

Calendar

Monday, Feb. 16
2:30 p.m.
[Particle Astrophysics Seminar](#) - Curia II
Speaker: Lisa Goodenough, New York University
Title: Dark matter in light of the results of ATIC, PAMELA and WMAP
3:30 p.m.
DIRECTOR'S COFFEE BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over
4 p.m.
All Experimenters' Meeting - Curia II
Special Topic: Dump-Switch Failures

Tuesday, Feb. 17
3:30 p.m.
DIRECTOR'S COFFEE BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over
4 p.m.
[Accelerator Physics and Technology Seminar](#) - One West
Speaker: Olivier Napoly, CEA-Saclay
Title: XFEL Module Assembly at CEA-Saclay

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Weather

 Sunny
33°/23°

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Current Security Status

[Secou Level 3](#)

Wilson Hall Cafe

Feature

Don't feed the animals



Do not feed the coyotes. *Photo courtesy of AD's Greg Vogel.*

It has been a long, cold winter. It's easy to fall prey to the pleading, saucer-sized eyes of a coyote or raccoon looking for a snack.

You think: "It's just one crumb. It can't hurt."

Wrong.

Feeding animals disrupts their natural food cycle and encourages them to lose their fear of people and vehicles.

Coyotes naturally see humans as a potential threat. Their comfort level around humans only increases when people give the animals an incentive, such as an easily-accessible meal.

"We don't want coyotes getting comfortable around humans," said Rod Walton, Fermilab's ecologist. "They're wild animals, and they can be dangerous."

Food has been left at the dog training area, which has led to animals approaching cars and people.

Recently, a coyote approached a person parked in the dog training area with interest in the person's sandwich.

"The issue is that the coyote approached the person in the first place," said Rod Walton, Fermilab's ecologist.

To prevent coyote domestication, please make sure you are not leaving trash or food outdoors. Scattering bird seed or filling a bird feeder is fine.

Announcement

ES&H Tips of the Week - Computer security



Tax time is coming



For the safety of your information, do not use laboratory computers when filing your taxes.

We've received our W-2s, and many of us are thinking about tax software and filing electronically.

This is also the time of year we usually get one or two questions about using laboratory computers for preparing taxes (sometimes in the form of a helpdesk ticket to have tax software installed).

While the laboratory's Policy on Computing allows some incidental use of laboratory computers, if you probably don't want to have your taxes - or other personal information you want to keep private - on them.

Each laboratory computer is subject to the "Notice to Users" banner which is either displayed as a sticker on the computer or monitor or as part of the login process. Although normally the laboratory respects the privacy of information stored on its computers, there is no "right" to privacy. This means any private information you choose to put on Laboratory computers could be examined by personnel the laboratory authorizes to do so - our own Fermilab Cybersecurity Incident Response Team (FCIRT), DOE investigators and even law enforcement, if necessary.

Further, although the laboratory has strict policies and procedures for protecting personally identifiable information that it collects to conduct its business, such as human relations information, it has no obligation to protect private information that you choose to put on your laboratory computer. The best practice, is to keep your private information on your home computer, where it's under your control.

-- Mark Kaletka

Accelerator Update

Monday, Feb. 16

- Smart cuisine: Spicy beef & rice soup
- Corned beef reuben
- Smart cuisine: Honey dijon glazed pork loin
- Smart cuisine: Vegetable lasagna
- Chicken oriental wrap pineapple
- Assorted sliced pizza
- Smart cuisine: Pacific Rim rice bowl

[Wilson Hall Cafe Menu](#)

Chez Leon

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Lunch

- Swiss steak
- Mashed potatoes
- Steamed broccoli
- Praline cheesecake

Thursday, Feb. 19

Dinner

- Closed

[Chez Leon Menu](#)

Call x3524 to make your reservation.

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U.S Visa applications still lengthy

Visa applicants still should expect long waits at U.S. Consulates during their Visa application process, largely because of the additional security clearances that usually are conducted on individuals working in high-energy physics.

These clearances average 60 days to complete, which means that the application takes two to three months from start to Visa issuance. Past experiences – even from as recently as two years ago – are not indicative of the length of time involved in current Visa issuance. The Visa Office has reported that, since summer 2008, most Fermilab employees are averaging two or more months to receive their Visas.

All foreign Fermilab employees planning to make Visa applications during travel abroad (regardless of whether they are traveling on business or for personal reasons) must review the [Visa Office's Travel Advisory](#).

The Visa Office recommends managers also review this information. Fermilab's foreign employees travelling on business and planning to apply for Visas while abroad must advise the Travel Office of such plans during the travel authorization process. Employees and their managers should also review the [laboratory Policy for Assignments Abroad](#) during lengthy Visa applications.

In the News

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 final version

From the ***Alliance for Science & Technology Research*** in America, Feb. 14, 2009

The U.S. Senate gave final approval to the compromise version of the \$787 billion American Recovery & Reinvestment Act late on Feb.13, 2009. In the House vote hours earlier, no Republicans voted in favor of the bill, and seven Democrats voted against it. This document will be updated with more detail as information becomes available. President Obama is expected to sign the bill by Presidents' Day, Feb. 16. ASTRA has created this preliminary analysis of significant R&D funding components of the package.

[Read more](#)

In the News

Feb. 11-13

- Cross Gallery transformer failure
- Loss of power caused loss of MCR controls
- TeV dump switches were damaged
- Pbar bendbus power supply cable suffered ground fault
- New transformer staged for connection

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Announcements

Latest Announcements

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[Bulgarian Dance Workshop, Feb. 12](#)

[Barn Dance Feb. 15](#)

[Kyuki Do classes - Feb. 16](#)

[Facilitating Meetings That Work class offered Feb. 16](#)

[Fermilab Blood Drive Feb. 17 & 18](#)

[Argentine Tango Classes begin Feb. 18](#)

[NALWO - Mardi Gras Potluck Dinner - Feb. 20](#)

[Discount tickets: World's Toughest Rodeo presents Toughest Cowboy - Feb. 21](#)

[NALWO - Brown Bag Lunch Program - "Australia: Travels in the Land Down Under" - Feb. 24](#)

Tom Hanks and Ron Howard visit CERN

From *New Scientist*, Feb. 12, 2009

A clash of parallel universes took place at the site of the [world's biggest machine](#) today.

One cosmos carried a seemingly plausible plot to destroy the Vatican with "a bomb of unstoppable power" based on antimatter. This universe was populated with two stellar objects, Hollywood actor Tom Hanks and director Ron Howard.

The second consisted of a mysterious brotherhood of scientists who lurk in a subterranean lab. Represented by Rolf Landau of CERN, they are racing to crack an enduring mystery - why the cosmos is [badly lacking in antimatter](#), the ultimate "Alice in Wonderland" material.

[Read more](#)

[English Country Dancing, March 1](#)

[Introduction to LabVIEW class offered March 5](#)

[NALWO - Adler Planetarium Trip - March 21](#)

[Child Care program offered - deadline March 24](#)

[Conflict Management & Negotiation Skills class offered April 1](#)

[Interpersonal Communication Skills class being offered April 8](#)

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