

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
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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)
 1455 VALLEY ROAD
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2004

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

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| 401K Common Stock | | | | Amount (A) or (D) Price | 1,311 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 17,368 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2004 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | 370 | D \$ 0 0 | I | CUSTODIAN/DAUGHT |
| Common Stock | | | | | 10,660 | I | SPOUSE |

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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 | \$ 17.05 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 10/23/1999 10/23/2008 | Common Stock | 2,398 |
| Stock Option | \$ 17.72 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 11/12/2000 11/12/2009 | Common Stock | 3,039 |
| Stock Option | \$ 19.78 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 11/15/2001 11/15/2010 | Common Stock | 2,894 |
| Stock Option | \$ 22.27 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 11/07/2002 11/07/2011 | Common Stock | 4,135 |
| Stock Option | \$ 23.89 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 11/18/2003 11/18/2012 | Common Stock | 3,859 |
| Stock Option | \$ 27.86 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 11/17/2004 11/17/2013 | Common Stock | 3,675 |
| Stock Option | \$ 27.97 | Â | Â | Â | Â Â | 11/16/2005 11/16/2014 | Common Stock | 3,500 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

GARRET G
NIEUWENHUIS

01/18/2005

__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).

(1) Shares were transferred to daughter who no longer reside with reporting person.

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