

Media Advisory

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DATE/TIME:

Friday, April 1, 2005 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Media availability with speakers from 12:15 to 1:30) Speakers will include Nobel laureates Sidney Altman of Yale University, Sydney Brenner of the Salk Institute and Thomas Cech of the University of Colorado at Boulder and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

LOCATION:

Mandell Weiss Theater, UCSD campus Directions to symposium and parking at: <http://rnasympodium.ucsd.edu/directions.html> Accredited news media may obtain free parking passes for the day at any UCSD parking kiosk.

REGISTRATION:

Registration to the symposium is free to news media. For more information on program see <http://rnasympodium.ucsd.edu/>

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