

BLACKIN JACK M
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**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 *
BLACKIN JACK 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)
01/03/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SENIOR 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	01/03/2005		M/K	V	912 \$ 17.42	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2005		M/K	V	868 \$ 19.59	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2005		M/K	V	827 \$ 22.27	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2005		M/K	V	661 \$ 23.89	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2005		F/K	D	2,443 \$ 27.65	D	

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Common Stock	1	I	11/08/94 REST. STK. AWARD
Common Stock	1,458	I	WIFE

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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. F...		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
						Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Stock Option	\$ 17.42	01/03/2005		M/K	912	11/12/2000	11/12/2009	Common Stock	912	\$
Stock Option	\$ 19.59	01/03/2005		M/K	868	11/15/2001	11/15/2010	Common Stock	868	\$
Stock Option	\$ 22.27	01/03/2005		M/K	827	11/07/2002	11/07/2011	Common Stock	827	\$
Stock Option	\$ 23.89	01/03/2005		M/K	661	11/18/2003	11/18/2012	Common Stock	661	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLACKIN JACK M 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-			SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	

Signatures

JACK M
BLACKIN

01/04/2005

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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