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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report: December 5, 2006 (Date of earliest event reported)

THE KROGER CO.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

An Ohio Corporation
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

No. 1-303 (Commission File Number) 31-0345740 (IRS Employer Number)

1014 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH 45201 (Address of principal executive offices)

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- p Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 2 | Financial Information

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On December 5, 2006, the Company released its earnings for third quarter 2006. Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and filed he

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Section 9 | Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 Earnings release for third quarter 2006, filed herewith.

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 KROGER CO.

December 5, 2006 By: /s/ Paul Heldman

Paul Heldman

Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

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