

NIEWENHUIS GARRET
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 NIEWENHUIS GARRET

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP [VLY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 FIRST SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2005

1455 VALLEY ROAD
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
401K	12/30/2005	^	J ⁽¹⁾	204 A \$0	1,581	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	19,436 ⁽²⁾	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	11,193	I	SPOUSE

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 16.2381	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	10/23/1999 10/23/2008	Common Stock	2,518
Stock Option	\$ 16.8762	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/12/2000 11/12/2009	Common Stock	3,191
Stock Option	\$ 18.8381	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/15/2001 11/15/2010	Common Stock	3,039
Stock Option	\$ 21.2095	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/07/2002 11/07/2011	Common Stock	4,342
Stock Option	\$ 22.7524	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock	4,052
Stock Option	\$ 24.68	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/14/2006 11/14/2015	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Option	\$ 26.5333	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock	3,859
Stock Option	\$ 26.6381	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock	3,675

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NIEWENHUIS GARRET 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-	Â	Â	Â	Â FIRST SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

GARRET G
NIEUWENHUIS 02/09/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

 Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (2) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (1) Balance adjustment representing life to date employer Valley stock match

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