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

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 1, 2003

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| Delaware | 1-9550 | 62-1691861 |
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| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |

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| 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 1, 2002, Beverly Enterprises, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the sale of twenty-one skilled nursing operations in California, Washington and Arizona. This sale is part of the Company's previously announced strategy of divesting facilities that account for a disproportionately high share of patient care liability costs and the strategic realignment of the Company's skilled nursing portfolio. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit 99.1* - Press Release of Beverly Enterprises, Inc. dated December 1, 2003.

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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 2, 2003.

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES, INC.

By: /s/ PAMELA H. DANIELS

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

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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