BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC

Form 4

March 16, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MCLANE JAMES W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC [BEV]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

(Month/Day/Year)

03/14/2006

below)

ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

FORT SMITH, AR 72919

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ble I - Non	-Derivative Secu	rities	Acquire	d, Disposed of, o	r 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 Acquidisposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		(A) or	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)
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	03/14/2006		A(1)	21,596.6685		(1)	47,065.6685	D	
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	03/14/2006		D(2)	21,596.6685	D	\$ 12.5	25,469	D	
\$.10 Par Value Common	03/14/2006		D(2)	25,469	D	\$ 12.5	0	D	

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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 orDerivative 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
	·			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	(1)	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	X						
ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY							

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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).
- In accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement entered into by and between Beverly Enterprises, Inc. and Pearl Senior Care, LLC (1) 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.
 - This option was fully vested and was cancelled in the merger between Beverly Enterprises, Inc. and Pearl Senior Care, LLC (the
- (4) "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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