

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 18, 2007

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.)
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1150 15th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. (Address of principal executive offices)	20071 (Zip Code)
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(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
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under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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 18, 2007, Thomas S. Gayner was elected
to the Board of Directors of The Washington Post Company.

(2) None

(3) On January 18, 2007, Mr. Gayner 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(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated January 18, 2007

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 22, 2007

/s/ John B. Morse, Jr.
(Signature)
John B. Morse, Jr.
Vice President, Finance

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
Exhibit 99.1	Press Release dated January 18, 2007

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Contact: Rima Calderon For Immediate Release
(202) 334-6617 January 18, 2007

THOMAS S. GAYNER ELECTED A DIRECTOR OF THE WASHINGTON
POST COMPANY

WASHINGTON The Washington Post Company (NYSE: WPO) announced today that Thomas S. Gayner has been elected to the Board of Directors. His election increases the Companys Board to ten members.

Gayner is executive vice president and chief investment officer of Markel Corporation, a publicly traded insurance holding company headquartered in Glen Allen, VA. Markel writes specialty insurance for three market segments: the Excess and Surplus Lines Market, the Specialty Admitted Market and the London Insurance Market. The specialty insurance market provides coverage for hard-to-place risks that do not fit the underwriting criteria of standard carriers.

Since 1990, Gayner has served as president of Markel Gayner Asset Management; he also served as a director of Markel Corporation from 1998 to 2003. Previously he had been a certified public accountant at PricewaterhouseCoopers and a vice president of Davenport & Company of Virginia.

Gayner received a B.S. degree in commerce in 1983 from the McIntire School at the University of Virginia.

Gayner serves on the Board of Directors of The Davis Funds in New York City and First Market Bank in Richmond, VA.

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