

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
Form 8-K
November 23, 2005

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) November 19, 2005

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey
(State or Other Jurisdiction)

1-11277
(Commission File Number)

22-2477875
(I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification Number)

1455 Valley Road, Wayne, New Jersey
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

07470
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (973) 305-8800

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

Leonard J. Vorcheimer, a Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee of Valley National Bancorp, died on November 19, 2005.

Andrew B. Abramson, a Director since 1994 and Vice Chairman of the Audit Committee will assume the duties of Chairman of the Audit Committee immediately.

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.

Dated: November 23, 2005

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Alan D. Eskow

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