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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

AUGUST 19, 2003

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 _____

(State of Organization) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification Num

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)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On August 19, 2003, the Registrant announced Executive Changes. Reference is made to the press release, dated August 19, 2003, annexed hereto as Exhibit 99.5 for information regarding the announcement.

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS

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99.5 - Press Release, dated August 19, 2003 - American Real Estate Partners, L.P. Announces Executive Changes

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

John P. Saldarelli

Date: August 19, 2003 Chief Financial Officer, Secretary

and Treasurer

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