

GOULD ERIC W  
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# FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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Form 3 Holdings Reported Form 4 Transactions Reported

**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 \*  
GOULD ERIC W

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)

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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)	(A) or (D)	Price	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)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	81,822 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock -- (401K Plan)	12/30/2005	Â	J <sup>(2)</sup>	192	A	\$ 0	955 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	8,141	I	By trust

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Common Stock     Â                     Â                     Â                     Â                     Â                     463                     I                     Custodian for minor child

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable     Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option	\$ 15.4667	Â	Â	Â	Â     Â	07/01/1998     06/30/2008	Common Stock	2,32
Stock Option	\$ 19	Â	Â	Â	Â     Â	01/19/2002     01/19/2011	Common Stock	5,31
Stock Option	\$ 21.2095	Â	Â	Â	Â     Â	11/07/2002     11/07/2011	Common Stock	3,47
Stock Option	\$ 22.7524	Â	Â	Â	Â     Â	11/18/2003     11/18/2012	Common Stock	4,05
Stock Option	\$ 24.68	Â	Â	Â	Â     Â	11/14/2006     11/14/2015	Common Stock	4,00
Stock Option	\$ 26.5333	Â	Â	Â	Â     Â	11/17/2004     11/17/2013	Common Stock	3,85
Stock Option	\$ 26.6381	Â	Â	Â	Â     Â	11/16/2005     11/16/2014	Common Stock	3,67
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 21.2095	Â	Â	Â	Â     Â	11/07/2004     11/07/2011	Common Stock	868

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer

Other

GOULD ERIC W  
1455 VALLEY ROAD  
WAYNE, NJ 07470-

Â Â Â FIRST SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT Â

## Signatures

ERIC W  
GOULD

01/06/2006

\*\*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).
- (3) Reporting person's total shares held under Valley's 401(k) plan.
- (1) Includes restricted shares granted under VNB 1999 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan, vesting in five equal installments beginning one year from the grant date.
- (2) Balance adjustment representing life to date employer Valley stock match

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