

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) September 9, 2004

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 September 9, 2004, Melinda Gates was elected to the Board of Directors of The Washington Post Company.

(2) None

(3) None

(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 September 9, 2004

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 September 9, 2004

/s/ John B. Morse, Jr.

(Signature)

John B. Morse, Jr.
Vice President, Finance

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