FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Add Zirkman Jo	Date of Event equiring Staten Month/Day/Year 2/14/2006	nent	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. [ TAST ]								
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CARROLS RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.					Relationship of Reporting Perso (Check all applicable)     Director  Office (Check title)		10% Owner		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
968 JAMES STREET					X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  VP, Gen Counsel & Secretary				Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person		
(Street) SYRACUSE	NY	13203								Form filed by Reporting Pe	y More than One erson
(City)	(State)	(Zip)									
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned											
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)						unt of Securities ially Owned (Instr. 4)			4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share						69,003	D				
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)											
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  2. Date Exercisabl Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			ate	nd 3. Title and Amount of Security Underlying Derivative Security				rsion C rcise F	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
			Date Exercisable	Expiratio Date	n Title	e	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivat Securit	tive	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	

## Explanation of Responses:

## Remarks:

The Reporting Person holds an option that will become reportable if and when (a) the Issuer's initial public offering price is established and (b) the offering contemplated by the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-137524) (including the prospectus contained therein and any and all exhibits and other documents relating thereto) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on September 22, 2006, as amended, is consummated.

<u>/s/ Joseph A. Zirkman</u> <u>12/14/2006</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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