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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 493,920

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 4,953,300

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 493,920

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 4,953,300

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

5,447,220

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

10.6%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

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CUSIP No. 68750P 10 3

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (entities only)

Thomas N. Tryforos

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a)

(b)

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NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 4,953,300

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 0

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 4,953,300

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

4,953,300

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

9.7%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

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CUSIP No. 68750P 10 3

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

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Scott J. Vassalluzo

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NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES 44,000

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 4,953,300

EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 44,000

PERSON 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH 4,953,300

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

4,997,300

10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

9.7%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

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ITEM 1. (a) Name of Issuer:

Orthodontic Centers of America, Inc.

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

3850 North Causeway Boulevard
Suite 800
Matairie, Louisiana 70002

ITEM 2. (a) Name of Person Filing:

(i) Thomas W. Smith

(ii) Thomas N. Tryforos

(iii) Scott J. Vassalluzo

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The filing of this Statement shall not be deemed to be an admission that the filing persons comprise a "group" within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(b) Address of Principal Business Office:

The following is the address of the principal business office of each of the filing persons:

323 Railroad Avenue
Greenwich, CT 06830

(c) Citizenship:

Each of Messrs. Thomas W. Smith, Thomas N. Tryforos and Scott J. Vassalluzo is a United States citizen.

(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share.

(e) CUSIP Number:

68750P 10 3

ITEM 3. If this Statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

Not applicable.

If this Statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c), check this box

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ITEM 4. Ownership

- (a) Thomas W. Smith - 5,447,220 shares; Thomas N. Tryforos - 4,953,300 shares; Scott J. Vassalluzo - 4,997,300 shares
- (b) Thomas W. Smith - 10.6%; Thomas N. Tryforos - 9.7%; Scott J. Vassalluzo - 9.7%
- (c) Each of Thomas W. Smith, Thomas N. Tryforos and Scott J. Vassalluzo has shared power to vote or to direct the vote and shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 4,703,300 shares. Each of Thomas W. Smith and Thomas N. Tryforos has shared power to vote or to direct the vote and shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of an additional 250,000 shares. Thomas W. Smith has sole power to vote and dispose of 493,920 shares, Thomas N. Tryforos has sole power to vote and dispose of no shares and Scott J. Vassalluzo has sole power to vote and dispose of 44,000 shares.

ITEM 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

Not applicable.

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ITEM 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Messrs. Smith and Tryforos in the aggregate beneficially own 5,474,220 shares in their capacities as investment managers for certain managed accounts. The managed accounts have the right to receive dividends from, and the proceeds from the sale of, the managed accounts' shares.

ITEM 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not applicable.

ITEM 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not applicable.

ITEM 10. Certification

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: November 12, 2002

/s/ Thomas W. Smith

Thomas W. Smith

/s/ Thomas N. Tryforos

Thomas N. Tryforos

/s/ Scott J. Vassalluzo

Scott J. Vassalluzo

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JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned agree that the foregoing Statement on Schedule 13G, dated November 12, 2002, is being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on behalf of each of the undersigned pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k)

Dated: November 12, 2002

/s/ Thomas W. Smith

Thomas W. Smith

/s/ Thomas N. Tryforos

Thomas N. Tryforos

/s/ Scott J. Vassalluzo

Scott J. Vassalluzo