

MERCANTILE BANKSHARES CORP

Form 4

March 10, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KAKARIS DEBORAH A

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
**MERCANTILE BANKSHARES
CORP [(MRBK)]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

TWO HOPKINS PLAZA

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/08/2005

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Executive Officer

BALTIMORE, MD 21201

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
Common Stock	03/08/2005		Code V A ⁽¹⁾	Amount 1,000 (2)	(A) or (D) A Price \$ 0 (3)	1,352	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)**

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option Right to Buy	\$ 51.22	03/08/2005		M	7,500	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock 7,500 \$ 0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KAKARIS DEBORAH A TWO HOPKINS PLAZA BALTIMORE, MD 21201			Executive Officer	

Signatures

Dennis W. Kreiner p/a for Deborah A
Kakaris 03/10/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(1) These restricted shares and options were granted under the 1999 Mercantile Bankshares Corporation Omnibus Stock Plan and become exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning March 8, 2006. The options expire on March 7, 2015.

(2) Plus an indeterminable number of additional shares which may be issued on the vesting of the above shares of restricted stock, as if cash dividends had been paid on such stock and reinvested under the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.

(3) Not Applicable

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