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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 1)\*

Ross Stores, Inc.

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(Name of Issuer)  
Common Stock  
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(Title of Class of Securities)  
778296103  
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(CUSIP Number)

Check here if a fee is being paid with this statement: . (A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7).

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
  
John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company  
I.R.S. No. 04-1414660  
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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) |\_|  
(b) |\_|  
  
N/A  
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3 SEC USE ONLY  
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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
Number of Shares -0-  
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6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
Beneficially Owned by Each -0-  
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7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
Reporting Person With -0-  
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8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
-0-  
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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
  
None, except through its indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary, John Hancock Advisers, Inc.  
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10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*  
  
N/A  
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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9  
  
See line 9, above.  
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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
  
IC, BD, IA, HC  
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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  
  
John Hancock Subsidiaries, Inc.  
I.R.S. No. 04-2687223  
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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) |\_|  
(b) |\_|

N/A

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

Number of  
Shares

-0-

Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

-0-

Reporting  
Person  
With

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

None, except through its indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary, John  
Hancock Advisers, Inc.

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

N/A

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

See line 9, above.

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

HC

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

John Hancock Asset Management  
I.R.S. No. 04-3279774

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)   
(b)

N/A

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

Number of  
Shares -0-

Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each 6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
-0-

Reporting  
Person  
With 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
-0-

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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Hancock Advisers, Inc.

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

N/A

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

The Berkeley Financial Group  
I.R.S. No. 04-3145626

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)   
(b)

N/A

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Number of  
Shares 5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
-0-

Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each 6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
-0-

Reporting 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

Person  
With

-0-

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8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

None, except through its direct, wholly-owned subsidiary, John Hancock  
Advisers, Inc.

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10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

N/A

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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

See line 9, above.

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

HC

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The original statement shall be signed by each person on whose behalf the statement is filed or his authorized representative. If the statement is signed on behalf of a person by his authorized representative other than an executive officer or general partner of the filing person, evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of such person shall be filed with the statement, provided, however, that a power of attorney for this purpose which is already on file with the Commission may be incorporated by reference. The name and any title of each person who signs the statement shall be typed or printed beneath his signature.

Note: Six copies of this statement, including all exhibits, should be filed with the Commission.

Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:  
Ross Stores, Inc.

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:  
8333 Central Avenue  
Newark, CA 94560

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:  
This filing is made on behalf of John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company ("JHMLICO"), JHMLICO's direct, wholly-owned subsidiary, John Hancock Subsidiaries, Inc. ("JHSI"), JHSI's direct, wholly-owned subsidiary, John Hancock Asset Management ("JHAM"), and JHAM's wholly-owned subsidiary, The Berkeley Financial Group ("TBFG").

Item 2(b) Address of the Principal Offices:  
The principal business offices of JHMLICO, JHSI and JHAM are located at John Hancock Place, P.O. Box 111, Boston, MA 02117. The principal business office of TBFG is located at 101 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02199.

Item 2(c) Citizenship:  
JHMLICO, JHAM and TBFG were organized and exist under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. JHSI was organized and exists under the laws of the State of Delaware.

- Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:  
Common Stock
- Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:  
778296103
- Item 3 If the Statement is being filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b),  
or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:
- JHMLICO: (a) (X) Broker or Dealer registered under ss.15  
of the Act.
- (c) (X) Insurance Company as defined in  
ss.3(a)(19) of the Act.
- (e) (X) Investment Adviser registered under  
ss.203 of the Investment Advisers Act of  
1940.
- (g) (X) Parent Holding Company, in accordance  
with ss.240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G).

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- JHSI: (g) (X) Parent Holding Company, in accordance  
with ss.240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G).
- JHAM: (g) (X) Parent Holding Company, in accordance  
with ss.240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G).
- TBFG: (g) (X) Parent Holding Company, in accordance  
with ss.240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G).
- JHA: (e) (X) Investment Adviser registered under  
ss.203 of the Investment Advisers Act of  
1940.

- Item 4 Ownership:
- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: With this filing, JHA  
reports that it holds 0 shares of Common Stock.
- (b) Percent of Class: 0%
- (c) (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: -0-
- (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: -0-
- (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the  
disposition of: -0-
- (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the  
disposition of: -0-
- Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:  
With this filing, the Reporting Persons state that they own  
five percent or less of Common Stock.
- Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another  
Person:  
See Item 4.
- Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which  
Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent  
Holding Company:  
See Items 3 and 4 above.
- Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:  
Not applicable.

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of a Group:  
Not applicable.

Item 10 Certification:  
By signing below the undersigned certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company  
By: /s/ John T. Farady  
Name: John T. Farady  
Title: Senior Vice President & Treasurer  
Dated: January 15, 1997

John Hancock Subsidiaries, Inc.  
By: /s/ John T. Farady  
Name: John T. Farady  
Title: Treasurer  
Dated: January 15, 1997

John Hancock Asset Management  
By: /s/ James H. Young  
Name: James H. Young  
Title: Secretary  
Dated: January 15, 1997

The Berkeley Financial Group  
By: /s/ Susan S. Newton  
Name: Susan S. Newton  
Title: Vice President  
Dated: January 15, 1997

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EXHIBIT A

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company, John Hancock Subsidiaries, Inc., John Hancock Asset Management and The Berkeley Financial Group agree that the terminating Schedule 13G (Amendment No. 1), to which this Agreement is attached, relating to the Common Stock of Ross Stores, Inc. is filed on behalf of each of them.

John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company  
By: /s/ John T. Farady  
Name: John T. Farady  
Title: Senior Vice President & Treasurer  
Dated: January 15, 1997

John Hancock Subsidiaries, Inc.

By: /s/ John T. Farady

Name: John T. Farady

Title: Treasurer

Dated: January 15, 1997

John Hancock Asset Management

By: /s/ James H. Young

Name: James H. Young

Title: Secretary

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By: /s/ Susan S. Newton

Name: Susan S. Newton

Title: Vice President

Dated: January 15, 1997