

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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 20, 2006

THE WASHINGTON POST COMPANY  
Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

1-6714  
(Commission File Number)

53-0182885  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

1150 15th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.  
(Address of principal  
executive offices)

20071  
(Zip Code)

(202) 334-6000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Section 5 - Corporate Governance and Management**

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

Item 5.02(d) Election of Directors

(1) On January 20, 2006, Christopher C. Davis was elected to the Board of Directors of The Washington Post Company.

(2) None

(3) On January 20, 2006, Mr. Davis was named to the Audit Committee of The Washington Post Company.

(4) None

**Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated January 20, 2006

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 Washington Post Company  
(Registrant)

Date January 20, 2006

/s/ John B. Morse, Jr.

(Signature)

John B. Morse, Jr.  
Vice President, Finance

EXHIBIT INDEX

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