

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION  
Form 8-K  
January 21, 2010

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 21, 2010

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               | (Commission  | (IRS Employer       |
| of incorporation)                          | File Number) | 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)

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:

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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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 21, 2010, Western Alliance Bancorporation issued a press release describing its results of operations for the fiscal quarter and year to date ended December 31, 2009. 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 21, 2010. |

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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 21, 2010