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February 21, 2001

SCHEDULE 13D
(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS TO BE FILED PURSUANT
TO RULE 13D-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO
RULE 13D-2(a)

(Amendment No. 1) *

GBI CAPITAL MANAGEMENT CORP.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

36149Y101

(CUSIP Number)

Joseph Berland
GBI Capital Management Corp.
1055 Stewart Avenue
Bethpage, New York 11714
Telephone: (516) 470-1000

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Persons Authorized
to Receive Notices and Communications)

February 8, 2001

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(b)(3) or (4), check the following box

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*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information that would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

Joseph Berland Revocable Living Trust Dated 4/16/97

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)

N/A

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT
TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) | |

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

New York

	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		3,945,060 Shares - See Item 5
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		-0-
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		3,945,060 Shares - See Item 5
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		-0-

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,945,060 Shares

12 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

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(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
21.2%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
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*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)
Joseph Berland

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(b) |_ |

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
N/A

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TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) |_ |

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
United States

7 SOLE VOTING POWER
3,989,814 Shares

8 SHARED VOTING POWER
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9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON

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(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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This Amendment No. 1 adds the following information to Items 2, 4, 6 and 7 and restates in its entirety Item 5 of the Schedule 13D filed by Joseph Berland ("Berland") and the Joseph Berland Revocable Living Trust Dated 4/16/97 ("Trust"), with respect to ownership of the Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share, of GBI Capital Management Corp., a Florida corporation ("Issuer").

Item 2. Identity and Background

The Trust is a trust organized under the laws of the State of New York. The business address of the Trust is c/o Joseph Berland, GBI Capital Management Corp., 1055 Stewart Avenue, Bethpage, New York 11714. Berland is the sole trustee and beneficiary.

The Trust has not been convicted in any criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) during the last five years.

The Trust has not been a party to any civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction resulting in any judgment, decree or final order enjoining him from engaging in future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws during the last five years.

Item 4. Purpose of Transactions

On February 8, 2001, the Issuer entered into a stock purchase agreement ("Ladenburg Purchase Agreement") between the Issuer, New Valley Corporation ("New Valley"), Ladenburg, Thalmann Group Inc. ("LTGI"), Berliner Effektengesellschaft AG ("Berliner") and Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., Inc. ("Ladenburg") pursuant to which the Issuer will acquire all of Ladenburg's outstanding common stock. In connection with the Ladenburg Purchase Agreement,

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Berland and the Trust entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement with LTGI pursuant to which the Trust will sell, at the closing of the Ladenburg Purchase Agreement, all 3,945,060 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock owned by it to LTGI for \$3,945,060 in cash, or \$1.00 per share.

Pursuant to the Ladenburg Purchase Agreement, the Issuer is obligated to hold a meeting of shareholders to consider the approval of the transactions contemplated by the Ladenburg Purchase Agreement, the election of directors, three of whom will be designated by the Issuer and six of whom will be designated by LTGI and Berliner, and a change of the Issuer's corporate name.

In connection with the Ladenburg Purchase Agreement, the Issuer and Berland, for himself and as trustee for the Trust, entered into a Proxy and Voting Agreement with New Valley, LTGI, Berliner and the other individual shareholders of the Issuer set forth in the agreement. Pursuant to the agreement, Berland and the Trust have agreed (i) not to transfer a total of 3,945,060 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock owned by them prior to the consummation or termination of the Ladenburg Purchase Agreement and (ii) to vote all such shares in favor of the approval of the Ladenburg Purchase Agreement and the transactions contemplated by the Ladenburg Purchase Agreement and any other matter that may be necessary for the consummation of the Ladenburg Purchase Agreement. Each of Berland and the Trust delivered to LTGI an irrevocable proxy to vote such shares in accordance with the Proxy and Voting agreement. The Proxy and Voting Agreement and the proxies expire upon the earlier of the consummation or termination of the Ladenburg Purchase Agreement. Additionally, Berland and the Trust agreed not to initiate, solicit or encourage any alternative transaction that may be proposed and to vote against any such alternative transaction if such transaction is proposed; provided, however, that Berland and the Trust may take any of the actions set forth in the Ladenburg Purchase Agreement necessary to avoid breaching their fiduciary obligations to the

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Issuer. Each agreement referred to in this Item 4 is more fully described in the Issuer's Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 8, 2001 and filed with the Commission on February 21, 2001.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

The Trust is the beneficial owner of 3,945,060 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock. Except as disclosed in this Amendment No. 1, the Trust has nominal voting and dispositive power over these shares exercised by Berland, the sole trustee of the Trust. The Trust beneficially owns 21.2% of the Issuer's outstanding shares of Common Stock.

Berland is the beneficial owner of 3,989,814 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock. This amount includes 3,945,060 shares held of record by the Trust, a revocable living trust established for the benefit of Berland and of which Berland is the sole trustee and beneficiary, and 44,754 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of currently exercisable options held by Berland. This amount does not include 55,246 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options held by Berland that are not currently exercisable and will not become exercisable within the next 60 days. Berland has sole voting and dispositive power over these shares. Berland beneficially owns 21.2% of the Issuer's

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outstanding shares of Common Stock.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to the Securities of the Issuer

On February 8, 2001, the Issuer entered into the Ladenburg Purchase Agreement described above in Item 4. On the same date, Berland and the Trust entered into the Stock Purchase Agreement and the Proxy and Voting Agreement described above in Item 4.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

- 1. Joint Filing Agreement
- 2. Stock Purchase Agreement, dated February 8, 2001, by and among the Issuer, New Valley, LTGI, Berliner and Ladenburg (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Issuer's Current Report filed on February 21, 2001)
- 3. Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 8, 2001, by and between LTGI, Berland and Joseph Berland Revocable Living Trust Dated 4/16/97 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Issuer's Current Report filed on February 21, 2001)
- 4. Proxy and Voting Agreement, dated as of February 8, 2001, between the Issuer, New Valley, LTGI, Berliner and the individual shareholders listed on Schedule A attached thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to the Issuer's Current Report filed on February 21, 2001)

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 21, 2001

Joseph Berland Revocable Living Trust Dated 4/16/97

By: /s/ Joseph Berland

Joseph Berland, Trustee

/s/ Joseph Berland

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Exhibit 1

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated as of February 21, 2001, among Joseph Berland and the Joseph Berland Revocable Living Trust Dated 4/16/97 (collectively, the "Parties").

Each of the Parties hereto represents to the other Parties that it is eligible to use Schedule 13D to report its beneficial interest in shares of common stock, par value \$.0001 per share, of GBI Capital Management Corp. and it will file this Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D ("Amendment No. 1") previously filed on behalf of itself.

Each of the Parties agrees to be responsible for the timely filing of this Amendment No. 1 and any further amendments thereto and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning itself contained in the Amendment No. 1, and the other Parties to the extent it knows or has reason to believe that any information about the other Parties is inaccurate.

Joseph Berland Revocable Living Trust Dated 4/16/97

By: /s/ Joseph Berland

Joseph Berland, Trustee

/s/ Joseph Berland

Joseph Berland