PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES INC Form 8-K January 03, 2011

## 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):

January 3, 2011

# Portfolio Recovery Associates, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

000-50058

(Commission

File Number)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

120 Corporate Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia

(Address of principal executive offices)

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 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))

75-3078675

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

23502

(Zip Code)

888-772-7326

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#### <u>Top of the Form</u> Item 8.01 Other Events.

On January 3, 2011, the Company responded to an article that was published in the December 31, 2010, edition of The Wall Street Journal. A copy of the response letter, which was submitted to the Wall Street Journal on January 3, 2011, is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits 99.1 - Letter to the Editor of The Wall Street Journal, dated January 3, 2011.

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.

January 3, 2011

By: /s/ Steven D. Fredrickson

Name: Steven D. Fredrickson Title: President and CEO

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Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Letter to the Editor of The Wall Street Journal, dated January 3, 2011.