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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 13F

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Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2005

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.
One East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

(Name and Address of Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report)

Form 13F File Number: 28-4389

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Robert H. Ruffing
Vice President and Controller
(513) 579-2144

(Name, Title and Phone Number of Person Signing
this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager)

Signature:

s/Robert H. Ruffing Cincinnati, Ohio May 11, 2005

Robert H. Ruffing
Vice President and Controller

Report Type:

- 13F HOLDINGS REPORT.
- 13F NOTICE.
- 13F COMBINATION REPORT.

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FORM 13F SUMMARY PAGE

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| Number of Other Included Managers: | 2 |
| Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: | 95 |
| Form 13F Information Table Value Total (thousands): | \$ 1,225,948 |

Name and 13F file numbers of all Institutional Investment Managers with respect to which this schedule is filed (other than American Financial Group, Inc.):

| Number | 13F File Number | Name of Subsidiary |
|--------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| ----- | ----- | ----- |
| 1. | 28-498 | Great American Insurance Company |
| 2. | Unassigned | Great American Financial Resources |

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FORM 13F INFORMATION TABLE

| Column 1: Name of Issuer | Column 2: Title of Class | Column 3: CUSIP | Column 4: Market Value (000's) | Column 5: Shares or Principal Amount | Column 6: Investment Discretion M |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------|---|---|---|
| HOLDINGS OF GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY | | | | | |
| ENDURANCE SPECIALTY HLDGS LT | SHS | G30397 10 6 | 15,514 | 410,000SH | Defined |
| GLOBAL CROSSING LTD | SHS NEW | G3921A 17 5 | 101 | 6,521SH | Defined |
| AMERICAN ELEC PWR INC | COM | 025537 10 1 | 2,827 | 83,000SH | Defined |
| AMERICAN INTL GROUP INC | COM | 026874 10 7 | 9,198 | 166,000SH | Defined |
| CV THERAPEUTICS INC | COM | 126667 10 4 | 1,527 | 75,000SH | Defined |
| CABLEVISION SYS CORP | CL A NY CABLVS | 12686C 10 9 | 1,403 | 50,000SH | Defined |
| CITIGROUP INC | COM | 172967 10 1 | 13,482 | 300,000SH | Defined |
| COMCAST CORP NEW | CL A | 20030N 10 1 | 681 | 20,153SH | Defined |
| COMCAST CORP NEW | CL A SPL | 20030N 20 0 | 1,831 | 54,760SH | Defined |
| DPL INC | COM | 233293 10 9 | 5,440 | 217,600SH | Defined |
| ENERGY EAST CORP | COM | 29266M 10 9 | 2,105 | 80,300SH | Defined |
| FIFTH THIRD BANCORP | COM | 316773 10 0 | 6,256 | 145,563SH | Defined |
| GENTEK INC | COM NEW | 37245X 20 3 | 412 | 25,000SH | Defined |
| GREAT AMERN FINL RES INC | COM | 389915 10 9 | 653,308 | 38,565,995SH | Defined |
| INTEGRATED ELECTRICAL SVC | COM | 45811E 10 3 | 552 | 200,000SH | Defined |
| INTERNATIONAL STL GROUP INC | COM | 460377 10 4 | 881 | 22,300SH | Defined |
| JPMORGAN & CHASE & CO | COM | 46625H 10 0 | 4,498 | 130,000SH | Defined |
| MARSH SUPERMARKETS INC | CL B | 571783 20 8 | 7,443 | 602,644SH | Defined |
| MARSH SUPERMARKETS INC | CL A | 571783 30 7 | 7,879 | 709,844SH | Defined |
| MERCK & CO INC | COM | 589331 10 7 | 1,619 | 50,000SH | Defined |
| NTL INC DEL | COM | 62940M 10 4 | 9,074 | 142,523SH | Defined |
| NATIONAL CITY CORP | COM | 635405 10 3 | 140,639 | 4,198,189SH | Defined |
| NATIONAL INTERSTATE CORP | COM | 63654U 10 0 | 171,360 | 10,200,000SH | Defined |
| NEWS CORP | CL B | 65248E 20 3 | 1,057 | 60,000SH | Defined |
| NISOURCE INC | COM | 65473P 10 5 | 3,532 | 155,000SH | Defined |
| PNC FINL SVCS GROUP INC | COM | 693475 10 5 | 3,295 | 64,000SH | Defined |
| PEPCO HOLDINGS INC | COM | 713291 10 2 | 850 | 40,500SH | Defined |
| PETROLEUM GEO SVCS ASA NEW | SPONSORED ADR | 716599 10 5 | 672 | 10,000SH | Defined |
| PFIZER INC | COM | 717081 10 3 | 8,538 | 325,000SH | Defined |
| PROGRESS ENERGY INC | COM | 743263 10 5 | 1,665 | 39,700SH | Defined |
| QWEST COMMUNICATIONS INTL IN | COM | 749121 10 9 | 66 | 17,902SH | Defined |
| SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC | COM | 78387G 10 3 | 1,421 | 60,000SH | Defined |
| SANDISK CORP | COM | 80004C 10 1 | 1,390 | 50,000SH | Defined |
| SARA LEE CORP | COM | 803111 10 3 | 1,108 | 50,000SH | Defined |
| SEABULK INTL INC | COM | 81169P 10 1 | 883 | 42,456SH | Defined |
| SIRVA INC | COM | 82967Y 10 4 | 1,841 | 259,000SH | Defined |
| SUNTERRA CORP | COM NEW | 86787D 20 8 | 980 | 65,000SH | Defined |
| TIME WARNER INC | COM | 887317 10 5 | 459 | 26,149SH | Defined |
| TYCO INTL LTD NEW | COM | 902124 10 6 | 1,521 | 45,000SH | Defined |
| UNITED AUTO GROUP INC | COM | 909440 10 9 | 1,102 | 39,600SH | Defined |
| VIACOM INC | CL B | 925524 30 8 | 1,567 | 45,000SH | Defined |
| WASHINGTON MUT INC | COM | 939322 10 3 | 1,585 | 40,134SH | Defined |
| ZENITH NATL INS CORP | COM | 989390 10 9 | 1,281 | 24,700SH | Defined |

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HOLDINGS OF OTHER ENTITIES EACH HAVING LESS THAN \$100 MILLION IN 13F SECURITIES

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------|------|--------|-----------|---------|
| GLOBAL CROSSING LTD | SHS NEW | G3921A | 17 5 | 221 | 14,224SH | Defined |
| AMERICAN INTL GROUP INC | COM | 026874 | 10 7 | 9,298 | 167,800SH | Defined |
| BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB CO | COM | 110122 | 10 8 | 255 | 10,000SH | Defined |
| BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB CO | COM | 110122 | 10 8 | 255 | 10,000SH | Other |
| CV THERAPEUTICS INC | COM | 126667 | 10 4 | 1,873 | 92,000SH | Defined |
| CV THERAPEUTICS INC | COM | 126667 | 10 4 | 407 | 20,000SH | Other |
| CABLEVISION SYS CORP | CL A NY CABLVS | 12686C | 10 9 | 4,488 | 160,000SH | Defined |
| CABLEVISION SYS CORP | CL A NY CABLVS | 12686C | 10 9 | 281 | 10,000SH | Other |
| CITIGROUP INC | COM | 172967 | 10 1 | 3,820 | 85,000SH | Defined |
| CITIGROUP INC | COM | 172967 | 10 1 | 2,022 | 45,000SH | Other |
| COMCAST CORP NEW | CL A SPL | 20030N | 20 0 | 9,330 | 279,000SH | Defined |
| DPL INC | COM | 233293 | 10 9 | 1,250 | 50,000SH | Defined |
| DPL INC | COM | 233293 | 10 9 | 250 | 10,000SH | Other |
| ENERGY EAST CORP | COM | 29266M | 10 9 | 2,098 | 80,000SH | Defined |
| FIFTH THIRD BANCORP | COM | 316773 | 10 0 | 6,408 | 149,100SH | Defined |
| FIFTH THIRD BANCORP | COM | 316773 | 10 0 | 2,579 | 60,000SH | Other |
| GENTEK INC | COM NEW | 37245X | 20 3 | 660 | 40,000SH | Defined |
| JOHN HANCOCK BK &THRIFT OPP | SH BEN INT | 409735 | 10 7 | 650 | 67,200SH | Other |
| HOST MARRIOTT CORP NEW | COM | 44107P | 10 4 | 167 | 10,110SH | Other |
| INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC | COM | 45774W | 10 8 | 1,610 | 107,172SH | Defined |
| INTEGRATED ELECTRICAL SVC | COM | 45811E | 10 3 | 946 | 342,800SH | Defined |
| INTERNATIONAL STL GROUP INC | COM | 460377 | 10 4 | 3,081 | 78,000SH | Defined |
| JPMORGAN & CHASE & CO | COM | 46625H | 10 0 | 692 | 20,000SH | Defined |
| JPMORGAN & CHASE & CO | COM | 46625H | 10 0 | 1,730 | 50,000SH | Other |
| LAIDLAW INTL INC | COM | 50730R | 10 2 | 1,426 | 68,543SH | Defined |
| MERCK & CO INC | COM | 589331 | 10 7 | 324 | 10,000SH | Defined |
| NRG ENERGY INC | COM NEW | 629377 | 50 8 | 1,482 | 43,411SH | Defined |
| NTL INC DEL | COM | 62940M | 10 4 | 19,869 | 312,065SH | Defined |
| NTL INC DEL | COM | 62940M | 10 4 | 1,886 | 29,618SH | Other |
| NATIONAL CITY CORP | COM | 635405 | 10 3 | 5,312 | 158,562SH | Defined |
| NATIONAL CITY CORP | COM | 635405 | 10 3 | 1,394 | 41,603SH | Other |
| NEWS CORP | CL B | 65248E | 20 3 | 1,409 | 80,000SH | Defined |
| NISOURCE INC | COM | 65473P | 10 5 | 684 | 30,000SH | Defined |
| PEPCO HOLDINGS INC | COM | 713291 | 10 2 | 210 | 10,000SH | Defined |
| PETROLEUM GEO SVCS ASA NEW | SPONSORED ADR | 716599 | 10 5 | 1,008 | 15,000SH | Defined |
| PFIZER INC | COM | 717081 | 10 3 | 4,334 | 165,000SH | Defined |
| PFIZER INC | COM | 717081 | 10 3 | 2,102 | 80,000SH | Other |
| PIMCO HIGH INCOME FD | COM SHS | 722014 | 10 7 | 5,881 | 417,700SH | Defined |
| POPULAR INC | COM | 733174 | 10 6 | 9,209 | 378,640SH | Defined |
| SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC | COM | 78387G | 10 3 | 474 | 20,000SH | Defined |
| SANDISK CORP | COM | 80004C | 10 1 | 1,390 | 50,000SH | Defined |
| SANTANDER BANCORP | COM | 802809 | 10 3 | 876 | 33,275SH | Defined |
| SEABULK INTL INC | COM | 81169P | 10 1 | 407 | 19,600SH | Sole |
| SEABULK INTL INC | COM | 81169P | 10 1 | 2,969 | 142,820SH | Defined |
| SIRVA INC | COM | 82967Y | 10 4 | 2,589 | 364,100SH | Defined |
| SUNTERRA CORP | COM NEW | 86787D | 20 8 | 2,262 | 150,000SH | Defined |
| US BANCORP DEL | COM NEW | 902973 | 30 4 | 820 | 28,462SH | Other |
| UNITED AUTO GROUP INC | COM | 909440 | 10 9 | 1,622 | 58,300SH | Defined |
| VIACOM INC | CL B | 925524 | 30 8 | 5,225 | 150,000SH | Defined |
| VIACOM INC | CL B | 925524 | 30 8 | 871 | 25,000SH | Other |
| WASHINGTON MUT INC | COM | 939322 | 10 3 | 2,180 | 55,179SH | Defined |

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COM

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10,000SH

Other

REPORT TOTAL

\$1,225,948
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