Stanford Linear Accelerator Center

Quick News...

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LP Week Events

In case you really need a reminder about the Lepton Photon Symposium, here it is! On Tuesday August 10 at 7pm in Memorial Church, Chanticleer will perform. See Maura Chatwell or Tracy Farnell in room B217 of the Central Lab Annex to purchase tickets at $20 each.

On Thursday August 12 at 8 pm in Kresge Auditorium on Campus there is a free public lecture entitled "The Elegant Universe: Superstrings, Hidden Dimensions and The Quest for the Ultimate Theory." [http://www.slac.stanford.edu/~roodman/lecture.html]

Then on Friday, August 13 at 2 pm on The Green we have the BaBar dedication. [http://www.slac.stanford.edu/gen/pubinfo/babarded.html] Parking will be particularly tight on Friday since there will be a large number of visitors and guests here for the dedication, so plan accordingly.

More Construction News

Building 34 will have a seismic upgrade starting this week. Because of the construction, we will close the shower and exercise room on or about September 2. The closure could last about a month. For updates on the schedule, contact Duane Thompson x3510. There is also a change in the traffic pattern between Buildings 24 and 34. That area will become one-way traffic, so please be extra careful over there during construction.

Virtual Visitor Center à la française

Check out the August issue of Sciences et Avenir [http://www.sciencesetavenir.com/planetcyber/art1.html] Robert Cailliau from CERN sent Bebo White this little tidbit.

Reader Alert

The SLAC Book Group will at noon in the Blue Room of A&E on August 27 to discuss Mary Doria Rusell's book "The Sparrow". Questions readers can ponder between now and then include: What is this story about? Is it a story about coming face-to-face with a sentient race that is so alien as to be incomprehensible, or about putting up a mirror to our own inner selves? Why do you think it's so important to Emilio to stand by his vow of celibacy when he so obviously loves Sofia Mendez? Would the Star Trek prime directive have changed the outcome of events on Rakhat? And finally, would we let these alien people collaborate on Babar? Questions provided by the literary sage of the Business Office, Marty Sorensen.

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Announcing The SLAC Computer Coordinating Committee (CCC)

Changing technology means that SLAC computing requires a lot of great minds with various perspectives. So the CCC committee was established to provide management oversight of computing strategy, establish operational policies, and provide guidelines for the development of computing resources. For more information on the CCC see http://www-project.slac.stanford.edu/ccc/

Best of Show

Recently Andrea Chan, Greg Daly, Robert Cowles and Patrick Hancox were in Seattle for the Usenet LISA (Large System Administration) conference to present a paper co-authored by those named and several other SLAC staff. The topic was the Secure BSD/BSD-EPN project. SLAC won first place as Best Paper at the conference and a token cash prize which was donated to charity. Congratulations!

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