

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
MCLANE JAMES W

(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)

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		A ⁽¹⁾		21,596.6685	A	11 47,065.6685
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	03/14/2006		D ⁽²⁾		21,596.6685	D	\$ 12.5 25,469
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	03/14/2006		D ⁽²⁾		25,469	D	\$ 12.5 0

Stock ⁽³⁾

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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.64	03/14/2006		D	11,000	<u>(4)</u>	06/02/2013	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.625	03/14/2006		D	1,968	<u>(4)</u>	12/07/2010	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.81	03/14/2006		D	11,000	<u>(4)</u>	06/01/2012	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.48	03/14/2006		D	11,000	<u>(4)</u>	06/01/2011	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock
PHANTOM STOCK UNITS	<u>(1)</u>	03/14/2006		D	21,596.6685	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCLANE JAMES W ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY	X			

FORT SMITH, AR 72919

Signatures

By: Brenda Boster, by Power of Attorney For: James W.
McLane

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 phantom units deferred under the terms of the Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan (NEDDCP) vested and converted into common stock.

(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. the stock held by the Reporting Person were disposed of pursuant to the Merger Agreement.

(3) Annual Grant of Restricted Stock Units that vest one year from the date of grant.

(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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