

CROCITTO PETER P  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CROCITTO PETER P

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1455 VALLEY ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/14/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

WAYNE, NJ 07470-  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
401K					2,040	D	
COMMON					11,528	D	
Stock	11/14/2005		A <sup>(1)</sup>	7,500 A \$ 0	118,617 <sup>(2)</sup> / <sub>(3)</sub>	D	
Common					2,720	I	CUSTODIAN/CHILD
Stock					132	I	WIFE

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 9.6762					07/10/2001	10/29/2003	Common Stock	3
Stock Option	\$ 15.8952					11/18/1998	11/18/2007	Common Stock	20,9
Stock Option	\$ 15.8952					10/23/1999	10/23/2008	Common Stock	16,7
Stock Option	\$ 15.8952					11/23/2000	11/23/2009	Common Stock	15,9
Stock Option	\$ 18.6571					11/28/2001	11/28/2010	Common Stock	16,7
Stock Option	\$ 21.7429					11/27/2003	11/27/2011	Common Stock	4,9
Stock Option	\$ 22.7524					11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	13,8
Stock Option	\$ 26.5333					11/17/2004	11/17/2013	Common Stock	13,8
Stock Option	\$ 26.6381					11/16/2005	11/16/2014	Common Stock	12,9
Stock Option	\$ 24.68	11/14/2005		A	14,500	11/14/2006	11/14/2015	Common Stock	14,5
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 21.7429					11/27/2002	11/27/2011	Common Stock	10,9

