

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP  
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**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: October 28, 2003**  
(Date of earliest event reported)

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**New York**  
(State of Incorporation)

**1-2360**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-0871985**  
(IRS employer Identification No.)

**ARMONK, NEW YORK**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**10504**  
(Zip Code)

**914-499-1900**  
(Registrant's telephone number)

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**Item 5. Other Events**

On October 28, 2003, IBM issued a press release announcing that Joan E. Spero had been elected to the board, effective January 1, 2004. The press release is Attachment I of this Form 8-K.

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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, hereunto duly authorized.

