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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **GATOFF ERIC**

24 EAST 22ND STREET, APT. 3

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol

NATHANS FAMOUS INC [NATH]

(Middle)

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director 10% Owner

06/14/2006

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

VP & Corporate Counsel

(Street) 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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

Issuer

NEW YORK, NY 10010

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title Amour Date or Numbe of Shar 2002 Stock Incentive Common 06/14/2007(1) 06/13/2016 \$ 13.08 06/14/2006 15,000 15,00 Α Plan Stock (Right to Buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships	
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GATOFF ERIC 24 EAST 22ND STREET, APT. 3 NEW YORK, NY 10010	X		VP & Corporate Counsel	

Signatures

/s/Eric Gatoff 06/16/2006

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Options become exercisable 20% on each of the first through fifth anniversaries of the grant date.
- (2) Does not include options to purchase 25,000 shares under the 2001 Stock Option Plan.

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