

Signatures

Pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Westamerica Bancorporation

/s/ JOHN "ROBERT" THORSON

John "Robert" Thorson
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
February 12, 2007

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers.

Westamerica Bancorporation reports that its director, Mr. Carl R. Otto, passed away suddenly on February 11, 2007. Mr. Otto had served as a director since 1992, and had currently served on the Loan and Investment Committee of the Board.

"Carl was a highly valued member of our Board, and we will miss him deeply. We will miss his contributions, foresight and leadership," said Chairman, President and CEO David Payne.