

LoBello Maureen Ellen  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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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 \*  
 Â LoBello Maureen Ellen  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/01/2005

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC., Â 450 LEXINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 3300

(Street)

NEW YORK, Â NY Â 10017

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Check all applicable)

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

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 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	10,787	I	By Thrift Plan Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	1,200	I	By Mother's Trust Account <sup>(2)</sup>
5.95% Preferred Stock	1,000	I	By Mother's Trust Account <sup>(2)</sup>

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

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

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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	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LoBello Maureen Ellen GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC. 450 LEXINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 3300 NEW YORK, NY 10017	Â	Â	Â Assistant-Secretary	Â

## Signatures

/s/Maureen Ellen  
LoBello

01/06/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) By Issuer's Employees' Thrift Plan Trust. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.
- (2) By trust account for Mother, Helen Reilly Trust Agreement,

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