

FIRST AMERICAN CORP  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ARGYROS GEORGE L (Last) (First) (Middle)  949 SOUTH COAST DRIVE, SUITE 600 (Street)  COSTA MESA, CA 92626 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST AMERICAN CORP [(FAF)]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**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	235,820	D	À
Common Stock	7,900	I	By GLA Financial Corp. (corp.)
Common Stock	106,800	I	By HBI (corp.)
Common Stock	3,400	I	By Trust <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	25,200	I	By Trust <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	15,000	I	By Trust <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	3,900	I	By Trust <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	125	I	UGMA Custodial Account <sup>(5)</sup>

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

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

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

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ARGYROS GEORGE L 949 SOUTH COAST DRIVE, SUITE 600 COSTA MESA, CA 92626		X		

## Signatures

By: Jeffrey S. Robinson, Attorney In Fact for  
 10/10/2005  
 \*\*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) The shares are held by the reporting person as trustee of an irrevocable trust for the benefit of his parents.
- (2) The shares are held by the reporting person as trustee of an irrevocable trust for the benefit of his son.
- (3) The shares are held by the reporting person as trustee of an irrevocable trust for the benefit of his daughter.
- (4) The shares are held by a revocable trust for which the reporting person's daughter serves as the trustee and for which the reporting person may be deemed to have investment control.
- (5) The shares are held by the reporting person as custodian of a custodial account established under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act, for the benefit of the reporting person's grandson.

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