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Form 8-K

October 19, 2007

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): October 18, 2007

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Nevada | 001-32550 | 88-0365922 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

2700 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (702) 248-4200

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) Rule 425, Rule 14a-12 and Instruction 2 to Rule 14d-2(b)(2)

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 18, 2007, Western Alliance Bancorporation issued a press release describing its results of operations for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2007. That press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers

On October 16, 2007, Kenneth A. Vecchione (age 53) was elected to the Board of Directors as a Class I Director, filling the vacancy created by the recent resignation of Paul Baker. He is the former Vice Chairman and Chief Financial

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Officer of MBNA Corporation with prior work experience at AT&T Universal Card, First Data Corp and Citicorp Credit Card Services. He will commence his new responsibilities as Chief Financial Officer of Apollo Global Management, L.P. on October 29, 2007. Mr. Vecchione is a graduate of the State University of New York.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits. (c) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1 | Press Release dated October 18, 2007. |

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.

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION
(Registrant)

/s/ Dale Gibbons

Dale Gibbons
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 18, 2007