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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Â LoBello Maureen Ellen
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

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

(Check all applicable)

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

NEW YORK, Â NY Â 10017
 (City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	10,787	I	By Thrift Plan Trust <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	1,200	I	By Mother's Trust Account <u>(2)</u>
5.95% Preferred Stock	1,000	I	By Mother's Trust Account <u>(2)</u>

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

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

