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Form 8-K  
February 24, 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 AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 24, 2004

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

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Massachusetts            | 0-3930                   | 04-2053130                              |
| (State of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>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 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On February 24, 2004, Friendly Ice Cream Corporation issued a press release announcing that it intends to raise \$175 million of gross proceeds through a private placement of senior notes. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits:

99.1 February 24, 2004 Press Release by Friendly Ice Cream Corporation.

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: February 24, 2004

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99.1 February 24, 2004 Press Release by Friendly Ice Cream Corporation