

LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

Form 8-K

December 13, 2001

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

December 12, 2001

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(Date of earliest event reported)

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| DELAWARE   | 1-11353                     | 13-3757370                                 |
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| (State or other<br>jurisdiction of<br>incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification<br>Number) |

358 SOUTH MAIN STREET, BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 27215

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(Address of principal executive offices)

336-229-1127

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

Laboratory Corporation of America -Registered Trademark-  
Holdings (LabCorp -Registered Trademark-) (NYSE:LH) announced that  
its Board of Directors adopted a Stockholder Rights Plan designed  
to enhance the Board's ability to protect stockholders against,  
among other things, unsolicited attempts to acquire control of LabCorp  
that do not offer an adequate price to all stockholders or are otherwise  
not in the best interests of LabCorp and its stockholders. The Plan  
was not adopted in response to any specific effort to acquire control of the  
Company, and the Company is not aware of any such effort.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL  
INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

- (c) Exhibit
- 20) Press release of the Company dated December 12,  
2001.

SIGNATURES

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

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(Registrant)

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH

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Bradford T. Smith  
Executive Vice President,  
and, Secretary

Date: December 13, 2001