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BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC Form 8-K April 12, 2005

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) April 12, 2005

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

1-9550 Delaware 62-1691861

(State or Other Jurisdiction of (Commission (I.R.S. Employer Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

One Thousand Beverly Way Fort Smith, Arkansas _____ (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

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On April 12, 2005, Beverly Enterprises, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that it has reached an agreement with the Formation Capital consortium - comprised of Formation Capital LLC, Appaloosa Management LP, Franklin Mutual Advisers LLC, and Northbrook NBV - under which the consortium will terminate its proxy contest. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statement, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(a) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Exhibit
----99.1 Press Release

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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: April 12, 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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