

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO  
Form 8-K  
October 26, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**Form 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (D) OF**  
**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

October 26, 2004

Date of Report: (Date of earliest event reported)

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**ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**1-9761**  
(Commission File Number)

**36-2151613**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

Two Pierce Place, Itasca, Illinois 60143-3141, (630) 773-3800

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(Address, including zip code and telephone number, including area code, or registrant's principal executive offices)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On October 26, 2004, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. ( Gallagher ) issued a press release setting forth Gallagher 's third quarter 2004 earnings. A copy of Gallagher 's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and hereby incorporated by reference.

**Exhibit Index**

99 Press release, dated October 26, 2004, issued by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

**Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.**

Date: October 26, 2004

/s/ Douglas K. Howell

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Douglas K. Howell

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(principal financial officer and duly

authorized officer)