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December 10, 2003

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 (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED): DECEMBER 9, 2003

HERITAGE PROPANE PARTNERS, L.P.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware<br>(State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | 1-11727<br>(Commission file number) | 73-1493906<br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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8801 SOUTH YALE AVENUE, SUITE 310, TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74137  
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(918) 492-7272  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 5. Other Events:

A copy of the press release issued by the Registrant on December 4, 2003, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference.

ITEM 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No. 99.1 - Press Release dated December 4, 2003

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: December 9, 2003.

HERITAGE PROPANE PARTNERS, L.P.

By: U.S. Propane, L.P.  
(General Partner)

By: U.S. Propane, L.L.C.  
(General Partner)

By: /s/ Michael L. Greenwood

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Michael L. Greenwood  
Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

The exhibits listed on the following Exhibit Index are filed as part of this Report. Exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K, but which are not listed below, are not applicable.

| Exhibit<br>Number<br>----- | Description<br>-----                 |
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| 99.1                       | Press Release dated December 4, 2003 |