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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):  
February 12, 2007  
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WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION  
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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

CALIFORNIA  
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-9383 94-2156203  
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(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1108 Fifth Avenue, San Rafael, California 94901  
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(707) 863-6000  
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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Signatures

Pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Westamerica Bancorporation

/s/ JOHN "ROBERT" THORSON  
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John "Robert" Thorson  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
February 12, 2007

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers.  
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Westamerica Bancorporation reports that its director, Mr. Carl R. Otto, passed away suddenly on February 11, 2007. Mr. Otto had served as a director since 1992, and had currently served on the Loan and Investment Committee of the Board.

"Carl was a highly valued member of our Board, and we will miss him deeply. We will miss his contributions, foresight and leadership," said Chairman, President and CEO David Payne.