

THORSON JOHN A  
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 \*  
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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	04/17/2008		M	600	A \$ 24	629.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008		S	600	D \$ 55.66	29.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008		M	8	A \$ 24	37.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008		S	8	D \$ 55.73	29.503	D
Common Stock	04/17/2008		M	6	A \$ 24	35.503	D

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Common Stock	04/17/2008	S	6	D	\$ 55.74	29.503	D	
Common Stock	04/17/2008	M	318	A	\$ 24	347.503	D	
Common Stock	04/17/2008	S	318	D	\$ 55.75	29.503	D	
Common Stock	04/17/2008	M	100	A	\$ 24	129.503	D	
Common Stock	04/17/2008	S	100	D	\$ 55.77	29.503	D	
Common Stock						739.609	I	ESOP
Common Stock						4,853	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)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24	04/17/2008		M	600	01/25/2001 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/25/2010	Common Stock

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24	04/17/2008	M	8	01/25/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/25/2010	Common Stock	8
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24	04/17/2008	M	6	01/25/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/25/2010	Common Stock	6
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24	04/17/2008	M	318	01/25/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/25/2010	Common Stock	318
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24	04/17/2008	M	100	01/25/2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/25/2010	Common Stock	100

## 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 #5 of five filings for this date for this reporting person.

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