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March 13, 2003

- Name and Address of Reporting Person COCCIA, JOSEPH, JR. 1455 VALLEY ROAD WAYNE, NJ 07470-
- Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP (VLY)
- 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
- 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 03/14/2003
- 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
- 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 - (X) Director () 10% Owner
 - () Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
- 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 - (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 - () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	action action Date Date	Code Benef
	Year) Year)	Code V Amount A/D Price Trans
Common Stock Common Stock	+	++
Common Stock Common Stock	03/12/2003	0 P 10000 A \$24.0000 42271

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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	l	l	l					Title an	nd Amount
	l							of Unde	rlying
	Conver-	Trans-	Execu-		Number of			Securit:	ies
	sion or	action	tion		Derivative	Date Exerc	isable	+	+
	Exercise	Date	Date		Securities	and Expira	tion Date	1	Amount
	Price of	I	I	Transac-	Acquired(A)	(Month/Day	/Year)		or
Title of	Deriv-	(Month/	(Month/	tion Code	Disposed(D)	+	+	+	Number
Derivative	ative	Day/	Day/	++	+	+Date Exer-	Expira-		of
Security	Security	Year)	Year)	Code V	(A) (D)	cisable	tion Date	Title	Shares
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON /s/ JOSEPH, JR. COCCIA

DATE 03/13/2003