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October 24, 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): October 24, 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 October 24, 2003, The Middleby Corporation issued a press release announcing the third quarter earnings results. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated October 24, 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 October 24, 2003

By: /s/ Timothy J. Fitzgerald

Timothy J. Fitzgerald
Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer