

CONLEY LARRY A
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â CONLEY LARRY A		(Month/Day/Year)	STERLING FINANCIAL CORP /WA/ [STSA]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
			(Check all applicable)	10/30/2007
111 N. WALL STREET			___ Director	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(Street)			__X__ Officer	__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
SPOKANE,Â WAÂ 99201			(give title below)	___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	President - INTERVEST	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	5,093	I	401K shares

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title	Amount or Number of		

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option	12/19/2005	02/28/2010	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 25.71	D	Â
Stock Option	12/21/2004	02/28/2009	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 26.7133	D	Â
Stock Option	01/31/2008	03/15/2013	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 33.17	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CONLEY LARRY A 111 N. WALL STREET SPOKANE, WA 99201	Â	Â	Â President - INTERVEST	Â

Signatures

Daniel G. Byrne 10/30/2007

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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