

GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS CO INC
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 BUTTENWIESER LAWRENCE
 BENJAMIN

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 575 MADISON AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/29/2006

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

NEW YORK, NY 10022
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/29/2006		S	2,000 D \$ 37.6955	186,483	D	
Common Stock					485,239	I	By Trust (1)

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

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