

FIRST AMERICAN CORP  
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# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRST AMERICAN CORP [(FAF)]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/09/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---------|--------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V       | Amount |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/09/2006                           |  | G                              | V   | 235,534 | D      | \$ 0 600  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/09/2006                           |  | G                              | V   | 235,534 | A      | \$ 0 235,534  | I  | By The Argyros Family Trust <sup>(1)</sup>            |
| Common Stock                    | 05/09/2006                           |  | G                              | V   | 25,200  | D      | \$ 0 0  | I  | By Trust for Benefit of Son                           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |         |        | 7,900   | I  | By GLA Financial                                      |

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|              |         |   |   |
|--------------|---------|---|---|
| Common Stock | 106,800 | I | Corp. (corp.)<br>By HBI (corp.)                 |
| Common Stock | 3,900   | I | By Trust <sup>(2)</sup>                         |
| Common Stock | 15,000  | I | By Trust for Benefit of Daughter <sup>(3)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 3,400   | I | By Trust for Benefit of Parents <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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)       | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Nonemployee Director Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 47.49   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/08/2006 <sup>(6)</sup>                                | 12/08/2015  | Common Stock | 5,000                      |

# Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

By: Jeffrey S. Robinson, Attorney In  
Fact for 05/22/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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 the revocable Argyros Family Trust for the benefit of the reporting person's family members.
- (2) 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.
- (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 the reporting person as trustee of an irrevocable trust for the benefit of his parents.
- (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.
- (6) The option vests in five equal annual increments commencing 12/8/06, the first anniversary of the grant.

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