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Form 8-K

February 24, 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 OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) February 23, 2006  
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BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware ----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	0-51584 ----- (Commission File Number)	04-3510455 ----- (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts ----- (Address of principal executive offices)	01201 ----- (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (413) 443-5601  
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Not Applicable  
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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:

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.  
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On February 23, 2006, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") announced that it completed a 150,000 share repurchase program at an average cost of \$32.67 per share. The Company also announced that its board of directors authorized the repurchase of an additional 300,000 shares, or approximately 3.5%, of the Company's outstanding shares.

The press release announcing the completion of the repurchase program and the authorization of an additional repurchase program is filed as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.  
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(d) Exhibits

Number -----	Description -----
99.1	Press Release Dated February 23, 2006

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SIGNATURES

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.

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

Dated: February 24, 2006

By: /s/ Wayne F. Patenaude

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Wayne F. Patenaude  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer