

The maximum and weighted average amounts borrowed under the Line of Credit were as follows (amounts in thousands):

	Six Month Period Ended March 31,		Three Month Period Ended March 31,	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
Maximum amount borrowed	\$1,291	\$2,985	\$1,291	\$2,985
Weighted-average amount borrowed	\$244	\$772	\$487	\$1,544

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The Line of Credit contains financial covenants requiring the Company to meet a minimum amount for tangible net worth, a

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maximum ratio of liabilities to tangible net worth, and an annual ratio of earnings before interest and non-cash charges to current maturities of long-term debt. At September 30, 2003 the Company was not in compliance with the financial covenants required by the Line of Credit. In December 2003 the Company entered into a forbearance agreement with the bank. The bank agreed to not enforce the aforementioned financial covenants through the expiration of the Line of Credit on May 28, 2004. In return, the Company agreed to (i) a reduction in the maximum borrowing amount from \$3.0 million to \$1.5 million, (ii) an increase in the interest rate from prime to prime plus 2%, and (iii) certain requirements for net sales and net income. At March 31, 2004 the Company was in compliance with those requirements for net sales and net income.

The Line of Credit was adequate to support the Company's short term working capital requirements because: (i) working capital requirements were lower than in prior years because the Company disposed of its unprofitable wholesale and growing operations and instituted tighter controls over expenses, inventory and capital expenditures, and (ii) seasonal borrowing needs were substantially lower and of shorter duration than in previous years. Management believes that it is likely that the Company will continue to meet the requirements for net sales and net income provided in the forbearance agreement.

Management does not expect to be able to renew the Line of Credit with the current bank upon its expiration. However, management expects it will be able to negotiate acceptable alternatives to support its working capital requirements for fiscal 2005. Management does not expect to need to borrow any funds to support its working capital requirements during the remainder of the fiscal 2004.

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### Contractual Obligations and Commitments

As of March 31, 2004 the Company had the following contractual obligations (amounts in thousands):

	Fiscal Year Ending September 30,						
	2004(1)	2005	2006	2007	2008	There-	
						after	Totals
Long-term debt (including current portion)	\$ 265	\$ 505	\$ 542	\$ 528	\$ 542	\$4,578	\$ 6,960
Future minimum lease payments under noncancellable operating leases	1,129	2,039	1,195	1,021	681	2,056	8,121
Preferred stock with mandatory redemption provisions(2)	3,420	--	--	--	--	--	3,420
Totals	\$4,814	\$2,544	\$1,737	\$1,549	\$1,223	\$6,634	\$18,501
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- (1) Amounts for 2004 represent obligations due during the remainder of fiscal 2004 (six months).
- (2) Carrying amount of \$3,185 as of March 31, 2004, \$2,949 as of September 30, 2003 and \$2,743 as of March 31, 2003.

The Company has outstanding \$3.4 million of preferred stock which becomes mandatorily redeemable in September 2004. Management believes that the Company will generate funds which will contribute to its ability to redeem the preferred stock because it has disposed of its unprofitable wholesale and growing operations and instituted tighter controls over (i) expenses, (ii) inventory and (iii) capital expenditures. However, there can be no assurance that these steps will generate sufficient funds to redeem the preferred stock by September 2004. In such event, the Company may take further actions, including the sale and/or refinancing of real and personal property and equipment, to generate funds. However, there can be no assurance that these further actions will generate sufficient funds to redeem the preferred stock by September 2004. Failure to redeem the acquisition preferred stock at the date such redemption is supposed to be made could change the status of the holder of the preferred stock. The change, if any, of that status, on the operations of the company is not determinable at this time.

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### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

Some assets and liabilities by their nature are subject to estimates and assumptions. For the Company, those assets and liabilities include:

- Inventories;
- Deferred income taxes
- Property and equipment;
- Accrued expenses.

**Inventories** - The Company values its inventories using the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out basis. The Company conducts physical inventories three times each year: December, June and September.

The Company's retail inventories turn-over several times each year; therefore, the cost of each inventory item is approximately the same as its current replacement cost. Merchandise that is considered to have declined in quality is marked-down to estimated net realizable value on a regular basis. The physical inventories are taken at retail prices and adjusted to cost using sampling techniques that determine a markup percentage for each merchandise category in each market area.

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Deferred income taxes - As of March 31, 2004 and September 30, 2003 the Company has recorded a valuation allowance for all of its deferred tax assets on the weight of available evidence at those balance sheet dates. The primary factor in providing for a valuation allowance is the expectation that future taxable income and the reversal of temporary differences will not be sufficient for the Company to realize the deferred tax assets. Such estimate could change in the future based on the occurrence of future taxable income.

Property and Equipment - The Company reevaluates the propriety of the carrying amounts of its properties as well as the amortization periods when events and circumstances indicate that impairment may have occurred. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by the comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets. As of March 31, 2004 and September 30, 2003 management believes that no impairment has occurred and that no reduction of the estimated useful lives is warranted.

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Accrued expenses - The Company routinely accrues for various costs and expenses for which it has received goods or services, but for which it has not been invoiced. Typically, accrued expenses include such items as salaries and related taxes, bonuses, and sales and use taxes for which amounts are readily determinable and significant estimates are not necessary. Property taxes are estimated and accrued based on the amounts paid for such taxes for the previous year, until a new tax bill is received. Various other expenses are accrued from time to time before an invoice is rendered based on the estimated costs of those goods or services.

### SUPPLIERS

The wholesale market for living plants, related gardening products and Christmas merchandise is highly competitive. The Company uses dozens of suppliers for its living plants, related gardening products and Christmas merchandise, and there are readily available alternative sources for substantially all of the products sold by the Company. The Company has not encountered significant difficulties in procuring merchandise to sell. The Company considers its relations with suppliers to be good.

### EMPLOYEES

The Company's employees are not covered by collective bargaining agreements. The Company has not experienced any work stoppages. The Company considers its relations with employees to be good.

### COMPETITION

The retail nursery business is highly competitive. In the Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio markets, the Company competes with both (i) other retail nurseries, and



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(ii) home centers and mass merchandisers.

There are hundreds of retail nurseries in the Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio markets.

The home centers and mass merchandisers include The Home Depot, Lowe's and Wal-Mart. These competitors are much larger than the Company and have many more store locations in the Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio markets. Additionally, they attract customers for other products and have operations which are not as dependent on the spring planting season to cover year around operating costs.

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### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

The Company is exposed to certain market risks, including fluctuations in interest rates. The Company does not enter into transactions designed to mitigate such market risk, nor does it enter into any transactions in derivative securities for trading or speculative purposes. As of March 31, 2004, the Company had no foreign exchange contracts or options outstanding.

The Company manages its interest rate risk by balancing (a) the amount of variable-rate long-term debt with (b) the amounts due under long-term leases, which typically have fixed rental payments that do not fluctuate with interest rate changes. For the variable-rate debt, interest rate changes generally do not affect the fair market value of such debt, but do impact future operations and cash flows, assuming other factors are held constant.

At March 31, 2004 the Company had variable rate debt of \$1.8 million, out of total long-term debt of \$6.9 million. Holding other variables, such as debt levels, constant, a one percentage point increase in interest rates would be expected to have an estimated impact on pre-tax earnings and cash flows for next year of \$18,000 for the variable-rate debt.

### Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), has conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(b), as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the CEO and CFO concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective in timely alerting them to material information required to be disclosed in reports under the Exchange Act. Management applied its judgment in assessing the costs and benefits of such controls and procedures, which, by their nature, can provide only reasonable assurance regarding management's control objectives. There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting.

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While the Company believes that its existing disclosure controls and procedures have been effective to accomplish their objectives, the Company intends to continue to examine, refine and document its disclosure controls and procedures, and to monitor ongoing developments in this area.

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Part 2. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

None.

Item 2. Changes in Securities and Use of Proceeds.

None.

Item 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities.

None.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

None.

Item 5. Other Information.

None.

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K.

(a) Exhibits Required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K:

A list of the exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K and filed as part of this report is set forth in the Index to Exhibits on page 22, which immediately precedes such exhibits.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K:

None.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: May 13, 2004

CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC.

By /s/ James C. Estill

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James C. Estill, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

By /s/ Daniel G. Reynolds

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Daniel G. Reynolds, Vice

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President and Chief  
Financial Officer

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description
31(a) [1]	Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of the Chief Financial Officer of Calloway's Nursery, Inc.
31(b) [1]	Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of the Chief Executive Officer of Calloway's Nursery, Inc.
32 [1]	Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2003.
[1]	Filed with this Report.

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