FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [®] LEVY BARBARA						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ROSS STORES INC</u> [ROST]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner				
(Last) 8333 CE	(Fi ENTRAL A	rst) (VENUE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/29/2004								X Office below	er (give title v) Senior V		Other (below) P	specify		
(Street) NEWARK CA 94560 (City) (State) (Zip)				~	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Lin	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) Date (Month/E						Exe if ar	Deemed ecution Date, ny onth/Day/Year)		Transaction Disp Code (Instr. and			urities Acquired (A sed Of (D) (Instr. 3,			Securi Benefi Owned	ties F cially (D		m: Direct or irect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
								Code	v	Amoun	t (#	.) or !)	Price	1			tr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 03/29/20					2004	04		Α		25,042 ⁽¹⁾ A		\$ <mark>0</mark>	18	83,872		D			
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (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)	ifany		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		tr. 3	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
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Non Qualified Stock Option	\$29.95	03/29/2004			A		20,000		(2)	03	3/29/2014	Commo Stock	ⁿ 20	,000	\$0	20,000		D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Restricted Stock Award issued pursuant to the Company's 1988 Restricted Stock Award Plan. Shares are subject to vest as follows: 100% March 29, 2008

2. Option is exercisable as it vests in monthly increments beginning the first full month from date of grant with a vested ratio of 1/72 for the first year, 2/72 for the second year and 3/72 for the third year.

<u>By: Mark Askanas for:</u> Barbara Levy	03/29/2004
** Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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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