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**Life in Silicon Valley, Part 19**

“While finding a parking place in San Francisco can be a frustrating experience, finding a hotel room in Palo Alto may not be much easier.” A KNTV news story last month bemoaned the fact that low-end hotels are always booked and that hotel prices have gone up 12% in the past year. Rooms now routinely hit $300, “and like the economy, there’s no sign that prices will let up anytime soon.” A reminder that you can rent that empty room of yours to a visiting user! Contact Ute Hayes in Housing at Ext. 4132.

**Where Are We?**

While stuck in traffic recently, Bill Herrmannsfeldt, desperate for diversion, read the street signs. “I think we are on Sand Hill Road,” he said. “But the road sign opposite the front gate says Sandhill Road. Between here and the Stanford Hospital intersections, I found five Sand Hill Road and three Sandhill Road signs. So where are we?” The question has been forwarded to the City of Menlo Park for adjudication.

**SLUO Farewell to Ree**

Ree Dufresne parties on Friday, February 18 in the cafeteria breezeway between 2:00 and 4:00 pm. After ten years of work at SLAC, most recently as the SLUO administrator, Ree is off on her next great adventure. Please stop by and wish her well. She says this is retirement, but we know better.

**Tee and Mug**

Time for SLAC’s spring sale of merchandise. Get information and the order form online. Mugs have already arrived and T-shirts are due in mid-March. There’s not a moment to lose! Place your order now.

**Mapping Memorial Trees**

Trees have long been favorite memorials for those who have left SLAC, but as time has gone by, we’ve lost track of where some of those have been planted. If you have any information about the location of memorial trees, especially from the early days of SLAC, please contact Finn Halbo at Ext. 2491.

**Most Wanted ZIP Code**

Nope, not Beverly Hills, but our own Menlo Park. At a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting, one sad businessman said that the rent on his modest little office had tripled recently and he has to move. It seems that the 94025 ZIP code is known around the world as the center for venture
capital. With a ready supply of those willing and able to pay higher rents, property owners are giving in to market forces.

**Repetitive Strain Gets Its Own Day**

You know that machines have taken over the world now that we have the first annual International RSI Awareness Day. This year it is February 29, 2000. The purpose is to raise awareness about RSI to prevent injuries. Many people are at risk, from computer users to assembly line workers to students. In fact, computer users are only a small portion of those who get RSI. For more information, contact Nurse [Gloria Labrador](mailto:Gloria.Labrador@slac.stanford.edu) at SLAC Medical, Ext. 4383.

**FleaMarket**

You can post your classified ad using the SLAC FleaMarket [Submission form](mailto:). You can get to the current ads from the Announcements section on the SLAC [Home Page](http://www.slac.stanford.edu). These pages can be viewed from computers within the SLAC domain.

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