

SARLES H JAY  
Form 4  
April 29, 2003

**FORM 4**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
Sarles H. Jay			FleetBoston Financial Corporation (FBF)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year		
FleetBoston Financial Corporation						04/28/03		
100 Federal Street								
(Street)						5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)		
Boston, MA 02110						7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Trans-action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)		3. Trans-action Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Follow-ing Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)		6. Owner-ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
							Code V		Amount	(A) or (D)	Price					
Common Stock			04/28/03				M		20,000	A	\$16.38			D		
Common Stock			04/28/03				F <sup>(1)</sup>		2,636	D	\$26.88	435,822		D		
Common Stock												33,970.6798		I		401(k) Plan <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock												200		I		By Daughter - Kathryn D. Sarles

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

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(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$16.38	04/28/03		M		20,000		09/15/94	09/14/03	Common Stock	20,000		60,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Withholding of shares or delivery of previously owned shares to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with a stock option exercise.

(2) Based on a plan statement as of December 31, 2002.

By: /s/ **H. Jay Sarles**

**H. Jay Sarles**

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

**04/29/03**

Date

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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