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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 OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) February 3, 2005

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)			
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)		(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.
One Thousand Beverly Way Fort Smith, Arkansas			72919
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)			(Zip Code)
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Item 8.01 Other Events

The Company issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 in

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response to the alternative expressions of interest by the Appaloosa Group in acquiring the Company.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Exhibit
----99.1 Press Release

SIGNATURE

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.

Dated: February 3, 2005 BEVERLY ENTERPRISES, INC.

By: /s/ Pamela H. Daniels

Name: Pamela H. Daniels

Title: Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1 Press Release