

KROGER CO  
Form 8-K  
May 24, 2004

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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: May 24, 2004**

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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)

**31-0345740**  
(IRS Employer  
  
Number)

**1014 Vine Street**

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Cincinnati, OH 45201

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

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Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure

On May 20, 2004, The Kroger Co. executed a Five-Year Credit Agreement among the Company, the Initial Lenders named therein, Citibank, N.A., as Administrative Agent and as Paying Agent, JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Administrative Agent, and Bank of America, N.A., The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, Ltd., Chicago Branch, and Union Bank of California, N.A., as Co-Syndication Agents. A copy of the Five-Year Credit Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits:

- 99.1 Five-Year Credit Agreement dated as of May 20, 2004 among the Company, the Initial Lenders named therein, Citibank, N.A., as Administrative Agent and as Paying Agent, JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Administrative Agent, and Bank of America, N.A., The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, Ltd., Chicago Branch, and Union Bank of California, N.A., as Co-Syndication Agents.

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 hereto duly authorized.

THE KROGER CO.

May 24, 2004

By: /s/ Scott M. Henderson

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Scott M. Henderson  
Vice President and Treasurer

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