

LABORATORY CORP OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

Form 8-K

October 22, 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

October 22, 2002

(Date of earliest event reported)

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

(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 jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification Number) |

358 SOUTH MAIN STREET, BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 27215

(Address of principal executive offices)

336-229-1127

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

Laboratory Corporation of America -Registered Trademark- Holdings
(LabCorp -Registered Trademark-) (NYSE:LH) today announced that its
Board of Directors has authorized a stock repurchase program. This
program allows the Company to purchase up to an aggregate of \$150
million of its Common Stock from time-to-time.

The press release announcing the stock repurchase plan is attached
hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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

(c) Exhibit

99.1 Press release of the Company dated October 22, 2002

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SIGNATURES

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

(Registrant)

By: /s/ BRADFORD T. SMITH

Bradford T. Smith
Executive Vice President
and Secretary

Date: October 22, 2002

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit | Description |
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| 99.01 | Press Release dated October 22, 2002 |