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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 (Date of earliest event reported) February 23, 2012**

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**THE WASHINGTON POST COMPANY**

Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter

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**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.)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Section 5 - Corporate Governance and Management**

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers, Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On February 23, 2012, Director John L. Dotson Jr. announced that he will not stand for re-election at the Company's 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Mr. Dotson will continue to serve until the expiration of his current term on May 10, 2012.

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 February 23, 2012

/s/ Veronica Dillon

(Signature)

Veronica Dillon

Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel