

KROGER CO  
Form 8-K  
March 23, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: March 19, 2006

(Date of earliest event reported)

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**THE KROGER CO.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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An Ohio Corporation  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

No. 1-303  
(Commission File Number)

1014 Vine Street

Cincinnati, OH 45201

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number: (513) 762-4000

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31-0345740  
(IRS Employer

Number)

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Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

- (a) Under Article FOURTH, Section C.1. of the Company's Amended Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Directors is authorized to create one or more series of Cumulative Preferred Shares, and pursuant to that authority the Board designated its Series A Preferred Shares. The Series A Preferred Shares were designated under Article FOURTH, Section C.7. of the Amended Articles of Incorporation and were reserved for issuance under the Company's warrant dividend plan. The preferences, privileges and rights associated with the Series A Preferred Shares are set forth in Appendix A to the Amended Articles of Incorporation.

On March 19, 2006, the Company's warrant dividend plan expired. The Company's Board of Directors authorized, effective March 19, 2006, the amendment of the Amended Articles of Incorporation to delete Article FOURTH, Section C.7. and Appendix A thereof, which amendment will have the effect of removing the designation of the Series A Preferred Shares.

The form of the Company's Amended Articles of Incorporation, as amended, to be filed with the Secretary of State of Ohio, is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.

- 3.1. The Company's Amended Articles of Incorporation, as amended, to be filed with the Secretary of State of Ohio, filed herewith.

SIGNATURE

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 KROGER CO.

March 23, 2006

By: /s/ Paul Heldman  
Paul Heldman  
Senior Vice President, Secretary and

General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Law Department  
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U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

100 F Street, N.E.

Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Form 8-K Filed March 23, 2006

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith for filing is the Company's Form 8-K. Should you have any questions regarding this filing please call me at (513) 762-1482.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Bruce M. Gack  
Bruce M. Gack  
Vice President and Assistant General Counsel

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