

ROSS STORES INC
Form 4
March 27, 2006

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BALMUTH MICHAEL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4440 ROSEWOOD DR.

(Street)

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
ROSS STORES INC [ROST]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/24/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

Vice Chairman, Pres. & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ 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)	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	03/24/2006		M		50,000	A	\$ 19.31
Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		50,000	D	\$ 28.8197
Common Stock	03/24/2006		M		50,000	A	\$ 19.31
Common Stock	03/24/2006		S		50,000	D	\$ 28.7796

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 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 19.31	03/24/2006		M		50,000		<u>(1)</u>	01/30/2013	Common Stock	50,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 19.31	03/24/2006		M		50,000		<u>(1)</u>	01/30/2013	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
BALMUTH MICHAEL 4440 ROSEWOOD DR. PLEASANTON, CA 94588	X Vice Chairman, Pres. & CEO

Signatures

/s/ MICHAEL BALMUTH, VICE CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND
CEO 03/27/2006

__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).

(1) The option becomes vested and exercisable over a four-year period as follows: 40% of the option vests monthly in the third year and 60% of the option vests monthly in the fourth year.

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