

WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION  
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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 \*  
**PAYNE DAVID L**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**WESTAMERICA BANCORPORATION [WABC]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/28/2008**

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)  
**Chairman, President & CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 or Price		
Common Stock	04/28/2008		M		100 A \$ 34.5625	6,522	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008		S		100 D \$ 59.275	6,422	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008		M		9,275 A \$ 34.5625	15,697	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008		S		9,275 D \$ 59.274	6,422	D
Common Stock	04/28/2008		M		2,100 A \$ 34.5625	8,522	D

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Common Stock	04/28/2008	S	2,100	D	\$ 59.27	6,422	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2008	M	200	A	\$ 34.5625	6,622	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2008	S	200	D	\$ 59.265	6,422	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2008	M	3,100	A	\$ 34.5625	9,522	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2008	S	3,100	D	\$ 59.26	6,422	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2008	M	300	A	\$ 34.5625	6,722	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2008	S	300	D	\$ 59.255	6,422	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2008	M	3,500	A	\$ 34.5625	9,922	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2008	S	3,500	D	\$ 59.25	6,422	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2008	M	100	A	\$ 34.5625	6,522	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2008	S	100	D	\$ 59.245	6,422	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2008	M	2,100	A	\$ 34.5625	8,522	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2008	S	2,100	D	\$ 59.24	6,422	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2008	M	1,300	A	\$ 34.5625	7,722	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2008	S	1,300	D	\$ 59.11	6,422	D	
Common Stock	04/28/2008	M	9,921	A	\$ 34.5625	16,343	D	
Common Stock						10,924,913	I	ESOP
Common Stock						528,837	I	Gibson Radio & Publishing Company <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock						459	I	by Daughter

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Common Stock	462	I	by Son
Common Stock	224,006	I	by Trust

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)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008		M	100	01/28/2000 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/28/2009	Common Stock		
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008		M	9,275	01/28/2000 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/28/2009	Common Stock	9	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008		M	2,100	01/28/2000 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/28/2009	Common Stock	2	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008		M	200	01/28/2000 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/28/2009	Common Stock		
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008		M	3,100	01/28/2000 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/28/2009	Common Stock	3	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008		M	300	01/28/2000 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/28/2009	Common Stock		
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008		M	3,500	01/28/2000 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/28/2009	Common Stock	3	

(right to buy)

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008	M	100	01/28/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock
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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008	M	2,100	01/28/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock
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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008	M	1,300	01/28/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock
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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.5625	04/28/2008	M	9,921	01/28/2000 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/28/2009	Common Stock
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PAYNE DAVID L				
	X		Chairman, President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ David L.  
Payne

04/30/2008

\*\*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) Mr. Payne is President and CEO of Gibson Radio and Publishing and disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (2) 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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