

AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS INC

Form 8-K

April 03, 2006

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**UNITED STATES 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**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 31, 2006**

**AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Nevada**

**001-15663**

**75-2847135**

(State or other  
jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission  
File No.)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**1800 Valley View Lane, Suite 300  
Dallas, Texas**

**75234**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **469-522-4200**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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(b) Effective March 31, 2006, Mark W. Branigan, age 51, Executive Vice President Multi-Family Construction since September 2004, of American Realty Investors, Inc. (the Company ) resigned to pursue other opportunities. Mr. Branigan held the same position with Transcontinental Realty Investors, Inc. ( TCI ) and Income Opportunity Realty Investors, Inc. ( IORI ), and he has resigned from those entities effective March 31, 2006. Mr. Branigan was also Executive Vice President Residential (June 2001 to September 2004), a Director (September 2000 to June 2001), and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (August 2000 to June 2001), of the Company, TCI and IORI.

(c) Effective April 1, 2006, the Company appointed James D. Canon, III, age 44, to the position of Executive Vice President Multi-Family Construction. Mr. Canon has also been appointed to the same position by TCI and IORI. Prior to his selection as an officer of the Company, Mr. Canon was Managing Director (June 2003 to March 2006) of Tarragon Corporation, a New York City-based real estate homebuilder and developer which has securities listed on the NASDAQ Market System. Prior thereto (from November 2000 to March 2003), he was Vice President of Southwest Housing Management, Inc., a Dallas, Texas-based real estate company, and prior thereto and for more than five years, he was Senior Vice President (February 1992 to October 2000) of Basic Capital Management, Inc., a Dallas, Texas-based real estate company.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly-caused this Current Report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly-authorized.

Dated: April 3, 2006

AMERICAN REALTY INVESTORS, INC.

By: /s/ Steven A. Abney

Steven A. Abney, Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Acting Principal  
Executive Officer

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