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CELEBRATING LOCAL NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS AND NEW YORK CITY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DATE: Tuesday, October 19, 2004

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Theodore Roosevelt Park
Mid-park
(Columbus Avenue and West 81st Street)
Manhattan

**EVENT &
PHOTO OP:**

New Nobel Laureate Richard Axel and 2003 Laureates Roderick MacKinnon and Robert Engle will join Swedish Consul General Kjell Anneling, Royal Norwegian Consul General Liv Mørch Finborud, Parks & Recreation Commissioner Adrian Benepe, Assembly Member Tom Duane, and 4th grade students from nearby Rodeph Sholom School to unveil the newly inscribed Nobel Monument. The monument, in New York City's own Theodore Roosevelt Park, will bear the names of the six new American Nobel Prize winners.

DETAILS:

This year, Americans took two prizes in physics, two in chemistry, one in medicine and one in economics. Richard Axel, a native of New York City, won the Nobel Prize in Medicine for his revolutionary progress in our understanding of the olfactory sense, long shrouded in mystery. Axel, a graduate of Stuyvesant High School, joins 24 other graduates of New York City public schools who have been awarded Nobel prizes. A total of 277 Americans have received the prize since its inception in 1901.

The Nobel Monument was unveiled last year in Theodore Roosevelt Park next to the Natural History Museum. It was first proposed by the Consulate General of Sweden in New York and by American Nobel Laureates. Work began in November 2001 after it received approval from the New York City Art Commission and Landmarks Preservation Commission. The monument was designed by Sivert Lindblom, one of Sweden's foremost designers of urban spaces who designed the Holocaust Monument in Stockholm.

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