

ORTHODONTIC CENTERS OF AMERICA INC /DE/

Form 8-K

March 16, 2004

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**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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 16, 2004 (March 15, 2004)

ORTHODONTIC CENTERS OF AMERICA, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

001-13457

72-1278948

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

**3850 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 800
Metairie, Louisiana**

70002

(Address of Principal
Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(504) 834-4392

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed from Last Report)

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) The following exhibits are filed herewith:

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99.1	Press Release issued on March 15, 2004 by Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc.

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On March 15, 2004, Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing its financial results for the year and fourth quarter ended December 31, 2003. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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Certain statements contained in this Current Report may not be based on historical facts and are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements may be identified by their reference to a future period or periods or by the use of forward-looking terminology, such as anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, may, might, will, would, or intend. These forward-looking statements include, without limitation, those relating to the Company's prospects, future potential and growth and OCA Outsource. We caution you not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements contained in this Current Report in that actual results could differ materially from those indicated in such forward-looking statements, due to a variety of factors. Those factors include, but are not limited to, potential adverse changes in the Company's financial results and condition, adverse outcomes of litigation pending against the Company and its subsidiary, OrthAlliance, Inc., or inability to resolve that litigation on terms favorable to the Company, inability or delay in successfully marketing OCA Outsource's services, changes in the Company's operating or expansion strategy, disruption of the Company's relationships with its affiliated practices or loss of a significant number of the Company's affiliated practitioners, inability or delay in successfully executing the Company's strategies, inability to attract and retain qualified management, personnel and affiliated practitioners, inability to effectively market the services of the Company and its affiliated practices, including those business services outside of traditional orthodontics and pediatric dentistry, impact of competition and existing and future regulations affecting orthodontics, pediatric dentistry and the Company's business, difficulties in staffing and managing foreign offices, foreign currency exchange fluctuations and other difficulties arising from international expansion, and other risks detailed from time to time in the Company's press releases, Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that occur after the date on which such statements were made.

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

ORTHODONTIC CENTERS OF AMERICA,
INC.

By: /s/ David E. Verret
David E. Verret
Senior Vice President of Finance

Date: March 15, 2004

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