Stanford Linear Accelerator Center

Quick News

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Mail Delivery Disruptions

Due to staffing problems starting Thursday Oct 26 through next Wednesday Nov 1, SLAC staff can expect interruption in mail delivery services. If you have any questions, please contact Ziba Mahdavi at ext. 4458.

SLAC in the News

SLAC will be in both TV and on the radio soon. A film crew from KNTV in San Jose used SLAC as a base for a feature called “North on 280” for airing sometime in November. About 10 minutes of the 30-minute program will focus on the linac. Theorist Michael Peskin is featured on a KQED radio interview discussing the impending shutdown of LEP at CERN and implications for finding the Higgs. (Drop that sentence at a party and see how far you get!) Peskin can be heard on Thursday, Nov 2, from 2 to 3 pm on KQED, 88.5 FM. There’s also streaming audio at www.theworld.org

Holiday Party Needs Planners

Okay, time to stand up and be counted. If you did NOT contribute to the volunteer effort for Family Day (tsk-tsk) there is another opportunity for participation, and possibly redemption (hmm). A few good brains are needed to debate issues such as the venue, the menu, the trinkets and the treasures, the scintillating speeches and the sport. Contact Lynn Thanash at ext. 2265.

Breakfast at Bede’s

Our neighbors across the street at St. Bede’s Church (2650 Sand Hill) are inviting members of the SLAC community to attend their monthly networking meetings. Breakfast is at 7 am promptly, a speaker at 7:30 am, Q&A at 8 am, and you can be on your way to work by 8:15 am. Tickets are $10 and RSVPs are required. Contact St Bede’s at 650-854-6555. The next meeting is Wednesday, Nov 15 and the topic is “Outreach: Touching the Mind and Body.” The January 17 meeting is “Music for the Senses and Spirit.”

LLNL Survey Results

“Show me the money,” was the response of most of the people who completed the survey at Livermore Lab conducted by the Society of Professional Scientists and Engineers this past June. The survey was sent to 4896 people, and got a 9% response rate of 417. The major issues were base salary, the medical plan, retirement plan, and vacation time. Of least concern? Childcare, commuting subsidies and pre-tax benefits. See all the data at http://www.spse.org

Interactive Toys and the Future of Imagination
Join us on Wednesday, November 1, 2000 from 10:30 am to noon in the SLAC Orange Room to hear Mark Pesce discuss how children’s toys are possibly the lever for radical high tech changes in how we live. In his new book “The Playful World,” USC professor Pesce examines this phenomenon by going behind the scenes at the crossroads of high technology and popular culture. Pesce is best known as one of the original designers of VRML (Virtual Reality Modeling Language) that brought virtual reality to the World Wide Web.

**Time to Review Those Benefits**

A reminder that November is coming up, and that is the time when we have open enrollment to add, delete or otherwise make changes to our various benefits packages. Start thinking now about the changes you want to make and look for the information to come in the mail soon. And for heaven’s sake, don’t wait till the last minute to enroll!

**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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