

LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL CO

Form 8-K

March 10, 2004

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**UNITED STATES
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): March 9, 2004

La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | 0-24274 (Commission File Number) | 33-0361285 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| 6455 Nancy Ridge Drive, San Diego, California (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | 92121 (Zip Code) |
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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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Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure.

On March 9, 2004, the Company issued a press release announcing that Steven Engle, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, would present at the SG Cowen 24th Annual Healthcare Conference on March 11, 2004. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

On March 10, 2004, the Company issued a press release announcing that Gail Sloan was promoted to Vice President of Finance, Controller and Secretary. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 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:

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| 99.1 | Press Release announcing that the Company would present at the SG Cowen 24th Annual Healthcare Conference |
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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**

Date: March 10, 2004

By: /s/ Gail A. Sloan
Gail A. Sloan
Vice President of Finance and
Controller

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