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BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC  
Form 8-K  
December 22, 2003

UNITED STATES  
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) December 18, 2003  
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BEVERLY ENTERPRISES, INC.  
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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware	1-9550	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, Arkansas	72919
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

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

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 18, 2003, Beverly Enterprises, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that Larry Deans has joined the Company as Senior Vice President of Human Resources. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit 99.1\* - Press Release of Beverly Enterprises, Inc. dated December 18,

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2003.

\*Filed with this document

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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: December 19, 2003. BEVERLY ENTERPRISES, INC.

By: /s/ PAMELA H. DANIELS

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

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
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