UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: February 12, 2003 (Date of earliest event reported)

SPARTAN STORES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Commission File Number: 000-31127

Michigan

38-0593940

(State or Other Jurisdiction)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

of Incorporation or Organization)

850 76th Street, S.W. P.O. Box 8700 Grand Rapids, Michigan

49518

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (616) 878-2000

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

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- (c) Exhibits:
 - 99.1 Press Release dated February 12, 2003.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 12, 2003, Spartan Stores, Inc. issued the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K, which is here incorporated by reference. This report and the exhibit are furnished, not filed.

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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.

Date: February 12, 2003 SPARTAN STORES, INC.

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(Registrant)

By /s/ Alex J. DeYonker

Alex J. DeYonker Secretary

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99.1	Press Release Dated February 12, 2003