Let It Rain

"It's good for the accelerator," says Marc Ross gleefully. "We've had great cloud cover and cool temperatures since October," and these weather conditions have sure helped operations. Large temperature swings and hot weather can cause erratic behavior in microcomputers and control systems and lead to failure of some items. While the cool weather is slowing down this season's tomatoes, it's producing a bumper crop of Zs.

New Model Roll Out

Keep your eyes on the SLAC Detailed and Highlighted Web pages next week for an announcement about revised pages. Ruth McDunn, the Web Information Manager, will be looking forward to your comments and suggestions as these new models are released.

Warning About Scams

Livermore and Jefferson Labs report that staff at those sites have been receiving phony letters from abroad -- particularly from Nigeria and more recently Ghana -- pretending to seek business relationships and asking for money or bank addresses and account numbers. The US Postal Inspection Service and the US Secret Service are monitoring this scam and maintain a database of names of identified perpetrators. See the USPS page on the Nigerian letter scam: http://www.usps.gov/websites/depart/inspect/nigerian.htm

Prinz Plot

What can be done with 10'x10' garden plot? Ask Alyssa Prinz, or better yet, go see her masterpiece of engineering in the SLAC garden. She has trellises for the beans and cukes, trenches for deep watering, netting to keep out the deer, chicken wire a foot deep to keep the gophers away, and not a tomato worm in sight. Sigh. She's raising the bar for us amateur farmers.

31 Cars and What Do You Get?

You get a letter to remove it, that's what, since these 31 cars have had what the airports call long term parking and what others might call free storage. Could this be why parking space is in such short supply?

Teacher Does It Again!

It's not often that Quick News can report twice in one month (see May 15th ON) about an outstanding alum of Helen Quinn's teacher program here at SLAC. Victor Mazmanian, from Riverside CT, received a laudatory letter from Stanford Undergraduate Admissions. It appears that a student of Maz's received a book award from Stanford for "setting the intellectual tone of the
senior class." In her application, she named Victor Mazmanian as "the teacher who has had the
greatest influence on her intellectual development." Hence the letter from Stanford thanking Maz
for "bringing out the best in his students" and recognizing his "excellence in challenging students."

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