BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC Form SC 13D/A August 10, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Schedule 13D/A

(Amendment No. 8)

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Beverly Enterprises, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.10 par value per share _____

(Title of class of securities)

087851309

(CUSIP Number)

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August 5, 2005

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SS. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

- 1 Appaloosa Investment Limited Partnership I
- CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) |X|

(b) |_|

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 00

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 N/A

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES -0-

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 1,873,122

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING -0-

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 1,873,122

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON 1,873,122

- 12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES N/A
- 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 1.7%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14 PN

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SS. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

- 1 Palomino Fund Ltd.
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) |X|

(b) |_|

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

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CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 N/A

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

British Virgin Islands

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES -0-

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 1,641,178

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER REPORTING -0-

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,641,178 WITH

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON 1,641,178

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES N/A

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 13 1.5%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14 CO

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SS. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Appaloosa Management L.P. 1

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) |X|

(b) |_|

SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

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CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES -0-

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 3,514,300

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER REPORTING -0-

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER WITH 3,514,300

- AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON 3,514,300

 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
- 12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES N/A
- 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 3.2%
 - TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
- 14 PN; IA

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SS. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

- 1 Appaloosa Partners Inc.
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) |X|

(b) |_|

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 00

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 N/A

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES -0-

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 3,514,300

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING -0-

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 3,514,300

- 11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON 3,514,300
- 12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES N/A
- 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 3.2%
 - TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
- 14 CO

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SS. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

- 1 David A. Tepper
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) |X|

(b) |_|

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 00

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 N/A

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 USA

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES -0-

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 3,514,300

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING -0-

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 3,514,300

- 11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON 3,514,300
- 12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES N/A
- 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SS. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

- 1 Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) |X|

(b) |_|

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 00

> CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 N/A

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 3,508,900

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

-0-OWNED BY

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER REPORTING 3,508,900

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON 11 3,508,900

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES 12

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 3.2%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SS. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

1 Northbrook NBV, LLC

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) |X|

(b) |_|

SEC USE ONLY 3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

-0-SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 1,487,200

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING -0-

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 1,487,200

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON

1,487,200

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

N/A

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

1.4%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14 00

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SS. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

1 David Hokin

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) |X|

(b) |_|

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 00

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT

TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 N/A

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 USA

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES -0-

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 1,487,200

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING -0-

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 1,487,200

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON

1,487,200

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

N/A

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

1.4%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SS. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

- 1 Rob Rubin
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) |X|

(b) |_|

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 00

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 N/A

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 USA

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES -0-

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 1,487,200

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING -0-

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 1,487,200

- 11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON 1,487,200
- 12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES ${\rm N/A}$
- 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 1.4%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SS. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

- 1 Robert Hartman
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

- (a) |X|
- (b) |_|

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 00

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 N/A

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 IISA

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES -0-

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 1,487,200

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING -0-

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 1,487,200

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON 1,487,200

- 12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES N/A
- 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 1.4%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SS. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

- 1 1995 David Reis Family Trust
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) |X|

(b) |_|

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 00

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 N/A

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Connecticut

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

-0-SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 10,000

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER REPORTING -0-

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10,000 WITH

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON 11 10,000

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES N/A

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 13

Less than 1.0%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SS. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

1995 Donna Reis Family Trust

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) |X|

(b) |_|

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SOURCE OF FUNDS

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CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 N/A

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Connecticut

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES -0-

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 25,000

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER REPORTING -0-

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 25,000

- AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON 11 25,000
- 12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES N/A
- PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 13 Less than 1.0%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SS. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

- Aaron Reis Spray Trust
- CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) |X| (b) |_|

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

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CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 N/A

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Connecticut

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

-0-SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 20,000

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING -0-

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

20,000 WITH

- AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON 11 20,000
- 12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
- PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 13 Less than 1.0%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SS. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

- 1 Anna Reis Spray Trust
- CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
 - (a) |∑
 - (b) |_|

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 00

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 N/A

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Connecticut

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES -0-

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 22,500

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING -0-

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 22,500

- 11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON 22,500
- 12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES $\ensuremath{\mathrm{N/A}}$
- 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) Less than 1.0%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14 00

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SS. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

- 1 Alexander Reis Spray Trust
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
 - (a) |X|
 - (b) |_|

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 00

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 N/A

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Connecticut

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES -0-

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 22,500

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER REPORTING -0-

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 22,500

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON 11 22,500

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES 12 N/A

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) Less than 1.0%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14 00

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SS. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

David Reis Family Trust 1

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) |X|

(b) |_|

SEC USE ONLY 3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 00

> CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 N/A

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Connecticut

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES -0-

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 25,000

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING -0-

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 25,000

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON 25,000

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES N/A

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) Less than 1.0%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14 00

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SS. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

1 David Reis

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) |X|

(b) |_|

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

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CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 N/A

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 United States

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 75,000

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 125,000

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 75,000

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 125,000

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON 200,000

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES N/A

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) Less than 1.0%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14 TN

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SS. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

- 1 Baylor Enterprises LLC
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) |X|

(b) |_|

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

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CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 N/A

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Georgia

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES -0-

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 21,900

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING -0-

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 21,900

- 11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON 21,900
- 12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES ${\rm N/A}$
- 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) Less than 1.0%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SS. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

- 1 Arnold M. Whitman
- 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) |X|

(b) |_|

3 SEC USE ONLY

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 PF

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 N/A

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 USA

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 4,700

BENEFICIALLY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 21,900

EACH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 4,700

PERSON 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 21,900

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON 26,600

- 12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES N/A
- 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) Less than 1%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14 IN; HC

This Amendment No. 8 amends the Schedule 13D originally filed on January 24, 2005, as amended by Amendment No. 1 filed on January 25, 2005, by Amendment No. 2 filed on January 27, 2005, by Amendment No. 3 filed on February 4, 2005, by Amendment No. 4 filed on February 22, 2005, by Amendment No. 5 filed on March 14, 2005, by Amendment No. 6 filed on April 12, 2005 and by Amendment No. 7 filed on April 20, 2005 (as amended, the "Statement"), by (i) Appaloosa Investment Limited Partnership I, (ii) Palomino Fund Ltd., (iii) Appaloosa Management L.P., (iv) Appaloosa Partners, Inc., (v) David A. Tepper, (vi) Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC, (vii) Northbrook NBV, LLC, (viii) David Hokin, (ix) Rob Rubin, (x) Robert Hartman, (xi) 1995 David Reis Family Trust, (xii) 1995 Donna Reis Family Trust, (xiii) Aaron Reis Spray Trust, (xiv) Anna Reis Spray Trust, (xv) Alexander Reis Spray Trust, (xvi) David Reis Family Trust, (xvii) David Reis, (xviii) Baylor Enterprises LLC and (xix) Arnold Whitman, relating to the common stock, \$0.10 par value per share, of Beverly Enterprises, Inc. Unless otherwise indicated, all capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Statement, and unless amended hereby, all information previously filed remains in effect.

ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

The beginning of the second sentence of paragraph (a) of Item 5 is amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

Based on the number of Beverly Enterprises Shares reported as outstanding by the Company in recent public filings, the Filing Persons beneficially own approximately 8.0% of the Beverly Enterprises Shares as calculated pursuant to Rule 13d-3 (d) (1) (i):

ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

Item 6 is hereby supplemented by the following:

On August 5, 2005, Formation Capital, LLC ("Formation Capital") and Senior Care Holdings, LLC ("Senior Care") entered into an agreement setting forth the terms on which they would work together in relation to the acquisition of the outstanding shares of Beverly Enterprises, Inc. and the management of Beverly Enterprises, Inc. following the acquisition (the "Agreement"). Pursuant to the Agreement, Senior Care has committed to provide \$6,250,000 of the \$50,000,000 that Formation Capital is committed to provide in connection with the transaction pursuant to the term sheet, dated December 14, 2004, among Appaloosa, Eureka Capital Markets, LLC, Formation Capital and Franklin Mutual. In addition the Agreement provides for (a) the division between Formation Capital and Senior Care of their profits and losses and fees they receive in connection with an acquisition of Beverly, including any break-up fee they receive, and (b) the division between Formation Capital and Senior Care of third-party fees and expenses incurred by Formation Capital or the Formation Capital/Senior Care investment vehicle in connection with their evaluation of a possible transaction with Beverly. The description of the Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Agreement dated August 5, 2005 filed as Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

- A. Joint Filing Agreement dated January 24, 2005.*
- B. Executive Officers of Franklin Mutual.*
- C. Transactions in Beverly Enterprises Shares Since November 18, 2004.****
- D. Letter dated December 22, 2004 from Formation to the Company.*
- E. Letter dated January 5, 2005 from the Company to Formation.*
- F. Letter dated January 19, 2005 from Formation to the Company.*
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APPALOOSA INVESTMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP I

By: Appaloosa Management L.P., its General Partner

By: Appaloosa Partners Inc.,
 its General Partner

By: /s/ David A. Tepper

Name: David A. Tepper

Title: President

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PALOMINO FUND LTD.

By: Appaloosa Management L.P., its Investment Adviser

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FRANKLIN MUTUAL ADVISERS, LLC

By: /s/ David J. Winters

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