

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GRIFFITH JAMES M

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY
 (Street)

FORT SMITH, AR 72919

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC [BEV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
SR VICE PRESIDENT

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	03/14/2006		D ⁽¹⁾		174,806	D	\$ 12.5 0
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock - ESPP	03/14/2006		D ⁽¹⁾		7,829.7159	D	\$ 12.5 0
Common Stock	03/14/2006		A ⁽²⁾		9,520	A	\$ 0 9,520

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Common Stock	03/14/2006	D ⁽³⁾	4,371	D	\$ 12.5	5,149	D
Common Stock	03/14/2006	D ⁽¹⁾	5,149	D	\$ 12.5	0	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.95	03/14/2006		D	22,719	<u>(4)</u> 02/13/2012	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	22,719
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.35	03/14/2006		D	35,272	<u>(4)</u> 02/20/2011	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	35,272
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.25	03/14/2006		D	43,300	<u>(4)</u> 02/16/2010	Common Stock	43,300
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.95	03/14/2006		D	47,281	<u>(4)</u> 02/13/2012	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	47,281
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.35	03/14/2006		D	8,028	<u>(4)</u> 02/20/2011	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	8,028

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GRIFFITH JAMES M ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY FORT SMITH, AR 72919			SR VICE PRESIDENT	

Signatures

By: Brenda Boster, by Power of Attorney For: James M. Griffith

03/15/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) In accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement entered into by and between Beverly Enterprises, Inc. and Pearl Senior Care, LLC et al. the stock held by the Reporting Person were disposed of pursuant to the Merger Agreement.
- (2) In accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement entered into by and between Beverly Enterprises, Inc. and Pearl Senior Care, LLC et al. vesting of the performance units were accelerated and valued at the merger consideration of \$12.50 per share.
- (3) Shares were traded to pay the tax obligation.
- (4) This option was fully vested and was cancelled in the merger between Beverly Enterprises, Inc. and Pearl Senior Care, LLC (the "Merger") in exchange for a cash payment representing the difference between the exercise price of the option and the Merger consideration of \$12.50 per share for the underlying common stock.
- (5) Represents the difference between the per share exercise price of the option and the per share merger consideration.

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