

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)  
10/26/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr. Vice President & Treasurer

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	10/26/2004		M		1,000 A \$ 32.7917	3,301.9976	D
Common Stock	10/26/2004		S		1,000 D \$ 55.5	2,301.9976	D
Common Stock	10/26/2004		M		2,000 A \$ 32.7917	4,301.9976	D
Common Stock	10/26/2004		S		2,000 D \$ 55	2,301.9976	D
Common Stock	10/26/2004		M		2,000 A \$ 32.7917	4,301.9976	D

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Common Stock	10/26/2004	S	2,000	D	\$ 55.8	2,301.9976 (1)	D	
Common Stock						4,230	I	Deferred
Common Stock						987.674 (2)	I	ESOP

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.7917	10/26/2004		M	1,000	01/21/1999 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/21/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.7917	10/26/2004		M	2,000	01/21/1999 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/21/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.7917	10/26/2004		M	2,000	01/21/1999 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/21/2008	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THORSON JOHN A			Sr. Vice President & Treasurer	

## Signatures

By: John "Robert" A.  
Thorson

10/27/2004

\_\_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) Includes dividends reinvested through 9/30/04.
- (2) Includes acquisitions through 9/30/04 in Westamerica Bancorporation's Tax Deferred Savings/Retirement (ESOP) Plan.
- (3) Option vest ratably over three years beginning one year after grant date.

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