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July 15, 2002

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

July 15, 2002

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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 it has signed a national contract with San Diego-based Premier, Inc., one of the country's largest group purchasing organizations. LabCorp's nationwide network of clinical reference laboratories now offers more than 4,000 diagnostic tests to member hospitals in the Premier network.

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

(c) Exhibit

20 Press release of the Company dated July 15, 2002.

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: July 15, 2002