

Vincent Bugliosi, author of Helter Skelter will lecture here

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Vincent Bugliosi, best known for the book "Helter Skelter" chronicling his successful prosecution of the "Manson Family," will speak at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, in the Mandeville Auditorium of the University of California, San Diego.

The so-called "Tate-LaBianca" murders constituted one of the most horrifying and baffling cases of the century. The story appeared to end with the conviction of Charles Manson and his co-conspirators -- three young women and a youth known as an "all-American Boy." Their guilt was proved but the guts of the story remained untold.

With some members of the Manson family in the news again, Bugliosi's research into and reflections on the actors in the drama are especially riveting. The Manson case is the most voluminously documented murder case in legal annals. It was the longest murder trial in American history. The jury was sequestered longer than any jury before or since. The case was an international press, radio and television spectacular for more than a year.

Bugliosi, now in private practice, has recently been turning his attention to a re-investigation of the death of Robert F. Kennedy.

He received his undergraduate degree at the University of Miami (which he attended on a tennis scholarship) and his law degree from UCLA where he was president of his class. At the time of the Manson case he was deputy district attorney, Los Angeles, and a professor of criminal law at the Beverly School of Law in Los Angeles. During his career as deputy district attorney he successfully prosecuted 105 out of 106 felony jury trials.

His appearance at UC San Diego is a Campus Program Board presentation. Tickets are \$3 for general admission and \$2 for all students. For ticket information and reservations telephone the UCSD box office, 452-4559. Box office hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., and Saturday, 4:30-10 p.m.

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