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March 22, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D. C. 20549  
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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

March 21, 2001  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

APPLERA CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified In Charter)

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| Delaware<br>(State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | 1-4389<br>(Commission<br>File No.) | 06-1534213<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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761 Main Avenue  
Norwalk, Connecticut 06859-0001  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

(203) 762-1000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Items.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and incorporated by reference herein is the text of Applera Corporation's press release issued March 21, 2001 regarding an update to the business outlook of its Applied Biosystems Group.

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

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed with this Report:

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| Exhibit No. | Description                          |
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| 99          | Press Release issued March 21, 2001. |

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.

APPLERA CORPORATION

By: /s/ Dennis L. Winger  
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Dennis L. Winger  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: March 21, 2001

EXHIBIT INDEX

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