

APPLERA CORP
Form 8-K
October 22, 2003

**UNITED STATES
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

October 22, 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 | 1-4389 | 06-1534213 |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File No.) | (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 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed with this Report:

| <i>Exhibit No.</i> | <i>Description</i> |
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| 99.1 | Press Release issued October 22, 2003, with respect to financial results for Applera and Applera's Applied Biosystems Group. |
| 99.2 | Press Release issued October 22, 2003, with respect to financial results for Applera and Applera's Celera Genomics Group. |

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

The information contained in Item 12 of this report is incorporated by reference into this Item 9.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 22, 2003, Applera Corporation ("Applera") announced financial results for Applera and its business units for the first quarter of its 2004 fiscal year. Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein is the text of a press release issued on October 22, 2003, with respect to financial results for the first quarter of fiscal year 2004 of Applera and Applera's Applied Biosystems Group, and attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated by reference herein is the text of a press release issued on October 22, 2003, with respect to financial results for the first quarter of fiscal year 2004 of Applera and Applera's Celera Genomics Group.

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
Dennis L. Winger
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: October 22, 2003

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