

GOULD ERIC W  
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 \*  
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)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/26/2005

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

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					55,482 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock -- (401K Plan)					727	D	
Common Stock	04/26/2005		G	355 A \$ 0	288,671 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By trust
Common Stock	04/27/2005	05/02/2005	S	2,400 D \$ 24.7	286,271 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By trust
					441	I	

Common  
Stock

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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	Title      Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 16.24					07/01/1998      06/30/2008	Common Stock      2,210
Stock Option	\$ 19.95					01/19/2002      01/19/2011	Common Stock      5,065
Stock Option	\$ 22.27					11/07/2002      11/07/2011	Common Stock      3,308
Stock Option	\$ 23.89					11/18/2003      11/18/2012	Common Stock      3,859
Stock Option	\$ 27.86					11/17/2004      11/17/2013	Common Stock      3,675
Stock Option	\$ 27.97					11/16/2005      11/16/2014	Common Stock      3,500
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$ 22.27					11/07/2004      11/07/2011	Common Stock      827

## Reporting Owners

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	<b>Relationships</b>
	Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

GOULD ERIC W  
1455 VALLEY ROAD  
WAYNE, NJ 07470-

FIRST SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

## Signatures

ERIC W  
GOULD

04/29/2005

\*\*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) 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) Shares held by trusts for which the reporting person and another reporting person of the issuer are co-trustees

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