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**GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS ANNOUNCES QUARTERLY DIVIDEND ON
PREFERRED STOCK**

On Jan. 17, 2001, the Board of Directors of General American Investors Company declared on its 7.20% tax-advantaged cumulative preferred stock a dividend of \$0.45 per share payable in cash on Mar. 23, 2001 to holders of record on Mar. 6, 2001. This quarterly distribution represents a payment for the accrual period from Dec. 23, 2000 through Mar. 22, 2001. Preferred shareholders will be informed in early 2002 of the portions of the distribution which represent long-term capital gains and ordinary income.

General American (NYSE symbol GAM) is a closed-end investment company founded in 1927. Its preferred shares (symbol GAM Pr) are also listed on the NYSE.

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