

Calendar

[Have a safe day!](#)

**Tuesday, Dec. 21
3:30 p.m.**
DIRECTOR'S COFFEE
BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over
THERE WILL BE NO
ACCELERATOR PHYSICS
AND TECHNOLOGY
SEMINAR THIS WEEK

**Wednesday, Dec. 22
3:30 p.m.**
DIRECTOR'S COFFEE
BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over
THERE WILL BE NO
FERMILAB COLLOQUIUM
THIS WEEK

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Weather



Freezing drizzle
35°/24°

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Current Security Status

[Seco Level 3](#)

Wilson Hall Cafe

Tuesday, Dec. 21

- Chef's choice soup
- Grille only
- Chefs choice
- Deli only
- Assorted sliced pizza
- Closed

**The Cafeteria will have
adjusted holiday hours:**

- Dec. 20-22: 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Dec. 23: 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Dec. 24-25: closed

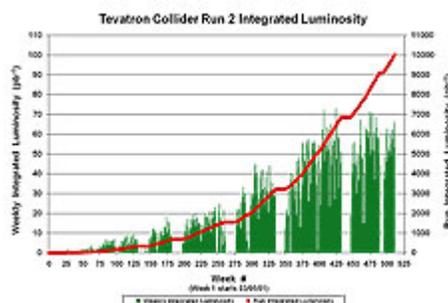
Special Announcement

Fermilab Today on vacation Dec. 22, returns Jan. 3

This is the final issue of *Fermilab Today* for 2010. *Fermilab Today* will begin publishing again on Monday, Jan. 3. Happy holidays!

Milestones

Tevatron reaches holiday milestone



During the past week, the Tevatron reached a milestone. The Run 2 total delivered luminosity reached 10 inverse femtobarns, an equivalent of 1.5 quadrillion collisions. Both collaborations are taking advantage of the wealth of data delivered by the Tevatron.

Photo of the Day

Season's greetings from Fermilab



A winter scene at Fermilab. Happy holidays!
Photo: Rediar Hahn.

Photo of the Day

Celebrating the season with food, fun skits

Director's Corner

Holiday cheer

The Fermilab spirit was very much in evidence last Friday. During the afternoon we had a symposium to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the first collisions at the Tevatron. It was an extraordinary experience to hear in one afternoon the rich history of the Tevatron and its many



Fermilab Director
Pier Oddone

accomplishments. The Tevatron is the pioneering machine, the first large superconducting ring that broke new ground and set the stage for RHIC, HERA and the LHC. Its detectors, CDF and DZERO, are technological marvels and moved forward technologies like the use of silicon vertex detectors in hadronic collisions. The experimental collaborations made major discoveries and measurements of unprecedented precision. They produced hundreds of Ph.D. students and developed new analysis techniques. The remarkable thing about the Tevatron is that this rich history is not yet done as we are entering the new territory of electroweak symmetry breaking.

The symposium was followed by a delicious potluck dinner contributed by Fermilab families, providing evidence not only of great culinary talent, but manifesting the many nationalities present in our laboratory. The children's Christmas carols that opened the potluck contributed to the great warmth of the evening.

Finally the evening was topped by the Fermilab Talent Show, featuring singing, magic and two skits, one produced by the theory group and one by our graduate students. Talent at Fermilab has extra dimensions and goes way beyond that which we display at work!

But what would the holidays be without the Grinch? As we celebrated achievements and talent with warmth inside, the Grinch was busy outside making trouble, not only freezing the weather but salaries as well, preventing Congress from passing a budget for the fiscal year that is already well underway and getting the Deep

Dec. 27-29: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dec. 30: 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1: Closed.

[Wilson Hall Cafe Menu](#)

Chez Leon

Wednesday, Dec. 22
Closed

Thursday, Dec. 23
Closed

[Chez Leon Menu](#)
Call x3524 to make your reservation.

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Fermilab daycare children sing holiday songs at Fermilab's second annual potluck party. *Photo: Reidar Hahn*



Members of Fermilab's theory department put on a skit as part of the laboratory's second annual Potluck Party Dec. 17. *Photo: Reidar Hahn.*



Fermi singers sing holiday songs at the second annual Potluck Party on Dec. 17. *Photo: Reidar Hahn.*



The performers take a bow. *Photo: Reidar Hahn.*

Fermilab honors Tevatron collisions 25th anniversary

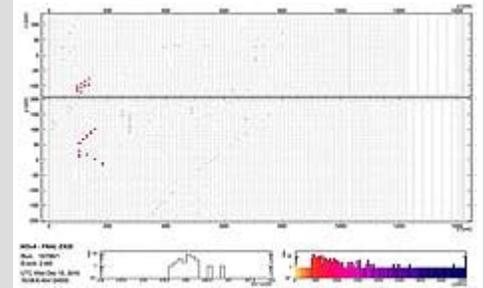
Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory (DUSEL) stuck in a ditch.

As we conclude a great year of achievements, we must look at next year's challenges with optimism. The Fermilab spunk so much in evidence last Friday will serve us well in the months ahead as together we confront whatever the Grinch has done.

Have a happy and healthy holiday season!

Photo of the Day

First neutrinos for NOvA prototype detector



The NOvA prototype near detector spotted its first neutrinos from the NuMI beam on Dec. 15. The collaboration began running the prototype detector in November.

Accelerator Update

Dec. 17-29

- Five stores provided ~62 hours of luminosity
- Operations had trouble with a Linac RF station (LRF3)
- Operators tuned the Linac backup source (I^- source)

*The integrated luminosity for the period from 12/13/10 to 12/20/10 was 66.31 inverse picobarns. NuMI reported receiving 7.62^{18} protons on target during this same period.

[Read the Current Accelerator Update](#)

[Read the Early Bird Report](#)

[View the Tevatron Luminosity Charts](#)

Announcements

Latest Announcements

[Scottish country dancing meets Dec. 21, Jan 4, but not Dec. 28](#)

[International Folk Dancing meets Dec. 23, not Dec. 30, resumes weekly Jan. 6](#)

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Former Fermilab Director John Peoples took a light-hearted approach to his lecture at the 25th anniversary symposium of the first Tevatron collisions by adding a woman's hat and skirt to his attire. *Fermilab Today* will include more coverage of this event in the new year. Photo: Reidar Hahn.

In the News

Particle therapy comes of age From *The Engineer*, Dec. 13, 2010

Particle accelerators that can blast tumours with pinpoint accuracy are entering the medical mainstream.

When five-year-old Alex Barnes was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumour the conventional options were bleak: surgery, followed by radiotherapy, with a strong chance of serious brain damage.

Fortunately, there was another choice. Thanks to the generosity of friends and relatives, the parents of the Leicestershire child were able to afford to take him to the US to receive proton therapy: a highly targeted, particle physics-based treatment that has a number of compelling advantages over traditional non-invasive approaches. In September 2010, two years after his treatment, Alex was given the all-clear and doctors believe there is now little chance of the tumour returning.

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