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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)

Delaware	1-9550	62-1691861	
(State or Other Jurisdiction	(Commission	(I.R.S. Employer	
of Incorporation)	File Number)	Identification No.)	

One Thousand Fort Smith,		72919
(Address of Principal	Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number including area code (479) 201-2000

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)
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 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))

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

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