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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2006

OR

☐ Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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ATLANTIC AMERICAN CORPORATION
Incorporated pursuant to the laws of the State of Georgia

Internal Revenue Service-- Employer Identification No.
58-1027114

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one): Large Accelerated Filer ☐ Accelerated Filer ☐ Non-Accelerated Filer ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

The total number of shares of the registrant's Common Stock, \$1 par value, outstanding on November 6, 2006, was 21,484,440.

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ATLANTIC AMERICAN CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Dollars in thousands, except share data)

ASSETS

	<i>Unaudited</i> September 30, 2006	December 31, 2005
Cash and cash equivalents, including short-term investments of \$10,125 and \$27,726	\$ 22,541	\$ 41,776
Investments:		
Fixed maturities (cost: \$252,477 and \$232,564)	254,277	231,907
Common and non-redeemable preferred stocks (cost: \$14,240 and \$15,398)	31,876	36,108
Other invested assets (cost: \$3,326 and \$3,659)	3,293	3,660
Mortgage loans	1,406	1,941
Policy and student loans	1,945	2,076
Real estate	38	38
Investment in unconsolidated trusts	1,238	1,238
Total investments	294,073	276,968
Receivables:		
Reinsurance	47,664	57,406
Other (net of allowance for doubtful accounts: \$1,693 and \$1,501)	33,622	37,643
Deferred income taxes, net	5,818	7,099
Deferred acquisition costs	24,884	27,835
Other assets	7,855	8,682
Goodwill	3,008	3,008
Total assets	\$ 439,465	\$ 460,417

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Insurance reserves and policy funds:

Future policy benefits	\$ 51,752	\$ 51,356
Unearned premiums	48,718	60,879
Losses and claims	156,581	168,617
Other policy liabilities	5,547	5,499
Total policy liabilities	262,598	286,351
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	30,619	35,125
Payable for securities	-	7,000
Bank debt payable	12,750	10,250
Junior subordinated debenture obligations	41,238	41,238
Total liabilities	347,205	379,964

Commitments and contingencies (Note 11)

Shareholders' equity:

Preferred stock, \$1 par, 4,000,000 shares authorized:		
Series B preferred, 134,000 shares issued and outstanding;		
\$13,400 redemption value	134	134
Series D preferred, 70,000 and 0 shares issued and outstanding;		
\$7,000 and \$0 redemption value	70	-
Common stock, \$1 par; shares authorized: 50,000,000;		
shares issued: 21,477,141 and 21,412,138;		
shares outstanding: 21,477,044 and 21,383,255	21,477	21,412
Additional paid-in capital	55,802	48,925
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	2,435	(2,780)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	12,342	12,846
Treasury stock, at cost: 97 and 28,883 shares	-	(84)
Total shareholders' equity	92,260	80,453
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 439,465	\$ 460,417

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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ATLANTIC AMERICAN CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Unaudited; Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Revenue:				
Insurance premiums	\$ 37,498	\$ 43,422	\$ 116,492	\$ 135,028
Investment income	4,481	3,932	13,739	12,240
Realized investment gains, net	1,400	185	5,370	219
Other income	196	248	637	761
Total revenue	43,575	47,787	136,238	148,248
Benefits and expenses:				
Insurance benefits and losses incurred	22,371	28,602	69,806	91,110
Commissions and underwriting expenses	13,297	14,069	43,809	43,202
Interest expense	1,202	935	3,393	2,608
Other	3,756	4,070	11,481	11,431
Total benefits and expenses	40,626	47,676	128,489	148,351
Income (loss) before income tax expense (benefit)	2,949	111	7,749	(103)
Income tax expense (benefit)	212	(451)	1,777	(1,075)
Net income	2,737	562	5,972	972
Preferred stock dividends	(302)	(302)	(905)	(905)
Net income applicable to common stock	\$ 2,435	\$ 260	\$ 5,067	\$ 67
Net income per common share (basic)	\$.11	\$.01	\$.24	\$ -
Net income per common share (diluted)	\$.10	\$.01	\$.22	\$ -

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
(Unaudited; Dollars in thousands)

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006	Preferred Stock	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Treasury Stock	Total
Balance, December 31, 2005	\$ 134	\$ 21,412	\$ 48,925	\$ (2,780)	\$ 12,846	\$ (84)	\$ 80,453
Comprehensive income:							
Net income				5,972			5,972
Decrease in unrealized investment gains					(651)		(651)
Fair value adjustment to derivative financial instrument					(125)		(125)
Deferred income tax attributable to other comprehensive income					272		272
Total comprehensive income							5,468
Issuance of 70,000 shares of preferred stock	70		6,930				7,000
Dividends accrued on preferred stock			(155)	(750)			(905)
Deferred share compensation expense			3				3
Restricted stock grants		22	(22)				-
Amortization of unearned compensation			50				50
Purchase of shares for treasury						(21)	(21)
Issuance of shares for employee benefit plans and stock options		43	71	(7)		105	212
Balance, September 30, 2006	\$ 204	\$ 21,477	\$ 55,802	\$ 2,435	\$ 12,342	\$ -	\$ 92,260
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005							
Balance, December 31, 2004	\$ 134	\$ 21,412	\$ 50,347	\$ 462	\$ 17,207	\$ (602)	\$ 88,960
Comprehensive income (loss):							
Net income				972			972
Decrease in unrealized investment gains					(15,568)		(15,568)
Deferred income tax attributable to other comprehensive income (loss)					5,449		5,449
Total comprehensive loss							(9,147)

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Dividends accrued on preferred stock				(905)				(905)
Deferred share compensation expense			(202)	(40)		240		(2)
Restricted stock grants			(66)			66		-
Amortization of unearned compensation			49					49
Purchase of shares for treasury						(79)		(79)
Issuance of shares for employee benefit plans and stock options			(2)	(27)		273		244
Balance, September 30, 2005	\$	134	\$	21,412	\$	50,126	\$	462
	\$	7,088	\$	(102)	\$	79,120		

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited; Dollars in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$ 5,972	\$ 972
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:		
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs	17,977	19,674
Acquisition costs deferred	(15,026)	(17,832)
Realized investment gains	(5,370)	(219)
(Decrease) increase in insurance reserves	(23,753)	1,980
Compensation expense related to share awards	53	47
Depreciation and amortization	751	787
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)	1,553	(739)
Decrease in receivables, net	15,170	1,383
Decrease in other liabilities	(5,536)	(4,830)
Other, net	278	(2,236)
Net cash used in operating activities	(7,931)	(1,013)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from investments sold, called, or matured	39,868	76,279
Investments purchased	(60,456)	(72,658)
Additions to property and equipment	(210)	(547)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(20,798)	3,074
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from bank financing	3,000	-
Proceeds from the issuance of Series D Preferred Stock	7,000	-
Repayment of debt	(500)	(500)
Proceeds from the exercise of stock options	15	34
Purchase of treasury shares	(21)	(79)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	9,494	(545)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(19,235)	1,516
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	41,776	40,958
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 22,541	\$ 42,474
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 3,528	\$ 2,509
Cash (received) paid for income taxes	\$ (267)	\$ 317

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
September 30, 2006
(Unaudited; Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Atlantic American Corporation (the Parent) and its subsidiaries (collectively, the Company). All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The accompanying statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto included herein should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements, and the notes thereto, that are included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005. Operating results for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006, are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2006.

Note 2. Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 158, Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans - an amendment of SFAS No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R)". SFAS No. 158 requires the full recognition of the overfunded or underfunded status of a defined benefit pension plan as an asset or liability along with a corresponding after-tax adjustment to accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) included in stockholders' equity. Under previous accounting standards, information about the current funded status of such plan was reported in the notes to the financial statements. The recognition and the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 158 are effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2006. The requirement to measure plan assets and benefit obligations as of the year-end balance sheet is effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2008 and shall not be applied retrospectively. Adoption of this statement is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

In September 2006, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 108, Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements (SAB No. 108). SAB No. 108 provides guidance for how errors should be evaluated to assess materiality from a quantitative perspective. SAB No. 108 permits companies to initially apply its provisions by either restating prior financial statements or recording the cumulative effect of initially applying the approach as adjustments to the carrying values of assets and liabilities as of January 1, 2006 with an offsetting adjustment to retained earnings. SAB No. 108 is required to be adopted by December 31, 2006 and is not expected to have an effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements . SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, and enhances disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 provides guidance on measuring fair value when required under existing accounting standards and establishes a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques. SFAS No. 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. Adoption of this statement is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

In July 2006, the FASB issued Interpretation (FIN) No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109". FIN No. 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an entity's financial statements in accordance with SFAS No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes and prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for financial statement disclosure of tax positions taken, or expected to be taken, in a tax return. Additionally, FIN No. 48 provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. FIN No. 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently evaluating FIN No. 48 and has not yet determined the impact, if any, the adoption of this Interpretation will have on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

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In March 2005, the SEC issued SAB No. 107, *Share-Based Payment*, providing guidance on stock option valuation methods, the accounting for income tax effects of share-based payment arrangements upon adoption of SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment* (SFAS No. 123R), and the disclosures in the management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations section of reports or registration statements subsequent to such adoption. The Company adopted SAB No. 107 on January 1, 2006. Adoption of this statement did not have a material impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 123R, which replaces SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation* (SFAS No. 123) and supersedes Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*. SFAS No. 123R requires all companies to recognize compensation costs for share-based payments to employees based on the grant-date fair value of the award for financial statements. The pro forma disclosures previously permitted under SFAS No. 123 are no longer an alternative to financial statement recognition. The transition method included a prospective or retrospective adoption option. The Company adopted SFAS No. 123R during the first quarter of 2006 using the prospective method. Adoption of this statement did not have a material impact on the Company's financial condition or results of operations (See Note 9).

Note 3. Segment Information

The Company has four principal insurance subsidiaries, each focusing on a specific geographic region and/or specific products. Each operating company is managed independently and is evaluated on its individual performance. The following summary sets forth each principal operating company's revenue and pre-tax income (loss) for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 and 2005.

Revenues	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
American Southern	\$ 14,141	\$ 14,001	\$ 43,021	\$ 42,035
Association Casualty	7,199	5,831	18,558	18,535
Georgia Casualty	5,928	9,983	23,506	32,728
Bankers Fidelity	16,011	17,824	50,159	54,306
Corporate and Other	4,875	3,426	15,714	10,067
Adjustments and Eliminations	(4,579)	(3,278)	(14,720)	(9,423)
Total Revenue	\$ 43,575	\$ 47,787	\$ 136,238	\$ 148,248

Income (loss) before income taxes	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
American Southern	\$ 2,794	\$ 2,038	\$ 8,110	\$ 6,020
Association Casualty	1,115	54	2,528	1,033
Georgia Casualty	(499)	(1,509)	(1,469)	(4,968)
Bankers Fidelity	1,462	1,425	3,879	3,184
Corporate and Other	(1,923)	(1,897)	(5,299)	(5,372)
Consolidated Results	\$ 2,949	\$ 111	\$ 7,749	\$ (103)

Note 4. Credit Arrangements**Bank Debt**

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At September 30, 2006, the Company's \$12,750 of bank debt with Wachovia Bank, N.A. (Wachovia) consisted of a \$9,750 term loan (the Term Loan) as well as a second \$3,000 term loan (the Second Term Loan). The Term Loan requires the Company to repay \$500 in principal on June 30, and \$1,250 in principal on December 31, in each of 2006 and 2007, with one final payment of \$6,750 at maturity on June 30, 2008. The Second Term Loan requires the Company to repay \$3,000 in principal at maturity on April 1, 2007. Both term loans have the same interest rate, covenants, and collateral. The interest rate is the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus a margin ranging between 1.75% and 2.50%. As of September 30, 2006 the contractual interest rate on the term loans was LIBOR plus 2.00%, or 7.39%. The applicable margin is determined based on the ratio of funded debt to consolidated total capitalization, each as defined. The term loans require the Company to comply with certain covenants including, among others, ratios that relate funded debt to capitalization and interest coverage, as well as the maintenance of minimum levels of tangible net worth. The Company also must comply with limitations on capital expenditures, additional debt obligations, equity repurchases and redemptions, as well as minimum risk-based capital levels.

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The Company has two unconsolidated Connecticut statutory business trusts, which exist for the exclusive purposes of: (i) issuing trust preferred securities (Trust Preferred Securities) representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the trusts; (ii) investing the gross proceeds of the Trust Preferred Securities in junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures (Junior Subordinated Debentures) of Atlantic American; and (iii) engaging in only those activities necessary or incidental thereto.

At September 30, 2006, the financial structure of each of Atlantic American Statutory Trust I and II were as follows:

	Atlantic American Statutory Trust I	Atlantic American Statutory Trust II
JUNIOR SUBORDINATED DEBENTURES ^{(1) (2)}		
Principal amount owed	\$ 18,042	\$ 23,196
Balance September 30, 2006	18,042	23,196
Balance December 31, 2005	18,042	23,196
Coupon rate	LIBOR + 4.00%	LIBOR + 4.10%
Interest payable	Quarterly	Quarterly
Maturity date	December 4, 2032	May 15, 2033
Redeemable by issuer on or after	December 4, 2007	May 15, 2008
TRUST PREFERRED SECURITIES		
Issuance date	December 4, 2002	May 15, 2003
Securities issued	17,500	22,500
Liquidation preference per security	\$ 1	\$ 1
Liquidation value	17,500	22,500
Coupon rate	LIBOR + 4.00%	LIBOR + 4.10%
Distribution payable	Quarterly	Quarterly
Distribution guaranteed by ⁽³⁾	Atlantic American Corporation	Atlantic American Corporation

- (1) For each of the respective debentures, the Company has the right at any time, and from time to time, to defer payments of interest on the Junior Subordinated Debentures for a period not exceeding 20 consecutive quarters up to the debentures' respective maturity dates. During any such period, interest will continue to accrue and the Company may not declare or pay any cash dividends or distributions on, or purchase, the Company's common stock nor make any principal, interest or premium payments on or repurchase any debt securities that rank equally with or junior to the Junior Subordinated Debentures. The Company has the right at any time to dissolve each of the trusts and cause the Junior Subordinated Debentures to be distributed to the holders of the Trust Preferred Securities.
- (2) The Junior Subordinated Debentures are unsecured and rank junior and subordinate in right of payment to all senior debt of the Parent and are effectively subordinated to all existing and future liabilities of its subsidiaries.
- (3) The Parent has guaranteed, on a subordinated basis, all of the obligations under the Trust Preferred Securities, including payment of the redemption price and any accumulated and unpaid distributions to the extent of available funds and upon dissolution, winding up or liquidation.

Note 5. Derivative Financial Instruments

On February 21, 2006, the Company entered into a zero cost rate collar with Wachovia to hedge future interest payments on a portion of the Junior Subordinated Debentures. The notional amount of the collar was \$18,042 with an effective date of March 6, 2006. The collar has a LIBOR floor rate of 4.77% and a LIBOR cap rate of 5.85% and adjusts quarterly on the 4th of each March, June, September and December through termination on March 4, 2013.

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Note 6. Reconciliation of Other Comprehensive Income

	Three Months Ended, September 30,		Nine Months Ended, September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Gain on sale of investments included in net income	\$ 1,400	\$ 185	\$ 5,370	\$ 219
Other components of comprehensive income (loss):				
Net pre-tax unrealized gain (loss) arising during period	\$ 7,503	\$ (6,338)	\$ 4,719	\$ (15,349)
Reclassification adjustment	(1,400)	(185)	(5,370)	(219)
Net pre-tax unrealized gain (loss) recognized in other comprehensive income (loss)	6,103	(6,523)	(651)	(15,568)
Fair value adjustment to derivative financial instrument	(400)	-	(125)	-
Deferred income tax attributable to other comprehensive income (loss)	(1,995)	2,283	272	5,449
Change in accumulated other comprehensive income	3,708	(4,240)	(504)	(10,119)
Accumulated other comprehensive income beginning of period	8,634	11,328	12,846	17,207
Accumulated other comprehensive income end of period	\$ 12,342	\$ 7,088	\$ 12,342	\$ 7,088

Note 7. Earnings Per Common Share

A reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of the earnings per common share calculations are as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2006		
	Income	Shares (In thousands)	Per Share Amount
<i>Basic Earnings Per Common Share:</i>			
Net income	\$ 2,737	21,440	
Less preferred stock dividends	(302)		
Net income applicable to common shareholders	2,435	21,440	\$.11
<i>Diluted Earnings Per Common Share:</i>			
Effect of dilutive stock options		314	
Effect of Series B and D Preferred Stock	302	5,112	
Net income applicable to common shareholders	\$ 2,737	26,866	\$.10

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Three Months Ended September 30, 2005			
	Income	Shares (In thousands)	Per Share Amount
<i>Basic Earnings Per Common Share:</i>			
Net Income	\$ 562	21,344	
Less preferred stock dividends	(302)		
Net income applicable to common shareholders	260	21,344	\$.01
<i>Diluted Earnings Per Common Share:</i>			
Effect of dilutive stock options		347	
Net income applicable to common shareholders	\$ 260	21,691	\$.01

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006			
	Income	Shares (In thousands)	Per Share Amount
<i>Basic Earnings Per Common Share:</i>			
Net Income	\$ 5,972	21,406	
Less preferred stock dividends	(905)		
Net income applicable to common shareholders	5,067	21,406	\$.24
<i>Diluted Earnings Per Common Share:</i>			
Effect of dilutive stock options		329	
Effect of Series B and D Preferred Stock	905	5,112	
Net income applicable to common shareholders	\$ 5,972	26,847	\$.22

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005			
	Income	Shares (In thousands)	Per Share Amount
<i>Basic Earnings Per Common Share:</i>			
Net Income	\$ 972	21,285	
Less preferred stock dividends	(905)		
Net income applicable to common shareholders	67	21,285	\$ -

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Diluted Earnings Per Common Share:

Effect of dilutive stock options		359	
Net income applicable to common shareholders	\$	67	21,644
			\$

Outstanding stock options of 8,000 for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 were excluded from the earnings per common share calculation since their impact was antidilutive. All outstanding stock options for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2005 were included in the earnings per common share calculation since their impact was dilutive. The assumed conversion of the Series B Preferred Stock was excluded from the earnings per common share calculation for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2005 since its impact was antidilutive.

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A reconciliation of the differences between income taxes computed at the federal statutory income tax rate and the expense (benefit) for income taxes was as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Federal income tax provision at statutory rate of 35%	\$ 1,032	\$ 39	\$ 2,712	\$ (36)
Tax exempt interest and dividends received deductions	(342)	(192)	(422)	(522)
Small life deduction	(292)	(250)	(292)	(511)
Other permanent differences	11	(3)	31	26
Change in asset valuation allowance due to change in judgement relating to realizability of deferred tax assets	(255)	325	(321)	325
Adjustment for prior years' estimates to actual	54	(373)	54	(373)
State income taxes	4	3	15	16
Total expense (benefit) for income taxes	\$ 212	\$ (451)	\$ 1,777	\$ (1,075)

The components of the expense (benefit) for income taxes were:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Current - Federal	\$ 185	\$ 155	\$ 209	\$ 324
Current - Federal Receivable	-	(676)	-	(676)
Current - State	4	3	15	16
Deferred - Federal	23	67	1,553	(739)
Total	\$ 212	\$ (451)	\$ 1,777	\$ (1,075)

The primary differences between the effective tax rate and the federal statutory income tax rate for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 were a result of the dividends-received deduction (DRD), the small life insurance company deduction (SLD) and the change in asset valuation allowance. Also during the three month period ended September 30, 2005, the Company amended certain prior years' tax returns to recognize permanent items that generated an income tax refund of \$676 which did not reoccur in the comparable period of 2006.

The current estimated DRD is adjusted as underlying factors change, including known actual 2006 distributions earned on invested assets. The actual current year DRD can vary from the estimates based on, but not limited to, amounts of distributions from these investments as well as appropriate levels of taxable income. The SLD varies in amount and is determined at a rate of 60 percent of the tentative life insurance company taxable income (LICTI). The amount of the SLD for any taxable year is reduced (but not below zero) by 15 percent of the tentative LICTI for such taxable year as it exceeds \$3,000 and is phased out at \$15,000. The change in the asset valuation allowance results from reassessment of the realization of certain net operating loss carry forwards.

Note 9. Stock Options

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On January 1, 2006, the Company adopted SFAS 123R using the modified prospective transition method. Under this transition method, compensation cost to be recognized beginning in the first quarter of 2006 includes: (a) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted prior to, but not yet vested as of January 1, 2006 and (b) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted subsequent to January 1, 2006. The adoption of SFAS 123R did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated statements of income or net income per share as there were no outstanding unvested options at January 1, 2006.

Prior to January 1, 2006, stock options were reported under the recognition and measurement principles of APB Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees instead of the fair value approach recommended in SFAS No. 123 Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, as amended by SFAS 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation-Transition and Disclosure. Accordingly, no stock-based employee compensation cost attributable to stock options was reflected in net income, as all stock options granted had an exercise price equal to the market value of the underlying common stock on the date of grant. The following pro forma net income and net income per common share were determined as if SFAS 123R had been in effect for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2005. The fair value of these options was estimated using an options pricing model, which requires the input of subjective assumptions, including the volatility of the stock price. If the Company had applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123 to stock-based employee compensation during the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2005, the Company's net income and net income per share would have been as follows:

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	Three Months Ended September 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,
	2005	2005
Net income, as reported	\$ 562	\$ 972
Stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value basis, net of tax	(19)	(57)
Pro forma net income	\$ 543	\$ 915

Net income per common share:

Basic - as reported	\$.01	\$ -
Basic - pro forma	\$.01	\$ -
Diluted - as reported	\$.01	\$ -
Diluted - pro forma	\$.01	\$ -

Due to a variety of factors, including the timing and number of awards, the above pro forma results may not be indicative of the future effect of stock option expensing on the Company's results of operations.

Note 10. Employee Retirement Plans

The following table provides the components for the net periodic benefit cost for all defined benefit pension plans:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Service cost	\$ 50	\$ 44	\$ 150	\$ 133
Interest cost	78	75	233	225
Expected return on plan assets	(48)	(46)	(144)	(139)
Net amortization	35	36	104	107
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 115	\$ 109	\$ 343	\$ 326

The weighted-average assumptions used to determine the net periodic benefit cost were as follows:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005
Discount rate	5.50%	5.75%
Expected return on plan assets	7.00%	7.00%
Projected annual salary increases	4.50%	4.50%

The Company expects to contribute \$184 for all defined benefit pension plans in 2006. During the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006, the Company made payments of \$32 and \$95, respectively, to the pension plans.

Note 11. Commitments and Contingencies

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From time to time, the Company is involved in various claims and lawsuits incidental to and in the ordinary course of its businesses. In the opinion of management, any such known claims are not expected to have a material effect on the business or financial condition of the Company.

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Note 12. Related Party Transactions

The Company has, from time to time, purchased shares in Gray Television, Inc. (Gray Television) in the ordinary course of investing. Mr. Robinson, the Company's chairman of the board of directors, is an executive officer and a member of the board of directors of Gray Television. Mr. Howell, the Company's president and chief executive officer, and Mrs. Robinson, a member of the Company's board of directors, are members of the board of directors of Gray Television. On September 28, 2006, the Company sold 175 shares of its investment in Gray Television Series C preferred stock to Gray Television at a price of \$10,000 per share, and the transaction was settled on September 29, 2006. There was no gain or loss on the transaction.

On September 30, 2006, the Company issued and sold 70,000 shares of its newly created Series D preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the Series D Preferred Stock) to Gulf Capital Services, Ltd., an affiliate of Mr. Robinson, for an aggregate purchase price of \$7,000. The outstanding shares of Series D Preferred Stock have a stated value of \$100 per share; accrue annual dividends at a rate of \$7.25 per share (payable in cash or shares of the Company's common stock at the option of the board of directors of the Company) and are cumulative; in certain circumstances may be convertible into an aggregate of approximately 1,754,000 shares of common stock, subject to certain adjustments and provided that such adjustments do not result in the Company issuing more than approximately 2,703,000 shares of common stock without obtaining prior shareholder approval; and are redeemable solely at the Company's option. The Series D Preferred Stock is not currently convertible.

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Item 2.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following is management's discussion and analysis of the financial condition and results of operations of Atlantic American Corporation (Atlantic American or the Parent) and its subsidiaries (collectively, the Company) for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006. This discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere herein, as well as with the consolidated financial statements and notes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005.

Atlantic American is an insurance holding company whose operations are conducted through a group of regional insurance companies: American Southern Insurance Company and American Safety Insurance Company (together known as American Southern); Association Casualty Insurance Company and Association Risk Management General Agency, Inc. (together known as Association Casualty); Georgia Casualty & Surety Company (Georgia Casualty); and Bankers Fidelity Life Insurance Company (Bankers Fidelity). Each operating company is managed separately based upon the geographic location or the type of products offered and is evaluated on its individual performance. Management is in the process of conforming information systems, policies and procedures, products, marketing and other managerial functions between Association Casualty and Georgia Casualty to create a southern regional property and casualty operation and increase efficiencies.

Critical Accounting Policies

The accounting and reporting policies of Atlantic American and its subsidiaries are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and, in management's belief, conform to general practices within the insurance industry. The following is an explanation of the Company's accounting policies and the resultant estimates considered most significant by management. These accounting policies inherently require significant judgment and assumptions and actual operating results could differ from management's initial estimates determined using these policies. Atlantic American does not expect that changes in the estimates determined using these policies will have a material effect on the Company's financial condition or liquidity, although changes could have a material effect on its consolidated results of operations.

Unpaid loss and loss adjustment expenses comprised 45% of the Company's liabilities at September 30, 2006. This obligation includes estimates for: 1) unpaid losses on claims reported prior to September 30, 2006, 2) development on those reported claims, 3) unpaid ultimate losses on claims incurred prior to September 30, 2006 but not yet reported and 4) unpaid loss adjustment expenses for reported and unreported claims incurred prior to September 30, 2006. Quantification of loss estimates for each of these components involves a significant degree of judgment and estimates may vary, materially, from period to period. Estimated unpaid losses on reported claims are developed based on historical experience with similar claims by the Company. Development on reported claims, estimates of unpaid ultimate losses on claims incurred prior to September 30, 2006 but not yet reported, and estimates of unpaid loss adjustment expenses, are developed based on the Company's historical experience, using actuarial methods to assist in the analysis. The Company's actuarial staff develops ranges of estimated development on reported and unreported claims as well as loss adjustment expenses using various methods including the paid-loss development method, the reported-loss development method, the paid Bornhuetter-Ferguson method, the reported Bornhuetter-Ferguson method, the Berquist-Sherman method and a frequency-severity method. Any single method used to estimate ultimate losses has inherent advantages and disadvantages due to the trends and changes affecting the business environment and the Company's administrative policies. Further, a variety of external factors, such as legislative changes, medical inflation, and others may directly or indirectly impact the relative adequacy of liabilities for unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses. The Company's approach is to select an estimate of ultimate losses based on comparing results of a variety of reserving methods, as opposed to total reliance on any single method. Unpaid loss and loss adjustment expenses are reviewed periodically for significant lines of business, and when current results differ from the original assumptions used to develop such estimates, the amount of the Company's recorded liability for unpaid loss and loss adjustment expenses is adjusted. In the event the Company's actual reported losses in any period are materially in excess of the previous estimated amounts, such losses, to the extent reinsurance coverage does not exist, would have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations.

Future policy benefits comprised 15% of the Company's total liabilities at September 30, 2006. These liabilities relate primarily to life insurance products and are based upon assumed future investment yields, mortality rates, and withdrawal rates after giving effect to possible risks of adverse deviation. The assumed mortality and withdrawal rates are based upon the Company's experience. If actual results differ from the initial assumptions, the amount of the Company's recorded liability could require adjustment.

Deferred acquisition costs comprised 6% of the Company's total assets at September 30, 2006. Deferred acquisition costs are commissions, premium taxes, and other costs that vary with and are primarily related to the acquisition of new and renewal business and are generally deferred and amortized. The deferred amounts are recorded as an asset on the balance sheet and amortized to expense in a systematic manner. Traditional life insurance and long-duration health insurance deferred policy acquisition costs are amortized over the estimated premium-paying period of

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the related policies using assumptions consistent with those used in computing the related liability for policy benefit reserves. The deferred acquisition costs for property and casualty insurance and short-duration health insurance are amortized over the effective period of the related insurance policies. Deferred policy acquisition costs are expensed when such costs are deemed not to be recoverable from future premiums (for traditional life and long-duration health insurance) and from the related unearned premiums and investment income (for property and casualty and short-duration health insurance). Assessments of recoverability for property and casualty and short-duration health insurance are extremely sensitive to the estimates of a subsequent year's projected losses related to the unearned premiums. Projected loss estimates for a current block of business for which unearned premiums remain to be earned may vary significantly from the indicated losses incurred in any given previous calendar year.

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Receivables are amounts due from reinsurers, insureds and agents and comprised 18% of the Company's total assets at September 30, 2006. Insured and agent balances are evaluated periodically for collectibility. Annually, the Company performs an analysis of the credit worthiness of the Company's reinsurers using various data sources. Failure of reinsurers to meet their obligations due to insolvencies or disputes could result in uncollectible amounts and losses to the Company. Allowances for uncollectible amounts are established, as and when a loss has been determined probable, against the related receivable. Losses are recognized when determined on a specific account basis and a general provision for loss is made based on the Company's historical experience.

Cash and investments comprised 72% of the Company's total assets at September 30, 2006. Substantially all investments are in bonds and common and preferred stocks, which are subject to significant market fluctuations. The Company carries all investments as available for sale and, accordingly, at their estimated fair values. The Company owns certain non-redeemable preferred stocks that do not have quoted values and are carried at estimated fair values as determined by management. Such values inherently have a greater degree of judgment and uncertainty and therefore ultimately greater price volatility. On occasion, the value of an investment may decline to a value below its amortized purchase price and remain at such value for an extended period of time. When an investment's indicated fair value has declined below its cost basis for a period of time, primarily due to changes in credit risk, the Company evaluates such investment for other than a temporary impairment. If other than a temporary impairment is deemed to exist, then the Company will write down the amortized cost basis of the investment to its estimated fair value. While such write down does not impact the reported value of the investment in the Company's balance sheet, it is reflected as a realized investment loss in the Company's consolidated statements of operations.

Deferred income taxes comprised approximately 1% of the Company's total assets at September 30, 2006. Deferred income taxes reflect the effect of temporary differences between assets and liabilities that are recognized for financial reporting purposes and the amounts that are recognized for tax purposes. These deferred income taxes are measured by applying currently enacted tax laws and rates. Valuation allowances are recognized to reduce the deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. In assessing the likelihood of realization, management considers estimates of future taxable income and tax planning strategies.

OVERALL CORPORATE RESULTS

On a consolidated basis, the Company had net income of \$2.7 million, or \$0.10 per diluted share, for the three month period ended September 30, 2006, compared to net income of \$0.6 million, or \$0.01 per diluted share, for the three month period ended September 30, 2005. The Company had net income of \$6.0 million, or \$0.22 per diluted share, for the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, compared to net income of \$1.0 million, or \$0.00 per diluted share after considering preferred stock dividends, for the nine month period ended September 30, 2005. Premium revenue for the three month period ended September 30, 2006, decreased \$5.9 million, or 13.6%, to \$37.5 million. For the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, premium revenue decreased \$18.5 million, or 13.7%, to \$116.5 million. The decrease in premiums for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 was primarily attributable to increased competition on certain casualty lines, the non-renewal of targeted classes of property business as well as the reassessment of coastal property exposures in the Company's property and casualty operations, the latter two of which began in late 2005. The Company's life and health operations have also experienced a premium decline resulting from lower new sales activity and an increased level of product competition, specifically in the Medicare supplement market. The increase in net income for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 as compared to the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2005 was primarily due to an increase in realized investment gains. During the three month period ended September 30, 2006, the Company had net realized investment gains of \$1.4 million compared to net realized investment gains of \$0.2 million for the three month period ended September 30, 2005. For the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, the Company had net realized investment gains of \$5.4 million compared to net realized investment gains of \$0.2 million in the same period of 2005. In addition, during the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2005, the Company experienced a significant increase in both the frequency and severity of claims in its property and casualty operations, primarily from fires, fatalities, tornados and hurricanes, which did not reoccur in the same periods of 2006. During the three month period ended September 30, 2005, the company was directly impacted by three hurricanes, Dennis, Katrina, and Rita, all of which resulted in hurricane related expenses of \$1.7 million. Further, during the three month period ended September 30, 2006, net income increased by a \$0.3 million deferred tax benefit, compared to a \$0.3 million deferred income tax expense in the three month period ended September 30, 2005, both related to adjustments to the Company's income tax valuation allowance. The 2006 decrease in the valuation allowance was the result of a reassessment of the realization of certain net operating loss carry forwards. During the three month period ended September 30, 2005, the Company amended certain prior years' tax returns to recognize permanent items that generated an income tax refund of \$0.7 million which partially offset the 2005 increase in the valuation allowance. Net income for the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the nine month period ended September 30, 2005 was negatively impacted by a significant windstorm assessment related to hurricane Katrina. In April 2006, the Company received an assessment from the Mississippi Windstorm Underwriting Association of approximately \$2.2 million in addition to a \$1.3 million assessment which had been previously received and paid. The April 2006 assessment exhausted the Company's remaining \$0.4 million of reinsurance related to hurricane Katrina, and the Company expensed the \$1.8 million excess amount.

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The Company's property and casualty operations are comprised of American Southern, Association Casualty, and Georgia Casualty. The Company's life and health operations are comprised of the operations of Bankers Fidelity.

A more detailed analysis of the individual operating entities and other corporate activities follows.

UNDERWRITING RESULTS**American Southern**

The following is a summary of American Southern's premiums for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 and the comparable periods in 2005 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Gross written premiums	\$ 14,293	\$ 16,007	\$ 39,509	\$ 44,296
Ceded premiums	(2,506)	(2,230)	(7,195)	(6,720)
Net written premiums	\$ 11,787	\$ 13,777	\$ 32,314	\$ 37,576
Net earned premiums	\$ 12,727	\$ 12,769	\$ 38,518	\$ 38,577

Gross written premiums at American Southern decreased \$1.7 million, or 10.7%, during the three month period ended September 30, 2006, and \$4.8 million, or 10.8%, during the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, from the comparable periods in 2005. The decrease in gross written premiums during the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to the cancellation of several commercial programs, including the low-value dwelling property business in the second half of 2005, as well as a reduction in business writings from a previously existing joint venture with the Carolina Motor Club which was terminated on October 1, 2005. Also contributing to the decrease in gross written premiums was the termination of the relationship with one of the company's agents who had previously produced approximately \$1.5 million in annualized general liability business. Partially offsetting this decrease in gross written premiums were increased business writings in the surety line of business.

Ceded premiums increased \$0.3 million, or 12.4%, during the three month period ended September 30, 2006, and \$0.5 million, or 7.1%, during the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, over the comparable periods in 2005. The increase in ceded premiums was due to changes in certain provisions in the company's reinsurance treaty agreements relating to certain accounts.

The following presents American Southern's net earned premiums by line of business for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 and the comparable periods in 2005 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Commercial automobile	\$ 6,020	\$ 6,043	\$ 17,900	\$ 18,300
Private passenger auto	362	890	1,838	2,658
General liability	2,969	2,930	8,665	8,880
Property	775	920	2,391	2,766
Surety	2,601	1,986	7,724	5,973
Total	\$ 12,727	\$ 12,769	\$ 38,518	\$ 38,577

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Net earned premiums decreased slightly during the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006, from the comparable periods in 2005 due primarily to the decline in written premiums discussed above.

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The following sets forth American Southern's loss and expense ratios for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 and for the comparable periods in 2005:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Loss ratio	45.0%	51.4%	44.1%	48.8%
Expense ratio	44.2%	42.3%	46.5%	44.5%
Combined ratio	89.2%	93.7%	90.6%	93.3%

The loss ratio for the three month period ended September 30, 2006 decreased to 45.0% from 51.4% in the three month period ended September 30, 2005 and to 44.1% in the nine month period ended September 30, 2006 from 48.8% in the comparable period of 2005. The decrease in the loss ratio in the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 was primarily attributable to the cancellation of several commercial programs, including the low-value dwelling property business discussed above and favorable loss experience in the general liability line of business. The expense ratio for the three month period ended September 30, 2006 increased to 44.2% compared to 42.3% in the three month period ended September 30, 2005 and to 46.5% for the nine month period ended September 30, 2006 compared to 44.5% in the comparable period of 2005. The increase in the expense ratio in the 2006 periods was a function of American Southern's contractual arrangements, which compensate the company's agents in relation to the loss ratios of the business they write. As a percentage of gross written premiums, total commissions (fixed plus variable) increased to 29.9% for the nine month period ended September 30, 2006 from 27.6% in the comparable period of 2005.

Association Casualty

The following is a summary of Association Casualty's premiums for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 and the comparable periods in 2005 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Direct written premiums	\$ 8,582	\$ 5,812 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 24,628	\$ 15,947 ⁽²⁾
Assumed written premiums	-	(1,939) ⁽³⁾	-	710 ⁽³⁾
Gross written premiums	8,582	3,873	24,628	16,657
Ceded premiums	(2,730)	(1,307) ⁽¹⁾	(7,448)	(3,519) ⁽²⁾
Net written premiums	\$ 5,852	\$ 2,566	\$ 17,180	\$ 13,138
Net earned premiums	\$ 6,448	\$ 5,107	\$ 16,273	\$ 16,600

⁽¹⁾ Excludes \$3.6 million in written premiums ceded to Georgia Casualty.

⁽²⁾ Excludes \$15.8 million in written premiums ceded to Georgia Casualty.

⁽³⁾ Written premiums assumed from Georgia Casualty under a quota share reinsurance agreement and eliminated in consolidation. This agreement was terminated effective August 31, 2005.

Gross written premiums at Association Casualty increased \$4.7 million, or 121.6%, during the three month period ended September 30, 2006, and \$8.0 million, or 47.9%, during the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, over the comparable periods in 2005. The increase in gross written premiums during the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 was attributable to the termination, as of August 31, 2005, of a quota share reinsurance agreement with Georgia Casualty. As a result of the termination of this agreement, there was a reversal of \$2.6 million in unearned premiums previously assumed by Association Casualty under this contract during the nine month period ended September 30, 2005 which had decreased assumed written premiums for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30,

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2005. Prior to the termination of the quota share reinsurance agreement, approximately \$3.3 million in premiums had been assumed by Association Casualty from Georgia Casualty during the nine months ended September 30, 2005. Also contributing to the increase were additional premiums retained as a result of a mutual agreement not to enforce the rights and obligations under a separate reinsurance agreement between Association Casualty and Georgia Casualty. During the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2005, Association Casualty had ceded \$3.6 million and \$15.8 million, respectively, in direct written premiums to Georgia Casualty under this agreement. Effective September 1, 2005, Association Casualty no longer ceded any portion of this business to Georgia Casualty.

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Ceded premiums at Association Casualty increased \$1.4 million, or 108.9%, during the three month period ended September 30, 2006, and \$3.9 million, or 111.7%, during the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, over the comparable periods in 2005. In addition to an overall increase in reinsurance rates, the increase in ceded premiums during the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 was due to the increase in retained business and the risk characteristics related thereto. Prior to September 1, 2005, this business, which was underwritten by Georgia Casualty on behalf of Association Casualty, was ceded 100% to Georgia Casualty rather than to a third party reinsurer. As a result of the third party cessions, ceded premiums increased during the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006.

The following presents Association Casualty's net earned premiums by line of business for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 and the comparable periods in 2005 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Workers' compensation	\$ 2,306	\$ 2,351	\$ 6,023	\$ 7,821
General liability	323	95	606	247
Commercial multi-peril	2,439	1,630	6,095	5,006
Commercial automobile	1,378	1,026	3,541	3,504
Other	2	5	8	22
Total	\$ 6,448	\$ 5,107	\$ 16,273	\$ 16,600

Net earned premiums increased \$1.3 million, or 26.3%, during the three month period ended September 30, 2006, over the three month period ended September 30, 2005 and decreased \$0.3 million, or 2.0%, during the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, from the comparable period in 2005. The increase in net earned premiums during the three month period ended September 30, 2006 was due to the termination of the quota share reinsurance agreement with Georgia Casualty discussed above. The decrease in the net earned premiums during the nine month period ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to a lower level of premium volume written and retained during 2005 which is reflected as earned in the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006. Insurance premiums are earned ratably over the policy term, and therefore premiums earned in 2006 are related to premiums written during both 2005 and 2006.

The following sets forth Association Casualty's loss and expense ratios for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 and the comparable periods in 2005:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Loss ratio	41.0%	74.7%	42.5%	65.8%
Expense ratio	53.3%	38.4%	56.0%	39.6%
Combined ratio	94.3%	113.1%	98.5%	105.4%

The loss ratio for the three month period ended September 30, 2006 decreased to 41.0% from 74.7% in the three month period ended September 30, 2005 and to 42.5% in the nine month period ended September 30, 2006 from 65.8% in the comparable period of 2005. The decrease in the loss ratio during the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 was due to several factors. During the nine month period ended September 30, 2005, Association Casualty incurred losses and loss adjustment expenses of \$0.7 million in connection with the quota share reinsurance agreement with Georgia Casualty. This quota share reinsurance agreement was terminated in 2005 and, accordingly, no such losses were incurred during the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006. Also, during the nine month period ended September 30, 2005, Association Casualty's loss ratio was impacted by an increasing number of construction defect claims on liability policies, which did not reoccur during the comparable period in 2006. In addition, Association Casualty experienced favorable loss development during the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006, which also contributed to the decrease in the loss ratio. The expense ratio for the three month period ended September 30, 2006 increased to 53.3% compared to 38.4% in the comparable period in 2005 and to 56.0% for the nine month period ended September 30, 2006 compared to 39.6% for the comparable period in 2005. The increase in the expense

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ratio for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to an increased share of allocated expenses that resulted from the additional retained business that had previously been ceded to Georgia Casualty.

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The following is a summary of Georgia Casualty's premiums for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 and the comparable periods in 2005 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Gross written premiums	\$ 4,522	\$ 9,457 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 16,007	\$ 40,856 ⁽²⁾
Ceded premiums	(1,398)	(4,737)	(5,677)	(16,408)
Ceded premiums	-	1,939 ⁽³⁾	-	(710) ⁽³⁾
Net written premiums	\$ 3,124	\$ 6,659	\$ 10,330	\$ 23,738
Net earned premiums	\$ 3,963	\$ 9,173	\$ 17,288	\$ 29,847

⁽¹⁾ Includes \$3.6 million in written premiums assumed from Association Casualty.

⁽²⁾ Includes \$15.8 million in written premiums assumed from Association Casualty.

⁽³⁾ Written premiums ceded to Association Casualty under a quota share reinsurance agreement and eliminated in consolidation. This agreement was terminated effective August 31, 2005.

Gross written premiums at Georgia Casualty decreased \$4.9 million, or 52.2%, during the three month period ended September 30, 2006, and \$24.9 million, or 60.8%, during the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, from the comparable periods in 2005. The decrease in gross written premiums for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 was attributable to several factors. As described above, effective September 1, 2005, Georgia Casualty no longer assumed new business writings from Association Casualty and, as a result, written premiums decreased \$3.5 million and \$15.0 million, respectively, in the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006. Also contributing to the decrease in gross written premiums was the non-renewal of targeted classes of property business as well as the reassessment of coastal property exposures, both of which began in 2005. Georgia Casualty has ceased writing accounts with significant heavy automobile exposures and has significantly increased its required buffer zone away from wind prone coastal exposures. These initiatives, coupled with an increased level of price competition in the marketplace, resulted in a significant decrease in gross written premiums during the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006.

Ceded premiums at Georgia Casualty decreased \$1.4 million, or 50.0%, during the three month period ended September 30, 2006, and \$11.4 million, or 66.8%, during the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, from the comparable periods in 2005. The decrease in ceded premiums for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 was primarily attributable to the significant decline in gross written premiums. Also contributing to the decrease in ceded premiums during the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 were significant adjustments for umbrella ceded premiums and hurricane related expenses that increased ceded premiums in 2005, but did not reoccur during the comparable periods of 2006. Partially offsetting the decrease in ceded premiums during the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 was the termination of the quota share reinsurance agreement discussed above. As a result of the termination of this agreement, there was a reversal of \$2.6 million in unearned premiums previously ceded to Association Casualty under this contract during the nine month period ended September 30, 2005 which had decreased ceded written premiums for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2005. Prior to the termination of the quota share reinsurance agreement, approximately \$3.3 million in premiums had been ceded by Georgia Casualty to Association Casualty during the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

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The following presents Georgia Casualty's net earned premiums by line of business for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 and the comparable periods in 2005 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Workers' compensation	\$ 1,673	\$ 2,951	\$ 6,532	\$ 9,662
General liability	328	3	1,634	148
Commercial multi-peril	1,174	3,475	5,587	11,434
Commercial automobile	788	2,744	3,535	8,603
Total	\$ 3,963	\$ 9,173	\$ 17,288	\$ 29,847

Net earned premiums decreased \$5.2 million, or 56.8%, during the three month period ended September 30, 2006, and \$12.6 million, or 42.1%, during the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, from the comparable periods in 2005. The decrease in net earned premiums for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 was due to the same reasons discussed above.

The following sets forth Georgia Casualty's loss and expense ratios for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 and the comparable periods in 2005:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Loss ratio	101.5%	73.0%	79.1%	83.6%
Expense ratio	60.7%	52.3%	65.4%	42.7%
Combined ratio	162.2%	125.3%	144.5%	126.3%

The loss ratio increased to 101.5% in the three month period ended September 30, 2006 from 73.0% in the three month period ended September 30, 2005 and decreased to 79.1% in the nine month period ended September 30, 2006 from 83.6% in the nine month period ended September 30, 2005. The increase in the loss ratio for the three month period ended September 30, 2006 was due to the significant decrease in net earned premiums coupled with an increase in loss adjustment expenses that resulted from the settlement of several large claims. The decrease in the loss ratio for the nine month period ended September 30, 2006 was due to numerous large losses from fires, fatalities, and tornados incurred by Georgia Casualty during the three month period ended March 31, 2005. Also, during the three month period ended September 30, 2005, Georgia Casualty incurred \$0.6 million in hurricane related losses. The magnitude and frequency of these losses had a significant impact on the loss ratio in the nine month period ended September 30, 2005, and did not reoccur in the comparable period of 2006. In addition, Georgia Casualty benefited from the extensive re-underwriting of its book of business that began in the three month period ended September 30, 2005. The expense ratio increased to 60.7% in the three month period ended September 30, 2006 from 52.3% in the three month period ended September 30, 2005 and to 65.4% in the nine month period ended September 30, 2006 from 42.7% in the nine month period ended September 30, 2005. The increase in the expense ratio for the three month period ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to the significant decrease in net earned premiums. The increase in the expense ratio for the nine month period ended September 30, 2006 was primarily attributable to a \$1.8 million charge related to an assessment from the Mississippi Windstorm Underwriting Association and a \$1.0 million increase in the second injury trust fund assessment accrual, both of which were expensed in the 2006 second quarter. Also contributing to the increase in the expense ratio for the year to date period was the significant decrease in net earned premiums.

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The following summarizes Bankers Fidelity's earned premiums for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 and the comparable periods in 2005 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Medicare supplement	\$ 10,783	\$ 12,699	\$ 33,814	\$ 38,955
Other health	750	726	2,188	2,178
Life	2,827	2,949	8,411	8,871
Total	\$ 14,360	\$ 16,374	\$ 44,413	\$ 50,004

Premium revenue at Bankers Fidelity decreased \$2.0 million, or 12.3%, during the three month period ended September 30, 2006, and \$5.6 million, or 11.2%, during the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, from the comparable periods in 2005. Premiums from the Medicare supplement and other health lines of business decreased \$1.9 million, or 14.1%, during the three month period ended September 30, 2006 and \$5.1 million, or 12.5%, during the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, due to a decline in new business levels and non-renewal of certain existing policies that resulted from increased competition. Premiums from the life insurance line of business decreased \$0.1 million, or 4.1%, during the three month period ended September 30, 2006, and \$0.5 million, or 5.2%, during the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, from the comparable periods of 2005 due to the continued decline in sales related activities.

The following summarizes Bankers Fidelity's operating expenses for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 and the comparable periods in 2005 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Benefits and losses	\$ 9,984	\$ 11,525	\$ 32,215	\$ 36,389
Commission and other expenses	4,565	4,874	14,066	14,733
Total expenses	\$ 14,549	\$ 16,399	\$ 46,281	\$ 51,122

Benefits and losses decreased \$1.5 million, or 13.4%, during the three month period ended September 30, 2006, and \$4.2 million, or 11.5%, during the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, from the comparable periods in 2005. As a percentage of earned premiums, benefits and losses were 69.5% for the three month period ended September 30, 2006 and 72.5% for the nine month period ended September 30, 2006 compared to 70.4% for the three month period ended September 30, 2005 and 72.8% for the nine month period ended September 30, 2005. The decrease in the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 loss ratio was primarily due to a \$0.3 million incurred but not reported (IBNR) reserve adjustment on the Medicare supplement line of business. The decrease in IBNR reserves was deemed necessary to give recognition to the decrease in in-force premiums for that line of business. Also, the 2005 loss ratios were inflated by a block of Medicare supplement business that was purchased by Bankers Fidelity during the fourth quarter of 2004. Although Bankers Fidelity had received approval for the necessary rates for this block of business, the impact of these rate increases was not fully realized until the fourth quarter of 2005.

Commissions and other expenses decreased \$0.3 million, or 6.3%, during the three month period ended September 30, 2006, and \$0.7 million, or 4.5%, during the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, from the comparable periods in 2005. The decrease in commissions and other expenses during the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006, was directly related to the decline in premium revenues. As a percentage of earned premiums, these expenses were 31.8% for the three month period ended September 30, 2006 and 31.7% for the nine month period ended September 30, 2006 compared to 29.8% for the three month period ended September 30, 2005 and 29.5% for the nine month period ended September 30, 2005. The increase in the expense ratio for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to a consistent level of fixed underwriting and other expenses coupled with a decrease in premium revenues.

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INVESTMENT INCOME AND REALIZED GAINS

Investment income increased \$0.5 million, or 14.0%, during the three month period ended September 30, 2006, and \$1.5 million, or 12.2%, for the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, over the comparable periods in 2005. The increase in investment income for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to a higher level of average invested assets as well as a shift from short-term investments to higher yielding fixed maturity securities.

The Company had net realized investment gains of \$1.4 million during the three month period ended September 30, 2006, and \$5.4 million during the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, compared to net realized investment gains of \$0.2 million in the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2005. The increase in net realized gains for the three month period ended September 30, 2006 was due to the sale of a portion of the Company's investment in equity securities of Wachovia Corporation which generated \$1.3 million in realized gains. The increase in net realized gains for the nine month period ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to the sale of a portion of the Company's investments in the automotive sector (bonds of General Motors Corporation and Ford Motor Credit Company), a portion of the Company's investment in equity securities of Wachovia Corporation, and the sale of a real estate partnership interest, all of which resulted in realized investment gains totaling \$5.4 million. Management continually evaluates the Company's investment portfolio and, as needed, makes adjustments for impairments and/or will divest investments. (See Item 3 for a discussion about market risks).

INTEREST EXPENSE

Interest expense increased \$0.3 million, or 28.6%, during the three month period ended September 30, 2006, and \$0.8 million, or 30.1%, during the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, over the comparable periods in 2005. The increase in interest expense for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to an increase in the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), which occurred throughout 2005 and into 2006. Also, on February 28, 2006, the Company entered into a \$3.0 million term loan credit agreement with Wachovia Bank, N.A. (Wachovia), which resulted in a higher average debt level and increased interest expense during the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006.

OTHER EXPENSES

Other expenses (commissions, underwriting expenses, and other expenses) decreased \$1.1 million, or 6.0%, during the three month period ended September 30, 2006, from the three month period ended September 30, 2005, and increased \$0.7 million, or 1.2%, during the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, over the comparable period in 2005. The decrease in other expenses for the three month period ended September 30, 2006 was primarily attributable to a reduction in commission expenses that resulted from the significant decline in premium revenue. The decrease in premium revenue that occurred during the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 was due to the non-renewal of targeted classes of property business, the reassessment of coastal property, lower sales activity, and an increased level of price competition. The increase in other expenses for the nine month period ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to a \$1.8 million charge related to a Mississippi windstorm assessment which was not covered by reinsurance and a \$1.0 million second injury trust fund accrual adjustment, both of which were recorded in the 2006 second quarter and occurred in the Company's property and casualty operations. Partially offsetting the increase in other expenses during the nine month period ended September 30, 2006 was a reduction in commission expenses that resulted from the significant decline in premium revenue discussed above. On a consolidated basis, as a percentage of earned premiums, other expenses increased to 45.5% in the three month period ended September 30, 2006, from 41.8% in the three month period ended September 30, 2005. For the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, this ratio increased to 47.5% from 40.5% in the comparable period in 2005. The increase in the expense ratio for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to a consistent level of fixed expenses coupled with a decrease in premium revenues.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The primary cash needs of the Company are for the payment of claims and operating expenses, maintaining adequate statutory capital and surplus levels, and meeting debt service requirements. Current and expected patterns of claim frequency and severity may change from period to period but generally are expected to continue within historical ranges. The Company's primary sources of cash are written premiums, investment income and the sale and maturity of invested assets. The Company believes that, within each subsidiary, total invested assets will be sufficient to satisfy all policy liabilities and that cash inflows from investment earnings, future premium receipts and reinsurance collections will be adequate to fund the payment of claims and expenses as needed. Cash flows at the Parent are derived from dividends, management fees, and tax sharing payments from the subsidiaries. The cash needs of the Parent are for the payment of operating expenses, the acquisition of capital assets and debt service requirements.

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The Parent's insurance subsidiaries reported a combined statutory net income of \$4.2 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, compared to statutory net income of \$5.9 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2005. The decrease in statutory net income was due to the impairment charge taken on the Company's investments in the automotive sector of \$10.7 million which was recorded effective January 1, 2006 for statutory purposes. Statutory results are further impacted by the recognition of all costs of acquiring business. In a scenario in which the Company is growing, statutory results are generally lower than results determined under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Parent's insurance subsidiaries reported a combined GAAP net income of \$12.0 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2006 compared to \$3.9 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2005. The reasons for the increase in GAAP net income in the nine month period ended September 30, 2006 are discussed above in Results of Operations. Statutory results for the property and casualty operations differ from the results of operations under GAAP due to the deferral of acquisition costs. The life and health operations statutory results differ from GAAP primarily due to the deferral of acquisition costs for financial reporting purposes, as well as the use of different reserving methods.

The Company has two series of preferred stock outstanding, substantially all of which is held by affiliates of the Company's chairman and principal shareholders. The outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock (Series B Stock) have a stated value of \$100 per share; accrue annual dividends at a rate of \$9.00 per share and are cumulative; in certain circumstances may be convertible into an aggregate of approximately 3,358,000 shares of common stock; and are redeemable at the Company's option. The Series B Stock is not currently convertible. At September 30, 2006, the Company had accrued, but unpaid, dividends on the Series B Stock totaling \$13.0 million. The outstanding shares of Series D Preferred Stock (Series D Stock) have a stated value of \$100 per share; accrue annual dividends at a rate of \$7.25 per share (payable in cash or shares of the Company's common stock at the option of the board of directors of the Company) and are cumulative; in certain circumstances may be convertible into an aggregate of approximately 1,754,000 shares of common stock, subject to certain adjustments and provided that such adjustments do not result in the Company issuing more than approximately 2,703,000 shares of common stock without obtaining prior shareholder approval; and are redeemable at the Company's option. The Series D Stock is not currently convertible.

At September 30, 2006, the Company's \$54.0 million of borrowings consisted of a \$9.8 million term loan (the Term Loan) as well as a second \$3.0 million term loan (the Second Term Loan), and an aggregate of \$41.2 million of outstanding junior subordinated deferrable interest debentures (Junior Subordinated Debentures). The Term Loan requires the Company to repay \$0.5 million in principal on June 30, and \$1.3 million in principal on December 31, in each of 2006 and 2007, with one final payment of \$6.8 million at maturity on June 30, 2008. The Second Term Loan requires the Company to repay \$3.0 million in principal at maturity on April 1, 2007. Both of these term loans are with Wachovia and have the same interest rate, covenants, and collateral. The interest rate on the term loans is equivalent to three-month LIBOR plus an applicable margin, and was 7.39% at September 30, 2006. The margin varies based upon the Company's leverage ratio (debt to total capitalization, each as defined) and ranges from 1.75% to 2.50%. The term loans require the Company to comply with certain covenants including, among others, ratios that relate funded debt, as defined, to total capitalization and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization, as well as the maintenance of minimum levels of tangible net worth. The Company must also comply with limitations on capital expenditures, additional debt obligations, equity repurchases and redemptions, as well as minimum risk-based capital levels.

The Company has two statutory business trusts which exist for the exclusive purpose of issuing trust preferred securities representing undivided beneficial interests in the assets of the trusts and investing the gross proceeds of the trust preferred securities in Junior Subordinated Debentures. The outstanding \$41.2 million of Junior Subordinated Debentures have a maturity of thirty years from their original date of issuance, are callable, in whole or in part, only at the option of the Company after five years and quarterly thereafter, and have an interest rate of three-month LIBOR plus an applicable margin. The margin ranges from 4.00% to 4.10%. At September 30, 2006, the effective interest rate was 9.46%. The obligations of the Company with respect to the issuances of the trust preferred securities represent a full and unconditional guarantee by the Parent of each trust's obligations with respect to the trust preferred securities. Subject to certain exceptions and limitations, the Company may elect from time to time to defer Junior Subordinated Debenture interest payments, which would result in a deferral of distribution payments on the related trust preferred securities.

The Company intends to pay its obligations under the term loans and the Junior Subordinated Debentures using dividend and tax sharing payments from the operating subsidiaries, or from potential future financing arrangements. In addition, the Company believes that, if necessary, at maturity, the term loans can be refinanced with the current lender, although there can be no assurance of the terms or conditions of such a refinancing, or its availability.

The Parent provides certain administrative and other services to each of its insurance subsidiaries. The amounts charged to and paid by the subsidiaries in the three month period ended September 30, 2006 increased over the three month period ended September 30, 2005. In addition, there is in place a formal tax-sharing agreement between the Parent and its insurance subsidiaries. It is anticipated that this agreement will provide the Parent with additional funds from profitable subsidiaries due to the subsidiaries' use of the Parent's tax loss carryforwards, which totaled approximately \$13.5 million at September 30, 2006.

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Over 90% of the investment assets of the Parent's insurance subsidiaries are in marketable securities that can be converted into cash, if required; however, the use of such assets by the Company is limited by state insurance regulations. Dividend payments to the Parent by its wholly owned insurance subsidiaries are subject to annual limitations and are restricted to the greater of 10% of statutory surplus or statutory earnings before recognizing realized investment gains of the individual insurance subsidiaries. At September 30, 2006, Georgia Casualty had \$22.6 million of statutory surplus, American Southern had \$35.6 million of statutory surplus, Association Casualty had \$21.0 million of statutory surplus, and Bankers Fidelity had \$33.1 million of statutory surplus.

Net cash used in operating activities was \$7.9 million in the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, compared to \$1.0 million in the nine month period ended September 30, 2005; and cash and short-term investments decreased from \$41.8 million at December 31, 2005 to \$22.5 million at September 30, 2006. The increase in net cash used in operating activities was primarily attributable to the significant decrease in premiums coupled with an increase in loss related payments to settle claims. The decrease in cash and short-term investments during the nine month period ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to a shift from short-term investments to higher yielding fixed maturity securities partially offset by the proceeds received from the issuance of Series D Preferred Stock.

The Company believes that the dividends, fees, and tax-sharing payments it receives from its subsidiaries and, if needed, additional borrowings from financial institutions will enable the Company to meet its liquidity requirements for the foreseeable future. Management is not aware of any current recommendations by regulatory authorities, which, if implemented, would have a material adverse effect on the Company's liquidity, capital resources or operations.

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The following table discloses the amounts of payments due under specified contractual obligations, aggregated by category of contractual obligation, for specified time periods:

	Payments Due By Period				
	Total	Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	3 - 5 years	More than 5 years
(In thousands)					
Bank debt payable	\$ 12,750	\$ 4,750	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -
Junior Subordinated Debentures	41,238	-	-	-	41,238
Interest payable ⁽¹⁾	101,443	4,624	8,111	7,566	81,142
Operating leases	4,803	1,067	2,174	1,424	138
Purchase commitments ⁽²⁾	5,212	5,111	101	-	-
Losses and claims ⁽³⁾	156,581	57,935	45,408	21,921	31,317
Future policy benefits ⁽⁴⁾	51,752	8,280	16,043	15,008	12,421
Unearned premiums ⁽⁵⁾	33,128	14,576	9,938	4,638	3,976
Other policy liabilities	5,547	5,547	-	-	-
Total	\$ 412,454	\$ 101,890	\$ 89,775	\$ 50,557	\$ 170,232

- (1) Interest payable is based on interest rates as of September 30, 2006 and assumes that all debt remains outstanding until its stated contractual maturity. The interest rates on outstanding bank debt and trust preferred obligations are variable and are equal to three-month LIBOR plus an applicable predetermined margin.
- (2) Represents balances due for goods and/or services which have been contractually committed as of September 30, 2006. To the extent contracts provide for early termination with notice but without penalty, only the amounts contractually due through the notice period have been included.
- (3) Losses and claims include case reserves for reported claims and reserves for claims IBNR. While payments due on claim reserves are considered contractual obligations because they relate to insurance policies issued by the Company, the ultimate amount to be paid to settle both case reserves and IBNR reserves is an estimate, subject to significant uncertainty. The actual amount to be paid is not determined until the Company reaches a settlement with any applicable claimant. Final claim settlements may vary significantly from the present estimates, particularly since many claims will not be settled until well into the future. In estimating the timing of future payments by year for quarterly reporting, the Company has assumed that its historical payment patterns will continue. However, the actual timing of future payments will likely vary materially from these estimates due to, among other things, changes in claim reporting and payment patterns and large unanticipated settlements. Amounts reflected do not include reinsurance amounts which may also be recoverable based on the level of ultimate sustained loss.
- (4) Future policy benefits relate to life insurance policies on which the Company is not currently making payments and will not make future payments unless and until the occurrence of an insurable event, such as a death or disability, or the occurrence of a payment triggering event, such as a surrender of a policy. Occurrence of any of these events is outside the control of the Company and the payment estimates are based on significant uncertainties such as mortality, morbidity, expenses, persistency, investment returns, inflation and the timing of payments. For regulatory purposes, the Company performs cash flow modeling of such liabilities, which is the basis for the indicated disclosure; however, due to the significance of the assumptions used, the amounts presented could materially differ from actual results.

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Unearned premiums represent potential future revenue for the Company; however, under certain circumstances, such premiums may be refundable with cancellation of the underlying policy. Significantly all unearned premiums will be earned within the following twelve month period as the related future insurance protection is provided. Significantly all origination costs related to such unearned premiums have already been incurred and paid and are included in deferred acquisition costs; however, future losses related to the unearned premiums have not been recorded. The contractual obligations related to unearned premiums reflected in the table represent the average loss ratio applied to the quarter end unearned premium balances, with loss payments projected in comparable proportions to the year end loss and claims reserves. Projecting future losses is subject to significant uncertainties and the projected payments will most likely vary materially from these estimates as a result of differences in future severity, frequency and other anticipated and unanticipated factors. Amounts reflected do not take into account reinsurance amounts which may be recoverable based on the level of ultimate sustained loss.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Due to the nature of the Company's business it is exposed to both interest rate and market risk. Changes in interest rates, which have historically represented the largest market risk factor affecting the Company, may result in changes in the fair market value of the Company's investments, cash flows and interest income and expense. The Company is also subject to risk from changes in equity prices. There have been no material changes to the Company's market risks since December 31, 2005, as identified in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

An evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based on that evaluation, our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains and references certain information that constitutes forward-looking statements as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Those statements, to the extent they are not historical facts, should be considered forward-looking and subject to various risks and uncertainties. Such forward-looking statements are made based upon management's current assessments of various risks and uncertainties, as well as assumptions made in accordance with the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The Company's actual results could differ materially from the results anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of such risks and uncertainties, including those identified in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 and the other filings made by the Company from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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On May 2, 1995, the Board of Directors of the Company approved an initial plan that allowed for the repurchase of shares of the Company's common stock (the "Repurchase Plan"). As amended since its original adoption, the Repurchase Plan currently allows for repurchases of up to an aggregate of 2.0 million shares of the Company's common stock on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, as determined by an authorized officer of the Company. Such purchases can be made from time to time in accordance with applicable securities laws and other requirements.

Other than pursuant to the Repurchase Plan, no purchases of common stock of the Company were made by or on behalf of the Company during the periods described below.

The table below sets forth information regarding repurchases by the Company of shares of its common stock on a monthly basis during the three months ended September 30, 2006.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
July 1 - July 31, 2006	878	\$ 3.05	878	577,820
August 1 - August 31, 2006	560	2.69	560	577,260
September 1 - September 30, 2006	254	2.71	254	577,006
Total	1,692	\$ 2.88	1,692	

Item 6. Exhibits

- 3.1 Text of Amendment to Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on October 4, 2006).
- 3.2 Statement of Relative Rights and Preferences of the Series D Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on October 4, 2006).
- 31.1 Certification of the Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification of the Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 Certifications pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ATLANTIC AMERICAN CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: November 14, 2006

By: /s/ John G. Sample, Jr.
John G. Sample, Jr.
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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32.1	<u>Certifications pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002.</u>