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FRIENDLY ICE CREAM CORP Form 8-K March 17, 2006

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) March 17, 2006

FRIENDLY ICE CREAM CORPORATION _____ (Exact Name Of Registrant As Specified In Its Charter) MASSACHUSETTS (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-13579 ______ (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) (Commission File Number) 1855 Boston Road, Wilbraham, MA ______ (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) (413) 543-2400 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code) Not Applicable ______ (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report) Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below): |_| Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) $|_|$ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) $|_|$ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) |_| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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On March 17, 2006, Friendly Ice Cream Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release announcing selected financial results of the Company for the quarter and year ended January 1, 2006, included herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

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.

Dated: March 17, 2006 FRIENDLY ICE CREAM CORPORATION

By: /s/ PAUL V. HOAGLAND

Name: Paul V. Hoagland

Title: Executive Vice President of Administration and

Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
99.1	Friendly Ice Cream Corporation Press Release dated March 17, 2006 announcing financial results for the quarter and year ended January 1, 2006. (This press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Item 2.02, Results of Operations and Financial Condition, to this Report on Form 8-K).