

Layman John R
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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 *
Layman John R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BANNER CORP [BANR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
10 SOUTH FIRST AVENUE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/12/2009

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

WALLA WALLA, WA 99362
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share ⁽¹⁾ | 02/12/2009 | | A | | 1,120.074 | A | \$ 3.4065 |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share ⁽¹⁾ | 02/13/2009 | | A | | 2,702.506 | A | \$ 3.4595 |
| | | | | | | | 113,323 ⁽²⁾ |
| | | | | | | | 116,025 ⁽³⁾ |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

