

Media Advisory, special preview tour of new Center for Molecular Genetics Facility (press conference & lab tour)

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MEDIA ADVISORY

EVENT: SPECIAL MEDIA PREVIEW AND TOUR OF UCSD'S NEW CENTER FOR MOLECULAR GENETICS FACILITY (Press Conference and Laboratory Tour)

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, May 6 at 11 a.m.

LOCATION: Center for Molecular Genetics on the campus of the School of Medicine. (Map with parking instructions attached.)

PROGRAM: Donald Helinski, director and a principle founder of the Center for Molecular Genetics, will give a brief presentation on the importance of the Center to San Diego. A tour of several laboratories will follow. Press kits will be distributed.

VISUALS:

1. Demonstration of world class computer complex for the analysis of genes and proteins.
2. Laboratory experiment on the control of gene expression.
3. A DNA synthesis machine in operation.

REMARKS: In the new building, roughly 150 scientists will be engaged in isolating, manipulating and inserting genes from humans, animals, plants, and microorganisms into the chromosomes of cells from a variety of organisms. The Center for Molecular Genetic's new facility represents UCSD's commitment to biological research that ranges from intensive studies of basic life processes to the creation of useful new medical, agricultural and industrial products and invaluable diagnostic probes. The \$7.6 million building was designed as the information and equipment hub for UCSD molecular genetics researchers as well as for San Diego's burgeoning biotechnology community.

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