

Grassi Craig Anthony
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Grassi Craig Anthony</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC., 450 LEXINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 3300</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>NEW YORK, NY 10017</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>01/01/2005</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC [GAM]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>Assistant Vice-President</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>
			<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>	

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	21	I	By Custodian ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	6,691	I	By Thrift Plan Trust ⁽²⁾
5.95% Preferred Stock	460	D	^

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

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

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

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Grassi Craig Anthony GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC. 450 LEXINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 3300 NEW YORK, NY 10017	Â	Â	Â Assistant Vice-President	Â

Signatures

/s/Craig Anthony
Grassi

01/05/2005

**Signature of
Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) By Custodial Account for Joseph David Grassi under the Pennsylvania Uniform Transfers to Minors Act.
- (2) By Issuer's Employees' Thrift Plan Trust. The undersigned disclaims any beneficial interest in these shares.

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