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December 06, 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 6, 2001

(Date of earliest event reported)

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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) announced
that PreGen-26-Trademark- (a DNA-based colorectal cancer test)
is now available through its nationwide network to physicians
and their patients. The test is based on EXACT Sciences
Corporation's (NASDAQ:EXAS) proprietary genomics-based
technology.

PreGen-26 targets Hereditary Non-Polyposis Colorectal Cancer
(HNPCC) - an inherited predisposition to develop colorectal
cancer. People with this syndrome have an 80 percent lifetime
risk of developing the disease.

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

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- 20) Press release of the Company dated December 6, 2001.

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: December 6, 2001