

SYLVESTER JAMES A  
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**FORM 3**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Sylvester James A.</b>		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement Month/Day/Year <b>01/27/03</b>		4. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>Blackhawk Bancorp, Inc.</b>	
(Last) (First) (Middle) <b>4826 River Bluff Court</b>		3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) <b>Vice President, Mortgage Lending</b>	
(Street) <b>Loves Park, IL 61111</b>				6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)	
(City) (State) (Zip)				7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
<b>Table I Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned</b>					
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)					
<b>Common Stock</b>		<b>500</b>		<b>I</b>	
				<b>Trustee of Sylvester Trust #2</b>	

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

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

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**FORM 3 (continued) 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 (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

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Executive Stock Option Grant	09/19/02 - 09/19/04	09/19/11	Common Stock	3,000	\$9.50	D	
Executive Stock Option Grant	12/18/03 - 12/18/05	12/18/12	Common Stock	2,000	\$8.29	D	

Explanation of Responses:

By: /s/ **Thomas L. Lepinski**  
**Thomas L. Lepinski POA**  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

**January 31, 2003**  
 Date

\*\*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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Power of Attorney

The undersigned hereby authorizes R. Richard Bastian, III, Todd J. James and Thomas L. Lepinski, or any of them, as attorneys-in-fact with full power of substitution, to execute in the name and on behalf of the undersigned, and to file any and all statements with respect to beneficial ownership of securities of Blackhawk Bancorp, Inc. or amendments thereto.

Dated: January 21, 2003

/s/James A. Sylvester  
 James Sylvester