

PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES INC  
Form 8-K  
February 13, 2012

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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):

February 13, 2012

Portfolio Recovery Associates, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

000-50058

75-3078675

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

120 Corporate Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia

23502

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

888-772-7326

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 14d-2(b) 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))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On February 13, 2012, the Company responded to an article that was published in the February 11, 2012 edition of Barron's, "The Trader" column. A copy of the response letter, which was submitted to Barron's on February 13, 2012, is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

The information in this Item 8.01 and Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing pursuant to any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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**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.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, Inc.

*February 13, 2012*

*By: /s/ Kevin P. Stevenson*

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*Name: Kevin P. Stevenson*

*Title: EVP/CFO*

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<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	Letter to the Editor of Barron's, dated February 13, 2012.