

AMERICAN REAL ESTATE PARTNERS L P
Form 8-K
December 19, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

DECEMBER 19, 2002

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

AMERICAN REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, L.P.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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

100 SOUTH BEDFORD ROAD
MT. KISCO, NY 10549

(Address of Registrant's Principal Executive Office (Zip Code)

(914) 242-7700

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On December 19, 2002 the Company issued a joint press release with Stratosphere Corporation, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99.1.

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

(c) Exhibits.

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
99.1	Joint Press Release of American Real Estate Partners, L.P. and Stratosphere Corporation, dated as of December 19, 2002.

SIGNATURES

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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

John P. Saldarelli
Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer

Dated: December 19, 2002

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