

SCHRAM MARTHA J
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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 *
 SCHRAM MARTHA J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/23/2005

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
 President - Aegis Therapies

FORT SMITH, AR 72919

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	12/23/2005		F	3,325 (1) D	\$ 11.77 33,411	D	
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	12/23/2005		F	2,829 (1) D	\$ 11.77 30,582	D	
\$.10 Par Value Common	12/23/2005		F	943 (1) D	\$ 11.77 29,639	D	

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Stock

\$.10 Par
Value
Common
Stock

12/23/2005

F

2,896
(1)

D

\$
11.77

26,743

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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FORT SMITH, AR 72919

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Signatures

By: Brenda Boster, by Power of Attorney For: Martha J. Schram

12/23/2005

__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) Shares withheld in payment of taxes associated with early vesting of restricted stock pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement by and among Beverly Enterprises, Inc. (the "Company"), Pearl Senior Care, Inc., PSC Sub, Inc. and Geary Property Holdings, LLC, as

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amended (the "Merger Agreement").

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