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Form 8-K  
August 29, 2003

UNITED STATES  
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

August 28, 2003  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

APPLERA CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

1-4389  
(Commission  
File No.)

06-1534213  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein is the text of Applera Corporation's (the "Company") press release issued August 28, 2003, in which the Company's Applied Biosystems Group announced that the Company's Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of up to \$200 million in Applera Corporation-Applied Biosystems Group Common Stock.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed with this Report:

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Press Release issued August 28, 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 hereunto duly authorized.

APPLERA CORPORATION

By: /s/ Thomas P. Livingston

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Thomas P. Livingston  
Secretary

Dated: August 29, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

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