

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION

Form 4

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1(b).**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 \*  
**MARSHALL ARTHUR**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE  
BANCORPORATION, 2700 WEST  
SAHARA AVENUE**

(Street)

**LAS VEGAS, NV 89102**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**WESTERN ALLIANCE  
BANCORPORATION [WAL]**3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**05/11/2006**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)6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 05/11/2006                              |                                                             | P                                    | 2,400                                                               | A<br>\$<br>36.76                                                                                                   | 7,400                                                                   | D                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 05/11/2006                              |                                                             | P                                    | 11,000                                                              | A<br>\$<br>36.76                                                                                                   | 235,196                                                                 | I                                                                 |

By Marshall  
Family 1993  
Irrevocable  
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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                                       | (A)                                                      | (D)                                                           | Amount or Number of Shares                 |                                                                                                 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                           | Relationships                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                                                                                          | Director10% OwnerOfficerOther |
| MARSHALL ARTHUR<br>C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION<br>2700 WEST SAHARA AVENUE<br>LAS VEGAS, NV 89102 | X                             |

Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons, 05/12/2006  
Attorney-in-Fact  
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).

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