Retirement Workshops Start Monday

The Stanford University Office of Total Compensation announces its annual workshop series for investment and retirement planning, covering general financial information (not specific investment advice.) Spouses and partners are welcome to attend. For more information, call the SLAC Benefits office at x2356. This Monday's workshop (May 1) is called "Retirement Planning: Getting Started" for employees who are not yet enrolled in the Stanford retirement plans and who need to understand the benefits of doing so. The workshop takes place at 12:00 - 1:30 in Orange Room (Rooms 140 & 150), Central Lab., Bldg. 40. See the complete calendar for additional workshop information.

Earthquake Awareness Month

Assuming that you finished your income tax, there is one more thing you must do in April, and that is earthquake preparation. Have emergency supplies available at home and in your car in case the Big One hits. Develop a plan for the family to find each other. Reacquaint yourself with the gas and electricity turnoff valves. Have some cash available in case the ATM is down. Get candles and batteries. You know the drill, so just do it.

Louise Addis on First Monday

SLAC's former librarian, Louise Addis, will be featured on a specialty online magazine located at www.firstmonday.com. Addis was interviewed about the Lab's role as the first US web site. An article on the same subject was in the local newspaper, the San Mateo County Times this past Tuesday.

Cash Back for Old Lawn Mowers

In concert with Earth Day, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District is sponsoring a Spring 2000 Lawn Mower Buyback Program while supplies last. Santa Clara County is participating in the program and was allotted 320 Toro mowers to distribute. If you trade in a gas-powered mower, you get a $150 instant rebate on a rechargeable electric mulching mower. With an additional volume discount of $20 passed on to the consumer, your total savings are $170 off the retail price.

The City of San Jose's recycling web page has more info on the model featured and participating stores.

The program kickoff date is this Saturday, April 29. Act quickly to make sure you get one! And for your contribution to greening the Earth--Thank you very "mulch!"

May Book Selection
According to Marty Sorensen (x4240) the Book Club will meet on Friday, May 5, at noon in the Blue Room. The book for discussion is Barbara Kingsolver's *The Poisonwood Bible.* Read more than you ever wanted to know at: [http://www.kingsolver.com/](http://www.kingsolver.com/)

**QuickNews Schedule for May**

May's regular schedule for QN could be erratic since the editor will take some vacation time. If you have a contribution for QN, continue to send to xanadu@slac, preferably by Wednesday of each week.

**FleaMarket**

You can post your classified ad using the SLAC FleaMarket Submission form. You can get to the current ads from the Announcements section on the SLAC Home Page. These pages can be viewed from computers within the SLAC domain.

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