

WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION

Form 4

May 01, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
THORSON JOHN A

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
WESTAMERICA
BANCORPORATION [WABC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/29/2008

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
SVP/Chief Financial Officer

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(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	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	04/30/2008		M		100	A	\$ 39.4062	129.503 D
Common Stock	04/30/2008		S		100	D	\$ 59.84	29.503 D
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Common Stock	04/30/2008		S		100	D	\$ 59.83	29.503 D
Common Stock	04/30/2008		M		100	A	\$ 39.4062	129.503 D

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Common Stock	04/30/2008	S	100	D	\$ 59.81	29.503	D	
Common Stock	04/30/2008	M	100	A	\$ 39.4062	129.503	D	
Common Stock	04/30/2008	S	100	D	\$ 59.8	29.503	D	
Common Stock	04/30/2008	M	300	A	\$ 39.4062	329.503	D	
Common Stock	04/30/2008	S	300	D	\$ 59.77	29.503	D	
Common Stock	04/30/2008	M	7,300	A	\$ 39.4062	7,329.503	D	
Common Stock	04/30/2008	S	7,300	D	\$ 59.75	29.503	D	
Common Stock	04/29/2008	S	764.11	D	\$ 59.91	0	I	ESOP
Common Stock	04/30/2008	S	70	D	\$ 59.802	4,783	I	by Trust
Common Stock	04/30/2008	S	200	D	\$ 59.812	4,583	I	by Trust
Common Stock	04/30/2008	S	100	D	\$ 59.832	4,483	I	by Trust
Common Stock	04/30/2008	S	100	D	\$ 59.864	4,383	I	by Trust
Common Stock	04/30/2008	S	100	D	\$ 59.904	4,283	I	by Trust
Common Stock	04/30/2008	S	100	D	\$ 59.924	4,183	I	by Trust
Common Stock						415	I	by Daughter RPT
Common Stock						415	I	by Daughter SRT

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)

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.4062	04/30/2008		M	100	01/25/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 01/25/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.4062	04/30/2008		M	100	01/25/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 01/25/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.4062	04/30/2008		M	100	01/25/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 01/25/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.4062	04/30/2008		M	100	01/25/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 01/25/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.4062	04/30/2008		M	300	01/25/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 01/25/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.4062	04/30/2008		M	7,300	01/25/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 01/25/2011	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
THORSON JOHN A	SVP/Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ John "Robert" A.
Thorson 05/01/2008

**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) Options vest ratably over three years beginning one year from date of grant.

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