

NIEWENHUIS GARRET  
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 \*  
NIEWENHUIS GARRET

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)  
08/25/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| 401K Common Stock               | 08/25/2006                           | 08/28/2006   | S                              | 5,812 D   | \$ 25.637   | 1,660 D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 19,057 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup> D                   |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 11,753 I   | SPOUSE  |

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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Stock Option                               | \$ 20.1995   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/07/2002 11/07/2011                                    | Common Stock  | 912  |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 21.669  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/18/2003 11/18/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 1,702  |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 23.5048   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/14/2006 11/14/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 4,200  |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 25.2698   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/17/2004 11/17/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 4,052  |
| Stock Option                               | \$ 25.3696   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/16/2005 11/16/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 3,859  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| NIEWENHUIS GARRET<br>1455 VALLEY ROAD<br>WAYNE, NJ 07470- |               |           | First Senior Vice President |       |

## Signatures

GARRET G  
NIEUWENHUIS 08/28/2006

\*\*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).
- (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.

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(2) Valley declared a 5% stock dividend on April 5, 2006, payable May 22, 2006 to shareholders of record on May 8, 2006.

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