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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 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): June 5, 2006

**THE WASHINGTON POST COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-6714	53-182885
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
1150 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.		20071
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)

Registrants' telephone number, including area code: (202) 334-6000

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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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## ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On June 5, 2006, following approval by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the “Committee”) of The Washington Post Company (the “Company”), the Company entered into a performance-based retention arrangement with Mr. Jonathan Grayer, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of its subsidiary, Kaplan, Inc. (“Kaplan”). The arrangement is designed to retain and extend Mr. Grayer’s service to Kaplan. The arrangement provides, among other things, that the Company will grant Mr. Grayer shares of Kaplan common stock and options to purchase shares of Kaplan common stock. Combined with the options and shares Mr. Grayer already holds, these new grants will bring his total holdings of shares and shares under option to 5.01% of all outstanding Kaplan shares. In addition, the arrangement provides Mr. Grayer with the opportunity to be awarded additional shares in the future, subject to performance standards, and in lieu of amounts that would otherwise be paid to him as cash bonuses. The number of shares that may be so issued will depend not only on the extent to which performance targets are achieved, but also on the then-current fair market value of Kaplan common stock. The Compensation Committee of the Board estimates that if the Executive were awarded all the common shares for which he might in the future be eligible under this arrangement, such additional grants could represent, in the aggregate, approximately an additional 1% of shares of Kaplan common stock.

## ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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99.2	Stockholders Agreement, dated as of June 5, 2006, among The Washington Post Company, Kaplan, Inc. and Mr. Jonathan Grayer.

## **SIGNATURES**

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

Date: June 5, 2006

By: /s/ John B. Morse, Jr.

Name: John B. Morse, Jr.

Title: Vice President-Finance

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