

THORSON JOHN A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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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 \*  
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)  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/17/2008

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	04/17/2008		M		200 A \$ 24	229.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008		S		200 D \$ 55.12	29.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008		M		100 A \$ 24	129.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008		S		100 D \$ 55.15	29.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008		M		400 A \$ 24	429.503	D

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Common Stock	04/17/2008	S	400	D	\$ 55.16	29.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008	M	100	A	\$ 24	129.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008	S	100	D	\$ 55.19	29.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008	M	130	A	\$ 24	159.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008	S	130	D	\$ 55.21	29.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008	M	100	A	\$ 24	129.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008	S	100	D	\$ 55.22	29.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008	M	200	A	\$ 24	229.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008	S	200	D	\$ 55.24	29.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008	M	500	A	\$ 24	529.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008	S	500	D	\$ 55.25	29.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008	M	200	A	\$ 24	229.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008	S	200	D	\$ 55.26	29.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008	M	106	A	\$ 24	135.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008	S	106	D	\$ 55.27	29.503	D

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	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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	Derivative Security	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Code	V	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
		(A)	(D)						
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24		04/17/2008	M		01/25/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/25/2010	Common Stock	20
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24		04/17/2008	M		01/25/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/25/2010	Common Stock	10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24		04/17/2008	M		01/25/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/25/2010	Common Stock	40
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24		04/17/2008	M		01/25/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/25/2010	Common Stock	10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24		04/17/2008	M		01/25/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/25/2010	Common Stock	13
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy))	\$ 24		04/17/2008	M		01/25/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/25/2010	Common Stock	10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24		04/17/2008	M		01/25/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/25/2010	Common Stock	20
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24		04/17/2008	M		01/25/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/25/2010	Common Stock	50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24		04/17/2008	M		01/25/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/25/2010	Common Stock	20
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24		04/17/2008	M		01/25/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/25/2010	Common Stock	10

## 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

04/21/2008

\_\_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.

### Remarks:

This is filing #1 of five filings for this date for this reporting person.

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