## 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 3, 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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#### **Item 8.01 Other Events**

On June 3, 2005, Valley National Bancorp issued a press release announcing the completion of the previously announced merger with NorCrown Bank. A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

#### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Exhibit

99.1 Press Release dated June 3, 2005.

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#### **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: June 6, 2005 VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

By: /s/ Alan D. Eskow

Alan D. Eskow Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)