**ASKANAS MARK S** 

Form 4 June 09, 2005

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ASKANAS MARK S |         |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ROSS STORES INC [ROST] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |  |  |
|--|---------|----------|---|---|--|--|
| (Last)   | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction   | (Check all applicable)  |  |  |
|  |         |          | (Month/Day/Year)  | Director 10% Owner  |  |  |
| 4440 ROSEWOOD DRIVE,<br>BUILDING 4 (Street)              |         |          | 06/08/2005  | X Officer (give title Other (specify below)   |  |  |
|  |         |          |   | SVP, General Counsel  |  |  |
|  |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check   |  |  |
|  |         |          | Filed(Month/Day/Year)   | Applicable Line)  |  |  |
| PLEASANTON, CA 94588                                     |         |          |   | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person |  |  |

| (City)                               | (State) (                            | Zip) Table  | e I - Non-D                            | erivative                              | Secur  | rities Acqu | uired, Disposed of   | f, or Beneficial   | y Owned   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securi<br>on(A) or Di<br>(Instr. 3, | ispose | d of (D)    | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|                                      |                                      |   | Code V                                 | Amount                                 | (D)    | Price       | (mstr. 5 and 4)  |  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 06/08/2005                           |   | M                                      | 3,250                                  | A      | \$<br>18.89 | 17,253   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 06/08/2005                           |   | S                                      | 3,250                                  | D      | \$<br>29.78 | 14,003   | D  |   |

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

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# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4) |                                       |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
|   |   |                                      |   | Code V                                 | and 5) (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable                                      | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amour<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option                       | \$ 18.89  | 06/08/2005                           |   | M                                      | 3,250  | <u>(1)</u>   | 03/21/2012         | Common<br>Stock   | 3,25                                  |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Name ess | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| ASKANAS MARK S                  |               |           | SVP,    |       |  |  |  |
| 4440 ROSEWOOD DRIVE, BUILDING 4 |               |           | General |       |  |  |  |
| PLEASANTON, CA 94588            |               |           | Counsel |       |  |  |  |

## **Signatures**

/s/ Mary Tanner, Power of Attorney for Mark
Askanas

06/09/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* 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).
- 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.

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