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 May 19, 2004 _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (Date of earliest event reported) LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) 13-3757370 1-11353 DELAWARE ---------(State or other
jurisdiction of(Commission
File Number)(IRS Employer
Identification incorporation) Number) 358 SOUTH MAIN STREET, BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 27215 - -----(Address of principal executive offices) 336-229-1127

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On May 19, 2004, Laboratory Corporation of America -Registered Trademark-Holdings (LabCorp -Registered Trademark-)(NYSE:LH) announced that Thomas P. Mac Mahon, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, is scheduled to speak at the Banc of America Securities Health Care Conference in Las Vegas, NV on May 20, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time. A live audio webcast of the presentation will be available via the Company web site at www.LabCorp.com. A replay of the audio webcast will be available through June 3, 2004.

99.1 Press release of the Company dated May 19, 2004.

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: May 19, 2004

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LABCORP-REGISTERED TRADEMARK- SCHEDULED TO PRESENT AT THE BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE

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About LabCorp

Laboratory Corporation of America-Registered Trademark- Holdings is a pioneer in commercializing new diagnostic technologies and the first in its industry to embrace genomic testing. With annual revenues of \$2.9 billion in 2003, approximately 23,000 employees nationwide, and more than 220,000 clients, LabCorp offers over 4,400 clinical assays ranging from blood analyses to HIV and genomic testing. LabCorp combines its expertise in innovative clinical testing technology with its Centers of Excellence: The Center for Molecular Biology and Pathology, in Research Triangle Park, NC; National Genetics Institute, Inc. in Los Angeles, CA; ViroMed Laboratories, Inc. based in Minneapolis, MN; The Center for Esoteric Testing in Burlington, NC; and DIANON Systems, Inc. based in Stratford, CT. LabCorp clients include physicians, government agencies, managed care organizations, hospitals, clinical labs, and pharmaceutical companies. To learn more about our growing organization, visit our web site at: www.LabCorp.com.

Each of the above forward-looking statements is subject to change based on various important factors, including without limitation, competitive actions in the marketplace and adverse actions of governmental and other third-party payors. Actual results could differ materially from those suggested by these forward-looking statements. Further information on potential factors that could affect LabCorp's financial results is included in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, and subsequent SEC filings.