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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

July 26, 2001 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

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

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission of Incorporation)

1-4389 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.

Attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 and incorporated by reference herein are the texts of press releases (the "Press Releases") issued July 26, 2001 by Applera Corporation ("Applera") regarding fiscal year 2001 fourth quarter and year end results for Applera's Applied Biosystems and Celera Genomics groups. Also attached hereto as Exhibit 99.3 and incorporated by reference herein is the text of Applera's press release issued July 24, 2001 which is referenced in the Press Releases.

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

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed with this Report:

Exhibit No.

Press Release issued July 26, 2001 with respect to the Applied Biosystems group.

Description

- 99.2 Press Release issued July 26, 2001 with respect to the Celera Genomics group.
- 99.3 Press Release issued July 24, 2001 with respect to the Applera genomics strategy.

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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/ William B. Sawch

William B. Sawch

Senior Vice President and

General Counsel

Dated: July 26, 2001

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