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Form 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: March 31, 2009

Check here if Amendment []; Amendment Number:

This Amendment (Check only one.): $[\]$ is a restatement.

[] adds new holdings entries.

Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report:

Name: Piper Jaffray Companies

Address: 800 Nicollet Mall

Suite 800

Minneapolis, MN 55402-7020

Form 13F File Number: 28-10776

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Tim Carter Title: Treasurer Phone: 612 303-6000

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

Tim Carter Minneapolis, MN 4/24/09

[Signature] [City, State] [Date]

Report Type (Check only one.):

- [X] 13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Check here if all holdings of this reporting manager are reported in this report.)
- [] 13F NOTICE. (Check here if no holdings reported are in this report, and

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all holdings are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

[] 13F COMBINATION REPORT. (Check here if a portion of the holdings for this reporting manager are reported in this report and a portion are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

FORM 13F SUMMARY PAGE

Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 0

Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 20

Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$ 9,071 (thousands)

List of Other Included Managers:

Provide a numbered list of the name(s) and Form 13F file number(s) of all institutional investment managers with respect to which this report is filed, other than the manager filing this report. NONE

COLUMN 1		COLUMN 3 COLUMN 4					
NAME OF ISSUER	TITLE OF CLASS	CUSIP	Value (X\$1000)	SHRS OR PRN AMT	SH/ PUT/ PRN CALL	INVESTMENT DISCRETION	MA
ACADTA DUADMACHUETCATO TNO	COM	004005100	2.6	27 500	Q.I.		
ACADIA PHARMACEUTICALS INC			36	37,500	SH		
ANNTAYLOR STORES CORP							
BAXTER INTL INC							
ECLIPSYS CORP	COM	278856109	25	2,500	SH		
FOSSIL INC	COM	349882100	1	59	SH		
FOSSIL INC HELICOS BIOSCIENCES CORP	COM	42326R109	1	2,500	SH		
IMMUCOR INC	COM	452526106	2/3	10,846	SH		
KROGER CO	COM	501044101	159	7,500	SH		
LAS VEGAS SANDS CORP	COM	517834107	1	400	SH		
MACROVISION CORP	NOTE 2.625% 8/1	555904AB7	1,828	2,000,000	PRN		
MAGMA DESIGN AUTOMATION							
MASIMO CORP	COM	574795100	384	13,234	SH		
MINDRAY MEDICAL INTL LTD							
MWI VETERINARY SUPPLY INC							
	COM						
OCWEN FINL CORP							
PALM INC NEW							
RF MICRODEVICES INC							
SANDISK CORP							
WRIGHT MED GROUP INC							