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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 4, 2003

Group 1 Automotive, Inc. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware1-1346176-0506313(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)(Commission File Number)(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

950 Echo Lane, Suite 100 Houston, Texas 77024 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(713) 647-5700 (Registrant's telephone number including area code)

Item 5. Other Events

On December 4, 2003, Group 1 Automotive, Inc., a Delaware corporation, announced that John S. Bishop, senior vice president, operations, died in a boating accident over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. The text of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Group 1 Automotive, Inc. dated as of December 4, 2003.

SIGNATURES

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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.

Group 1 Automotive, Inc.

December 4, 2003

Date

By: /s/ Scott L. Thompson

Scott L. Thompson, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

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