

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP  
Form 8-K  
September 27, 2007

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): September 27, 2007**

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**VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**New Jersey**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-11277**  
(Commission File Number)

**22-2477875**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

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

**07470**  
(Zip Code)  
**(973) 305-8800**

**07470**  
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On September 27, 2007, Valley National Bancorp (the Company) delivered a notice of redemption effective October 29, 2007 of principal face amount of \$20,618,558 of its outstanding 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% Junior Subordinated Debentures due December 15, 2031 and 800,000 of the 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% Trust Preferred Securities and 24,742 of the 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% Common Securities issued by VNB Capital Trust I, the Company's subsidiary trust.

The Trust Preferred Securities are subject to mandatory redemption, in whole or in part, upon repayment of the Junior Subordinated Debentures at the stated maturity date or upon an earlier call date for redemption at par. The Company's Board of Directors has granted management authorization to call, from time to time, all or part of the remaining Junior Subordinated Debentures for redemption prior to their stated maturity date of December 15, 2031.

**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: September 27, 2007

**VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP**

By: /s/ Alan D. Eskow  
Alan D. Eskow  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer