KROGER CO Form 4 March 31, 2003

SEC Form 4

FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* 2. Issuer Name 4. Statement for 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) Donnelly, Michael J. and Ticker or Trading (Month/Day/Year to Issuer Symbol (Check all applicable) 03/31/2003 (Last) (First) The Kroger Co. Director _ 10% Owner (Middle) X Officer (give title below) 1014 Vine Street KR _ Other (specify below) 5. If Amendment, 3. I.R.S. Identification (Street) Date of Original Description **Senior Vice** Number of Reporting Cincinnati, OH 45202 (Month/Day/Year) President Person, if an entity (voluntary) (City) (State) 7. Individual or Joint/Group (Zip) Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2.Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Cod (Inst	е	4. Securit n(A) or Dis (Instr. 3	posed	Of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Owner-ship Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	A/D	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I)		
Common Stock	03/31/2003		J		25,000 (1)	D	\$	64,863.1733	D		

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/	4. Transactio Code (Instr.8)	of Derivat	rExercisab and ive Expirati InDiate(ED)	7. Title and e\Die\Die\unt of Underlying b\Securities (Instr. 3 and Die\underly/Year)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Securities:	11. ľ ľ ľ

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	Day/ Year)		or Dispos Of (D) (Inst 3, 4 and 5)						Transaction(s) (Instr.4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.4)		
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Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Shares of restricted stock awarded January 23, 2003 renounced by the reporting person and returned to the issuer.
- The total amount of securities directly owned by the reporting person includes shares in the Company's employee benefit plans which are deemed to be "tax-conditioned plans" pursuant to Rule 16b-3, to the extent disclosed on reports received from plan trustees.

By: Date:

/s/ Michael J. Donnelly, by Bruce M. Gack, Attorney-in-Fact

03/31/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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