

AMERICAN REAL ESTATE PARTNERS L P  
Form 8-K  
February 06, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FEBRUARY 1, 2002  
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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

AMERICAN REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, L.P.  
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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| DELAWARE                | 1-9516                   | 13-3398766                              |
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| (State of Organization) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification Number) |

100 SOUTH BEDFORD ROAD  
MT. KISCO, NY 10549  
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(Address of Registrant's Principal Executive Office (Zip Code))

(914) 242-7700  
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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On February 1, 2002 the Company issued a joint press release with Stratosphere Corporation, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99.2.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

| EXHIBIT NO. | DESCRIPTION  |
|-------------|--|
| 99.1        | Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated February 1, 2002, by and |

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among Stratosphere Corp., American Real Estate Holdings Limited Partnership, Nybor Limited Partnership, and Strat Merger Corp.

99.2 Joint Press Release of American Real Estate Partners, L.P. and Stratosphere Corporation, dated as of February 1, 2002.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, L.P.  
(Registrant)

By: American Property Investors, Inc.  
General Partner

By: /s/ John P. Saldarelli  
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John P. Saldarelli  
Chief Financial Officer, Secretary  
and Treasurer

Dated: February 6, 2002