

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC

Form 8-K

May 06, 2004

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**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): **May 4, 2004**

**BEVERLY ENTERPRISES, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**

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**1-9550**

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**62-1691861**

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

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

**One Thousand Beverly Way  
Fort Smith, AR 72919**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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**(479) 201-2000**

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

On May 5, 2004, the Company conducted an investor conference call for its quarter ended March 31, 2004. The text of the investor conference call is attached to this current report as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated into this report.

**ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATION AND FINANCIAL CONDITION**

On May 4, 2004, the Company issued a press release announcing its earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2004. The press release is attached to this current report as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated into this report.

**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.

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES, INC.

Date: May 6, 2004

By: /s/ PAMELA H. DANIELS

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Pamela H. Daniels  
Senior Vice President, Controller  
and  
Chief Accounting Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1*	Text of Investor Conference Call, May 5, 2004;
99.2*	Press Release, Strong First-Quarter Operating Results Generate Continuing Operations EPS Totaling 18 Cents; EBITDA Guidance for 2004 Raised to \$175 -\$180 Million, May 4, 2004

\* Filed herewith.