#### LARSEN MICHAEL K

Form 4

February 15, 2008

# FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add LARSEN MI		_	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol BANNER CORP [BANR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
10 SOUTH FIRST AVE			02/14/2008	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing				
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
WALLA WALLA, WA 99362				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ble I - N	lon-	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acquire	d, Disposed of, o	r Beneficially	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if TransactionDisposed of (D) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)  (A) or				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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	12/12/2007		Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price \$ 29.705	40	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	12/28/2007		G	V	2,250	D	\$ 28.91	100,697 (1)	D	
Common Stock,	02/14/2008		A		619.563	A	\$ 24.1185	101,317 (3)	D	

\$.01 par value per share (2)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. DiNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	int of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Executive VP, Banner Bank

## **Signatures**

/s/Michael K. Larsen 02/15/2008

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **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) Includes direct ownership of 3,228 shares through IRA, 40,562 shares through Deferred Compensation Plan and 12,644 shares through Employee Stock Ownership plan. Also includes indirect ownership of 2,752 shares through spouse's IRA.
- (2) Acquired pursuant to deferred compensation agreement; settled in stock at termination of service.

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(3) Includes direct ownership of 3,228 shares through IRA, 41,182 shares through Deferred Compensation Plan and 12,644 shares through Employee Stock Ownership plan. Also includes indirect ownership of 2,752 shares through spouse's IRA.

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