

HORSTING WALTER M
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FORM 4

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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 *
 HORSTING WALTER M

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)
 05/12/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 FIRST SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

WAYNE, NJ 07470-

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(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 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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/12/2005		P	4,700 A \$ 23.5	10,681 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock -- (401K Plan)					1,143	D	
Common Stock					34	I	CUSTODIAN FOR DAUGHTER
Common Stock					34	I	CUSTODIAN FOR MINORS

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option	\$ 18					05/30/2001 05/30/2011	Common Stock	2,170
Stock Option	\$ 23					02/15/2003 02/15/2012	Common Stock	2,170
Stock Option	\$ 23					11/18/2003 11/18/2012	Common Stock	2,605
Stock Option	\$ 27					11/17/2004 11/17/2013	Common Stock	3,308
Stock Option	\$ 27					11/16/2005 11/16/2014	Common Stock	5,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

HORSTING WALTER M
1455 VALLEY ROAD
WAYNE, NJ 07470-

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FIRST SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

WALTER M.
HORSTING

05/13/2005

**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) Valley declared a 5% stock dividend on April 6, 2005, payable May 20, 2005 to shareholders of record on May 6, 2005.

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