

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION
Form 8-K
April 05, 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):

April 5, 2006

Western Alliance Bancorporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

001-32550

88-0365922

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

2700 W. 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

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)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Western Alliance Bancorporation announced that it has entered into a letter of understanding with a group led by Arnold T. Grisham to form a commercial bank headquartered in Oakland, California. The entity, Alta California Bank (Proposed), will be a wholly owned subsidiary of Western Alliance.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1

Press Release dated April 5, 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.

April 5, 2006

Western Alliance Bancorporation

By: *Dale Gibbons*

Name: Dale Gibbons

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated April 5, 2006