

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION

Form 8-K

January 17, 2006

**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): January 17, 2006

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

**Nevada**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-32550**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**88-0365922**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2700 West Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas,  
Nevada**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**89102**  
(Zip Code)

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

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - 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)
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On January 17, 2006, Western Alliance Bancorporation issued a press release describing its results of operations for the fiscal quarter and year ended December 31, 2005. That press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated January 17, 2006.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

WESTERN ALLIANCE  
BANCORPORATION  
(Registrant)

/s/ Dale Gibbons

Dale Gibbons  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 17, 2006

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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