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Form 8-K  
April 26, 2004

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 26, 2004

FRIENDLY ICE CREAM CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts	0-3930	04-2053130
(State of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1855 Boston Road  
Wilbraham, Massachusetts 01095

(Address, including zip code of registrant's principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (413) 543-2400

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits:

99.1 April 26, 2004 Press Release by Friendly Ice Cream Corporation.  
This press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is being furnished,  
not filed, pursuant to Item 12, Results of Operations and Financial Condition,  
to this Report on Form 8-K.

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On April 26, 2004 Friendly Ice Cream issued a press release describing selected  
financial results of the Company for the quarter ended March 28, 2004, included  
herewith as exhibit 99.1.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

FRIENDLY ICE CREAM CORPORATION

By: /s/ PAUL V. HOAGLAND

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Name: Paul V. Hoagland  
Title: Executive Vice President of  
Administration and Chief Financial  
Officer

Date: April 26, 2004

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