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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: March 31, 2012

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

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: Ann C. McCague  
Title: Chief Compliance Officer  
Phone: 612-303-6359

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

Ann C. McCague	Minneapolis, MN	5/9/12
_____	_____	_____
[Signature]	[City, State]	[Date]

Report Type (Check only one.):

- 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 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).)

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List of Other Managers Reporting for this Manager:  
[If there are no entries in this list, omit this section.]

Form 13F File Number	Name
28-05637	Advisory Research, Inc.
28-05030	Fiduciary Asset Management Inc.

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