Mail Room Back to Full Staff

Welcome to Gary Remerata, our new mail carrier. Gary is the spouse of Ellen Remerata in accounting and he has taken over from Joe Mello who retired recently. It will take Gary a while to get to know names and mail stops, so making sure that mail stops and names are correct would be useful.

Effects of Ground Motion Studied

Last week SLAC hosted a workshop devoted to ground motion and its effects on future accelerators. Ground motion and vibration can be a limiting effect in synchrotron light sources, hadron circular colliders, and electron/positron linear colliders. Topics included measurement techniques, classification of the motion, and modeling its effect on the accelerator. Readers will recall research done by Andrei Seryi on the motion of the SLAC linac and application of that research to the next generation linear collider.

You Might Not Have Known It, But You Work With Poets

In fact, the talents that SLAC staff pursue outside of the Lab are endless. Guided by the vision of Marty Sorensen in Accounting, the first issue of *The Sand Hill Review* (also known as SHR) was recently published. The literary magazine features poems written by Janice Dabney (TD), who also serves as the Poetry Editor; Joe Kenny (ES&H); Hillary Russak (formerly of ES&H); and a short story written by Sorensen. Roxanne Jones (TechPubs) helped with the design and layout and John Thompson (BAS) worked on the Web site. Not to be left out, the DOE Oakland Operations office is represented by June Wallach who is the SHR Editor.

Apropos of Nothing

Except maybe the cost of living, be advised that the Post Office will raise the rate of first class postage from 33 cents to 34 cents, most likely to take effect on January 7. Be fashionably early: send your greeting cards BEFORE the holidays and save.

Transportation Options

As the holidays approach, and the Stanford Shopping Center becomes more and more crowded, one's thoughts naturally turn to …shuttle services that help prevent and avoid traffic congestion, right? See the Web for online schedules and other information.

Some Requests for Information Are a Little Scary

“Hi, my name is Thomas and I’m living in Norway-Oslo. Me and my school friends is having a test and we wonder if you have the resipie on fier works.”
B Factory Praise Continues

SLAC Director Jonathan Dorfan received DOE's Deputy Secretary Award from T. J. Glauthier on October 17. “Bringing the project in on time and under budget were stated as the reasons for the award,” says DOE Oakland safety expert Rich Haddock, “but there’s more to it than that. I believe this project also has an exemplary safety record as well.” He added, “A good safety program does not hinder the success of a project.”

"Cool" Materials Translate to Hot Research

Alloys that cool and heat dramatically in response to changes in magnetic fields could have applications that extend far beyond temperature regulation. The alloys, already under study for magnetic-refrigeration technology, may also be useful in sensors and energy-conversion devices. But first, scientists need to better understand why the gadolinium-silicon-germanium alloys respond so powerfully to changes in temperature and magnetic field. A four-year, DOE-funded project at Ames Lab will explore the properties of the alloys and several closely related materials.

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