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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Schedule 13D**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**(Amendment No. 18)\***

ALBERTO-CULVER COMPANY

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(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, \$.22 PAR VALUE PER SHARE

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(Title of Class of Securities)

013068101

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(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

November 16, 2006

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Sections 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box " ".

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1. Name of Reporting Person

I.R.S. Identification No. of above person (entities only)

Bernice E. Lavin

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group \*

(a) ..

(b) x

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds \*

Not applicable

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) ..

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

U.S. Citizen

7. Sole Voting Power

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES 8. Shared Voting Power

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 0

EACH 9. Sole Dispositive Power

REPORTING 0

PERSON 10. Shared Dispositive Power

WITH

0

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

0

12. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares\* ..

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

0

14. Type of Reporting Person\*

IN

\* SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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**Item 1. Security and Issuer.**

Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock, \$.22 par value per share ( shares or Common Stock )

Name and Address of Issuer: Alberto-Culver Company (the Company )

2525 Armitage Avenue

Melrose Park, IL 60160

**Item 2. Identity and Background.**

(a) Name of Person Filing: Bernice E. Lavin ( Lavin )

(b) Address: c/o Alberto-Culver Company

2525 Armitage Avenue

Melrose Park, IL 60160

(c) Principal Business: Lavin, an individual, is retired.

(d) Prior Criminal Convictions: None

(e) Prior Civil Proceedings with: None

Respect to Federal or State

Securities Laws:

(f) Citizenship: U.S. Citizen

**Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.**

Not applicable.

**Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.**

(a) As previously reported, the Company entered into an investment agreement (the Investment Agreement ), dated as of June 19, 2006, as amended, with CDRS Acquisition LLC ( Investor ), New Aristotle Company, Sally Beauty Holdings, Inc. (formerly known as New Sally Holdings, Inc.), ( SBH ) and Sally Holdings, Inc. ( Sally Holdings ).

The Investment Agreement and related agreements provide for the separation of the Company into two publicly-traded companies: New Aristotle Holdings, Inc. subsequently renamed Alberto-Culver Company ( New Alberto Culver ) which owns and operates the Company s consumer products business, and SBH, which owns and operates the Company s Sally/BSG Distribution business.

On November 16, 2006 (the Closing Date ), the parties completed the separation contemplated by the Investment Agreement and related agreements. In the separation, a subsidiary of SBH merged with and into the Company and each share of common stock was converted into a share of common stock of SBH, which shares following completion of the transactions represented approximately 52.45% of the

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capital stock of SBH on a fully diluted basis; the Company was converted into a limited liability company and contributed to New Alberto-Culver; SBH issued shares of Class A common stock to Investor and its affiliate, CD&R Parallel Fund VII, L.P. (the CDR Parallel Fund ) for \$575 million, Class A common stock converted into common stock of SBH on November 17, 2006 which in the aggregate represents approximately 47.55% of the capital stock of SBH on a fully diluted basis; Sally Holdings incurred approximately \$1.85 billion of debt; SBH effected a \$25.00 per share special cash dividend to holders of record of its common stock as of November 16, 2006; and SBH effected a dividend of one share of common stock of New Alberto-Culver for each share of common stock of SBH held of record as of November 16, 2006.

In accordance with the Investment Agreement, on the Closing Date, SBH, the Investor and the CDR Parallel Fund entered into a Stockholders Agreement with Lavin, her husband, Leonard H. Lavin, their daughter, Carol L. Bernick, certain trusts (the Family Trusts ) which are for the benefit of Lavin, her husband, and their descendants (the Family Members ), and a partnership whose partners are certain Family Trusts and other trusts for the benefit of certain Family Members (the Family Partnership ) (Bernick, Leonard H. Lavin, Bernice E. Lavin, the Family Trusts and the Family Partnership are sometimes collectively referred to herein as the Family Stockholders ), pursuant to which, among other things, the Family Stockholders will have certain registration rights with respect to their SBH common stock.

(b)-(j) See Item 4(a) above.

**Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.**

(a) (i) None

(ii) None

(b) Number of shares as to which Lavin has:

(i) Sole power to vote:

0

(ii) Shared power to vote:

0

(iii) Sole power to dispose:

0

(iv) Shared power to dispose:

0

(c) Except as set forth above, during the last 60 days, no transactions in the Common Stock were effected by Lavin.

(d) None.

(e) Lavin ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the Common Stock on November 16, 2006.

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**Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.**

Except for the matters described in Items 4 and 5 herein, Lavin does not have any contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship with any person with respect to the securities of the Issuer.

**Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.**

None.

**Signature**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: November 27, 2006

Signature: /s/ Bernice E. Lavin

Name/Title: Bernice E. Lavin, individually; as co-trustee of several trusts and as an officer of the Lavin Family Foundation.