

CROCITTO PETER P  
Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
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)

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

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

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-

Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
				(A) or (D) Amount Price			
401K	12/31/2005	^	J <sup>(1)</sup>	105 D \$0	1,935	D	^
COMMON STK.	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	11,528	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	116,071 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	5,352	I	CUSTODIAN/CHILD

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Common Stock     Â                     Â                     Â                     Â                     Â                     46                     I                     WIFE

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)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable     Expiration Date	Title     Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 9.6762	Â	Â	Â	Â     Â	07/10/2001     10/29/2003	Common Stock     3
Stock Option	\$ 15.8952	Â	Â	Â	Â     Â	11/18/1998     11/18/2007	Common Stock     20,93
Stock Option	\$ 15.8952	Â	Â	Â	Â     Â	10/23/1999     10/23/2008	Common Stock     16,75
Stock Option	\$ 15.8952	Â	Â	Â	Â     Â	11/23/2000     11/23/2009	Common Stock     15,93
Stock Option	\$ 18.6571	Â	Â	Â	Â     Â	11/28/2001     11/28/2010	Common Stock     16,71
Stock Option	\$ 21.7429	Â	Â	Â	Â     Â	11/27/2003     11/27/2011	Common Stock     4,94
Stock Option	\$ 22.7524	Â	Â	Â	Â     Â	11/18/2003     11/18/2012	Common Stock     13,85
Stock Option	\$ 24.68	Â	Â	Â	Â     Â	11/14/2006     11/14/2015	Common Stock     14,50
Stock Option	\$ 26.5333	Â	Â	Â	Â     Â	11/17/2004     11/17/2013	Common Stock     13,23
Stock Option	\$ 26.6381	Â	Â	Â	Â     Â	11/16/2005     11/16/2014	Common Stock     12,60
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 21.7429	Â	Â	Â	Â     Â	11/27/2002     11/27/2011	Common Stock     10,90

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CROCITTO PETER P 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-	Â	Â	Â EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	Â

## Signatures

PETER P  
CROCITTO

01/12/2006

\*\*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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