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March 25, 2004

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): March 24, 2004

CITY NATIONAL CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-10521	95-2568550
----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	----- (Commission file number)	----- (IRS employer identification no.)
City National Center 400 North Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills, California		90210
----- (Address of principal executive offices)		----- (Zip code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code		(310) 888-6000
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Not applicable

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

Item 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated March 24, 2004 reporting the announcement of an increase of one million shares in the Corporation common share buyback program.

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Item 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On March 24, 2004, City National Corporation issued a press release with an announcement of an increase of one million shares in the Corporation common share buyback program. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. This information is being furnished under Item 9 (Regulation FD Disclosure) of Form 8-K. This information shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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.

CITY NATIONAL CORPORATION

March 24, 2004

/s/ Stephen D. McAvoy

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Stephen D. McAvoy  
Acting Chief Financial Officer and  
Controller  
(Authorized Officer and Principal  
Financial Officer)