

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
<u>ASKANAS MARK S</u>			<u>ROSS STORES INC [ROST]</u>			Director 10% Owner		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
4440 ROSEWOOD DRIVE, BUILDING 4			01/10/2005			General Counsel Senior VP		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
PLEASANTON CA 94588						X Form filed by One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)				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)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership 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	01/10/2005		F		10,895	D	\$28.3017	24,369	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2005		S		19,105	D	\$28.3017	5,264	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2005		M		16,750	A	\$18.89	22,014	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2005		S		16,750	D	\$28.3017	5,264	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2005		M		7,000	A	\$19.02	12,264	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2005		S		7,000	D	\$28.3017	5,264	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)	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 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$18.89	01/10/2005		M		16,750	(I)	03/21/2012	Common Stock	16,750	\$0.00	3,250	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$19.02	01/10/2005		M		7,000	(I)	03/20/2013	Common Stock	7,000	\$0.00	14,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. 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.

/s/ Mark Askanas General Counsel and Senior Vice President Human Resources 01/11/2005

** 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).

** 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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