# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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) April 21, 2004

**NEW JERSEY** 

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-11277 (Commission File Number) 22-2477875 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

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1455 Valley Road, Wayne, New Jersey 07470

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(973) 305-8800

(Registrant s Telephone Number)

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99 Press Release dated April 21, 2004

The Press Release disclosed in this Item 7 as Exhibit 99 shall be considered furnished but not filed pursuant to Item 12 of Form 8-K for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On April 21, 2004, Valley National Bancorp (Valley) issued a press release reporting 2004 first quarter results of operations.

A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.

The information disclosed in this Item 12 shall be considered furnished but not filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 thereunto duly authorized.

#### VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Alan D. Eskow

Alan D. Eskow Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: April 22, 2004