

AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS INC  
Form SC 13D/A  
April 03, 2001

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 1)

AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS, INC.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

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(Title of Class of Securities)

029174-10-9

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(CUSIP Number)

Robert A. Waldman  
1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300  
Dallas, Texas 75234  
(469) 522-4366  
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

March 22, 2001

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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CUSIP No. 029174-10-9

- 1) Names of Reporting Persons I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons (entities only)

Basic Capital Management, Inc., FEI No. 75-2261065

- 2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  
(b)

- 3) SEC Use Only

- 4) Source of Funds (See Instructions) WC

- 5) Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

- 6) Citizenship or Place of Organization Nevada

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	7)	Sole Voting Power	6,218,458
	8)	Shared Voting Power	-0-
	9)	Sole Dispositive Power	6,218,458
	10)	Shared Dispositive Power	-0-

- 11) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 6,218,458

- 12) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

- 13) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 52.6%

- 14) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) CO

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CUSIP No. 029174-10-9

- 1) Names of Reporting Persons I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons (entities only)

The Gene E. Phillips Children's Trust, I.D. No. 13-6599759

- 2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  
(b)

- 3) SEC Use Only

- 4) Source of Funds (See Instructions) OO

- 5) Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

- 6) Citizenship or Place of Organization Texas

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	7)	Sole Voting Power	27,602
	8)	Shared Voting Power	-0-
	9)	Sole Dispositive Power	27,602
	10)	Shared Dispositive Power	-0-

- 11) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 27,602

- 12) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

- 13) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 0.2%

- 14) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) OO

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- 1) Names of Reporting Persons I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons (entities only)

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Transcontinental Reality Investors, Inc., FEI No. 94-656582

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- 2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
(a)  
(b)
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- 3) SEC Use Only
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- 4) Source of Funds (See Instructions) OO
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- 5) Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
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- 6) Citizenship or Place of Organization Nevada
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Number of Shares Bene- ficially Owned by Each Report- ing Person With	7)	Sole Voting Power	746,972
	8)	Shared Voting Power	-0-
	9)	Sole Dispositive Power	746,972
	10)	Shared Dispositive Power	-0-

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- 11) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 746,972
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- 12) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
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- 13) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 6.3%
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- 14) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) CO
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ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER

This Amendment to Statement on Schedule 13D (this "Amendment No. 1") relates to shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares") of American Realty Investors, Inc., a Nevada corporation (the "Company" or the "Issuer" or "ARL"), and amends the original Statement on Schedule 13D (the "Statement") filed by the "Reporting Persons" described below. The principal executive offices of the Issuer are located at 1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas 75234. The CUSIP number of the Shares is 029174-10-9.

This Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D is being filed due to an increase by more than one percent (1%) in the percentage ownership by Basic Capital

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Management, Inc. ("BCM") of Shares during the period from January 2, 2001 through March 29, 2001 in part as a result in a decrease in the number of Shares of the Issuer outstanding from the last reported amount outstanding.

### ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND

Item 2 of the Statement is amended to reflect a change of address for a number of the "Reporting Persons" and their respective directors, officers and affiliates to 1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas 75234 from 10670 N. Central Expressway, Suite 600, Dallas, Texas 75231, by restating such item as follows:

(a)-(c) and (f) This Amendment No. 1 is filed on behalf of Basic Capital Management, Inc., a Nevada corporation ("BCM"), the Gene E. Phillips Children's Trust, a trust formed under the laws of the state of Texas (the "GEP Trust"), and Transcontinental Realty Investors, Inc., a Nevada corporation ("TCI"), each of which has its principal executive offices located at 1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas 75234. All of BCM, GEP Trust and TCI are collectively referred to as the "Reporting Persons." The Reporting Persons may be deemed to constitute a "person" within the meaning of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, because BCM is beneficially owned by a trust established for the benefit of Gene E. Phillips' children and the executive officers of TCI are also executive officers of BCM. Mr. Phillips' son, Ryan T. Phillips, serves as a director of BCM and is a beneficiary of the GEP Trust. The executive officers of ARL are also executive officers of BCM and TCI. BCM also serves as the contractual advisor to ARL and TCI.

I. BCM is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nevada. BCM's principal business activity is the provision of advisory services for real estate and investment trusts and other real estate entities. The name, business address and capacity with BCM of each of the executive officers or directors of BCM are set forth on Schedule 1 attached hereto. Each of the individuals listed on Schedule 1 is a citizen of the United States of America. BCM is owned by Realty Advisors, Inc., a Nevada corporation. Realty Advisors, Inc. is owned by a trust established for the benefit of the children of Gene E. Phillips.

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II. The GEP Trust is a trust formed under the laws of the state of Texas for the benefit of the children of Mr. Gene E. Phillips. The trustee of the GEP Trust is Donald W. Phillips, brother of Gene E. Phillips.

Mr. Gene E. Phillips' business address is 1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas 75234. Mr. Gene E. Phillips' present principal occupation is Chief Executive Officer and President of Syntek West, Inc. Mr. Gene E. Phillips is a citizen of the United States of America.

Mr. Donald W. Phillips' business address is 1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300, Dallas, Texas 75234. Mr. Donald W. Phillips' present principal occupation is President and owner of Big D Oil Field Equipment Sales. Mr. Donald W. Phillips is a citizen of the United States of America.

III. TCI is a real estate investment company organized and existing under the laws of the state of Nevada. TCI's principal business activity is investment in real estate. The name, business address and capacity with TCI of each of the executive officers or directors of TCI are set forth on Schedule 2 attached hereto. Each of the individuals listed on Schedule 2 is a citizen of the United States of America.

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Individuals whose names are not listed on Schedules 1 or 2 who may have previously been referred to as executive officers or directors of BCM or TCI, respectively, in the Statement no longer occupy those positions, each having resigned or been removed prior to the date of this Amendment.

(d) During the last five years, none of BCM, GEP Trust or TCI, nor any of their respective executive officers or directors has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and/or similar misdemeanors).

(e) During the last five years, none of BCM, GEP Trust or TCI, nor any of their respective executive officers or directors has been a party to any civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction which resulted in a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

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ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION

The consideration paid to purchase the Shares described in Item 5 below is from working capital of each of the Reporting Persons, and no part of the purchase price is represented by funds or other consideration borrowed or otherwise obtained for the purpose of acquiring, holding, trading or voting the Shares. Each of the Reporting Persons have in the past utilized (and may in the future utilize) margin accounts with various brokerage firms which accounts may, from time to time, have debit balances and include certain of the Shares. Since other securities are held in such accounts, it is impracticable at any time to determine the amounts, if any, borrowed with respect to the Shares and interest costs vary with applicable costs and account balances.

ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

The Statement is hereby amended as follows:

(a) According to the latest information available from the Issuer, as of March 22, 2001, the total number of issued and outstanding Shares was 11,830,127 Shares. As of March 22, 2001, after giving effect to the transaction described in (c) below and Item 1 above, the Reporting Persons own and hold directly and beneficially the following Shares:

Name ----	No. of Shares Owned Directly -----	Approximate % of Class -----
BCM	6,218,458	52.6%
GEP Trust	27,602	0.2%
TCI	746,972	6.3%
TOTALS	6,993,032 =====	59.1% =====

Pursuant to Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), each of the directors of BCM may be deemed to beneficially own the number of Shares owned by BCM described above; each of the directors of TCI

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may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares held directly by TCI; Ryan T. Phillips as a beneficiary of the GEP Trust may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares held directly by the GEP Trust. Those individuals and the number of Shares deemed beneficially owned pursuant to Rule 13d-3, and the approximate percent of the class, as well as the relationship, are set forth in the following table:

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Name of Director	Entity	No. of Shares Beneficially Owned
Ryan T. Phillips	BCM and GEP Trust	6,246,060
Mickey Ned Phillips	BCM	6,218,458
Ted P. Stokely	TCI	746,972
R. Douglas Leonhard	TCI	746,972
Martin L. White	TCI	746,972
Edward G. Zampa	TCI	746,972
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Total Units beneficially d owned by Reporting Persons an individuals listed above		6,993,032 =====

(b) Each of the directors of BCM share voting and dispositive power over the 6,218,458 Shares held by BCM. Each of the directors of TCI have shared voting and dispositive power over the 746,972 Shares held by TCI. The Trustee of the GEP Trust has complete voting and dispository power over the 27,602 Shares held by the GEP Trust.

(c) During the sixty calendar days ended March 22, 2001, except for the transactions that are described below, the Reporting Persons and their respective executive officers and directors did not engage in any transaction of the Shares or any other equity interests derivative thereof. The following table sets forth the acquisition and disposition transactions in the Shares that have been effectuated during the sixty days ended March 22, 2001:

REPORTING PERSON	DATE	NO. OF SHARES ACQUIRED OR (DISPOSED)	PRICE PER SHARE	TYPE OF
BCM	12/26/00	900	\$13.875	Open Mar
BCM	12/27/00	5,000	\$13.675	Open Mar
BCM	12/27/00	900	\$13.6875	Open Mar
BCM	01/02/01	800	\$13.50	Open Mar
BCM	01/03/01	800	\$13.50	Open Mar
BCM	01/08/01	700	\$12.875	Open Mar
BCM	01/24/01	800	\$13.75	Open Mar
BCM	01/25/01	24,900	\$14.25	Open Mar
BCM	02/07/01	8,900	\$13.90	Open Mar
BCM	02/13/01	100	\$13.50	Open Mar
BCM	02/15/01	300	\$13.55	Open Mar

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BCM	02/16/01	500	\$13.50	Open Mar
BCM	02/20/01	4,000	\$13.50	Open Mar
BCM	02/21/01	500	\$13.45	Open Mar
BCM	02/22/01	500	\$13.40	Open Mar
BCM	02/23/01	500	\$13.40	Open Mar
BCM	02/26/01	2,900	\$13.35	Open Mar
BCM	02/27/01	3,000	\$12.80	Open Mar
BCM	02/28/01	2,900	\$12.80	Open Mar
BCM	03/01/01	400	\$12.60	Open Mar
BCM	03/02/01	200	\$12.75	Open Mar
BCM	03/05/01	400	\$12.75	Open Mar
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TOTAL:		59,900		
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(d) No person other than the Reporting Persons or their respective Board of Directors or Trustees is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct receipt of dividends from, or proceeds of sale of, the Shares of ARL Common Stock held by BCM, TCI and the GEP Trust.

(e) Not applicable.

### ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

Item 6 of the Statement is hereby amended to read as follows:

BCM has pledged 161,070 Shares to Foothill Capital, pledged 737,100 Shares to Preferred Bank, and pledged 236,600 Shares to United Pacific Bank pursuant to loan agreements with such lenders.

BCM has also pledged 1,050,000 Shares to Florida Community Bank as an accommodation pledge in connection with a loan from such bank to American Realty Trust, Inc. ("ART"). BCM has also pledged 54,600 Shares to First Enterprise Bank as an accommodation pledge on behalf of David Morgan for a loan from such bank to David Morgan.

All 746,972 Shares owned by TCI may be deemed to be "collateral" for borrowings pursuant to margin or other account arrangements with Interfirst Capital Corporation relating to a brokerage account of TCI, which is a stock margin account maintained by TCI with such broker pursuant to customary brokerage account arrangements. Such standard arrangements involve margin securities of up to a specified percentage of the market value of the Shares, as well as other securities in such account, bear interest at varying rates and contain only standard default and similar provisions, the operation of which should not give any other person immediate voting power or investment power over the Shares.

All 27,602 Shares owned by the GEP Trust may be deemed to be "collateral" for borrowings pursuant to margin or other account arrangements with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter relating to a brokerage account of the GEP Trust, which is a stock margin account maintained by the GEP Trust with such broker pursuant to customary brokerage account arrangements. Such standard arrangements involve margin securities of up to a specified percentage of the market value of the Shares, as well as other securities in such account, bear interest at varying rates and contain only standard default and similar



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provisions, the operation of which should not give any other person immediate voting power or investment power over the Shares.

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Except as set forth in the preceding paragraph, the Reporting Persons do not have any contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) with any person with respect to any securities of the Issuer, including but not limited to, transfer or voting of any of the securities, finders' fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guaranties of profits, divisions of profits, divisions of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this Amendment No. 1 to Statement on Schedule 13D is true, complete and correct.

Dated: March 29, 2001.

BASIC CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.

By: /s/ Karl L. Blaha

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Karl L. Blaha, President

TRANSCONTINENTAL REALTY INVESTORS,  
INC.

By: /s/ Karl L. Blaha

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Karl L. Blaha, President

GENE E. PHILLIPS CHILDREN'S TRUST

By: /s/ Donald W. Phillips

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Donald W. Phillips, Trustee

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SCHEDULE 1

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF BASIC CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.

NAME AND CAPACITY WITH BASIC CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.	BUSINESS ADDRESS	PRESENT BUSINESS WHICH EMPLOYMENT CONDUCTED
Ryan T. Phillips, Director	1800 Valley View Lane Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	President, Signatu Asset Management,
Mickey Ned Phillips, Director	264 Rolling Hills Circle Gaffney, SC 29340	President, Ned Phi Construction Compa
Karl L. Blaha, President	1800 Valley View Lane Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	President, Basic C Management, Inc.
Mark W. Branigan, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	1800 Valley View Lane Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	Executive Vice President, Basic C Management, Inc.
Bruce A. Endendyk, Executive Vice President	1800 Valley View Lane Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	Executive Vice President, Basic C Management, Inc.
David W. Starowicz, Executive Vice President - Acquisition, Sales and Construction	10670 N. Central Expwy. Suite 600 Dallas, Texas 75231	Executive Vice President, Basic C Management, Inc.
Rick Conley, Executive Vice President - Marketing and Promotions	1800 Valley View Lane Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	Executive Vice President, Basic C Management, Inc.
Robert A. Waldman, Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel	1800 Valley View Lane Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	Senior Vice Presid General Counsel an Secretary, Basic C Management, Inc.

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## SCHEDULE 2

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF TRANSCONTINENTAL REALTY INVESTORS, INC.

NAME AND CAPACITY WITH TRANSCONTINENTAL REALTY INVESTORS, INC.	BUSINESS ADDRESS	PRESENT BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT IS
Ted P. Stokely, Chairman	1800 Valley View Lane	General Manager,

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of the Board of Directors	Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	and Elderly Housi Assistance Founda Inc.
R. Douglas Leonhard, Director	13230 Hunters Lark San Antonio, Texas 78230	Retired.
Martin L. White, Director	8051 Coach Drive Oakland, California 94605	Chairman of the B Chief Executive O Community Based Developers, Inc.
Edward G. Zampa, Director	No. Fifty Osgood Place Suite 110 San Francisco, California 94133	General Partner, Zampa & Company
Karl L. Blaha, President	1800 Valley View Lane Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	President, Basic Management, Inc.
Mark W. Branigan, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	1800 Valley View Lane Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	Executive Vice Pr Basic Capital Man Inc.
Bruce A. Endendyk, Executive Vice President	1800 Valley View Lane Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	Executive Vice Pr Basic Capital Man Inc.
David W. Starowicz, Executive Vice President - Acquisitions, Sales and Construction	1800 Valley View Lane Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	Executive Vice Pr Basic Capital Man Inc.
Robert A. Waldman, Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel	1800 Valley View Lane Suite 300 Dallas, Texas 75234	Senior Vice Presi General Counsel a Secretary, Basic Management, Inc.

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A PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
ATTORNEYS, MEDIATORS & COUNSELORS

[PRAGER, METZGER & KROEMER PLLC LETTERHEAD]

April 3, 2001

Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Judiciary Plaza  
Washington, D.C. 20549

RE: American Realty Investors, Inc. (Commission File No.  
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Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Reporting Persons named therein, we are delivering under the EDGAR system for filing Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D with respect to securities of American Realty Investors, Inc.

By copy of this letter, we are delivering a copy of the enclosure to the Issuer at its principal executive office and to the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. If you would like to discuss any matter concerning this filing, please contact the undersigned at 214-740-5030 direct.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Steven C. Metzger

Steven C. Metzger

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Enclosure

cc: American Realty Investors, Inc.  
1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300  
Dallas, Texas 75234  
Attn: Robert A. Waldman, Senior Vice President,  
General Counsel and Secretary

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