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Form 8-K

October 28, 2005

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) October 26, 2005  
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BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware -----	0-51584 -----	04-3510455 -----
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts -----	01201 -----
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (413) 443-5601  
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Not Applicable  
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.  
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On October 26, 2005, Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company"), the holding company for Berkshire Bank (the "Bank"), announced that Berkshire Insurance Group, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, has acquired the business and assets of each of MacDonald & Johnson, Inc., a full-service property and casualty insurance agency located in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts and Onofrey Insurance and Financial Services, Inc., an agency specializing in life, disability and health insurance products located in Springfield, Massachusetts. A copy of the Company's press release dated October 26, 2005 is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.  
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- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired: Not applicable
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information: Not applicable
- (c) Exhibits

Number -----	Description -----
99.1	Press Release Dated October 26, 2005

SIGNATURES

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.

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

Dated: October 26, 2005

By: /s/ Gerald A. Denmark  
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Gerald A. Denmark  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel