LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL CO Form 8-K February 24, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 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): February 24, 2003

La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter) 0-24274 Delaware 33-0361285 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.) 6455 Nancy Ridge Drive, San Diego, California 92121 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (858) 452-6600 N/A (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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On February 24, 2003, the Company issued a press release announcing that Steven Engle, the Company s Chief Executive Officer, would present at the BIO CEO & Investor Conference on February 26, 2003. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) *Exhibits*. The following exhibits are filed with this report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Press Release
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Date: February 24, 2003

SIGNATURES

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.

LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY

By: /s/ Gail A. Sloan

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