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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 450 Fifth Street NW Washington, D.C. 29549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 4, 2007 THE CATO CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

1-31340

56-0484485

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

8100 Denmark Road, Charlotte, North Carolina

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (704) 554-8510 (Zip Code)

28273-5975

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code) Not Applicable

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 4, 2007, The Cato Corporation (the Company) issued a press release disclosing material nonpublic information regarding the Company s sales results for the five-week period ending December 30, 2006. In the press release the Company also updated its earnings estimate for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ending February 3, 2007. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued January 4, 2007

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

	THE CATO CORPORATION
January 8, 2007	/s/ John P. D. Cato
Date	John P. D. Cato Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
January 8, 2007	/s/ Thomas W. Stoltz
Date	Thomas W. Stoltz Executive Vice President Chief Financial Officer 3

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