

CITY NATIONAL CORP  
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April 17, 2002

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**United States**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**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 16, 2002**

**CITY NATIONAL CORPORATION**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

**1-10521**

**95-2568550**

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission file no.)

(IRS employer identification number)

**City National Center**  
**400 North Roxbury Drive,**  
**Beverly Hills, California**

**90210**

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(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)

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**Item 5. OTHER EVENTS.**

On April 16, 2002, City National Corporation issued a press release reporting its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2002.

**Item 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

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Exhibits.

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Press release dated April 16, 2002 reporting financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2002.

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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.

CITY NATIONAL CORPORATION

April 17, 2002

/s/ Frank P. Pekny

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Frank P. Pekny  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer  
(Authorized Officer and  
Principal Financial Officer)

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