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March 19, 2003

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 18, 2003  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

APPLERA CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its 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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301 Merritt 7  
Norwalk, Connecticut 06851  
(Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

(203) 840-2000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and incorporated by reference herein is the text of Applera Corporation's (the "Company") press release issued March 18, 2003, in which the Company's Applied Biosystems Group addresses current business conditions.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed with this Report:

| Exhibit No. | Description                          |
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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 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 18, 2003

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