

VALDES MAX O  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
VALDES MAX O

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY

(Street)

SANTA ANA, CA 92707

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

FIRST AMERICAN CORP [FAF]

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

03/04/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

SVP and Chief Acct. Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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	03/04/2009		A		9,372	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	03/04/2009		F(1)		712	D	\$ 22.25
Common Stock	03/05/2009		F(1)		695	D	\$ 19.87
Common Stock							1,799.99

By 401(k) Plan Trust (5)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 47.49					12/08/2006 <sup>(6)</sup> 12/08/2015	Common Stock	20,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VALDES MAX O 1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY SANTA ANA, CA 92707			SVP and Chief Acct. Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey S. Robinson, Attorney-in-Fact for Max O. Valdes  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
 03/06/2009  
 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) Payment of tax liability by withholding securities incident to the vesting of restricted stock units.
- (2) Includes 9,372 shares acquired pursuant to a grant of restricted stock units vesting in five equal annual increments commencing 3/4/10, the first anniversary of the grant.
- (3)

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Includes 6,655 unvested restricted stock units (including shares acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment) acquired pursuant to a grant of 8,030 restricted stock units vesting in five equal annual increments commencing on 3/4/09, the first anniversary of the grant.

- (4) Includes 4,849 unvested restricted stock units (including shares acquired through automatic dividend reinvestment) acquired pursuant to a grant of 7,657 restricted stock units vesting in five equal annual increments commencing 3/5/08, the first anniversary of the grant.

Amount shown consists of shares contributed by issuer as company match, shares purchased for my account and shares acquired through automatic reinvestment of dividends paid as reported in most recent account statement in transactions exempt under rules

- (5) 16a-3(f)(1)(i)(B) and 16b-3(c). In addition, includes shares formerly reported as held for my account in the Employee Profit Sharing and Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), which has been merged into the 401(k) Savings Plan.

- (6) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/8/06, the first anniversary of the grant.

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