LESCHLY JAN Form 4 April 29, 2005

FORM 4

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

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

CARE CAPTIAL

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LESCHLY JAN

(First)

LLC, PRINCETON OVERLOOK I (Street)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO [AXP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

04/27/2005

(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

_X__ Director

Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

below)

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

(Month/Day/Year)

(State)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

Code

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

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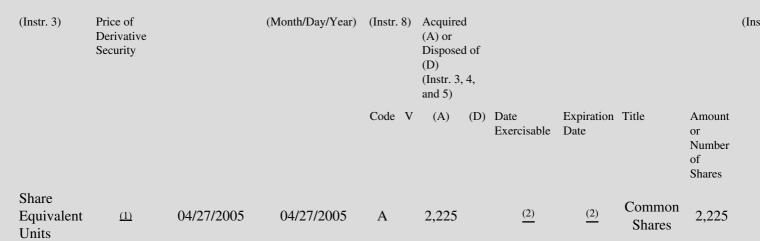
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. P Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date **Underlying Securities** Der (Month/Day/Year) Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) Sec

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

LESCHLY JAN
CARE CAPTIAL LLC
PRINCETON OVERLOOK I
PRINCETON, NJ 08540

X

Signatures

Jan Leschly 04/29/2005

**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).

Deletionship

- (1) The share equivalent units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The share equivalent units are convertible immediately and have no expiration date.
- (3) Includes share equivalent units acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan and/or the 2003 Share Equivalent Unit Plan for Directors.
- (4) The reported share equivalent units were acquired pursuant to the Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan and will be settled in ca sh following termination of service as a Director.

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