

MIDDLEBY CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 14, 2003

**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): March 6, 2003

**THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Commission File No. 1-9973

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**36-3352497**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**1400 Toastmaster Drive, Elgin, Illinois**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**60120**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone No., including Area Code

**(847) 741-3300**

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**Item 5. Other Events**

On March 6, 2003, The Middleby Corporation issued its quarterly press release announcing its fourth quarter and full-year 2002 results. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated March 6, 2003 of The Middleby Corporation.

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*SIGNATURE*

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 thereunto duly authorized.

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Date March 14, 2003

By: /s/ David B. Baker

David B. Baker  
Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer  
and Secretary

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