

Calendar

Wednesday, December 21

11:00 a.m. Fermilab ILC R&D Meeting -
1 West

Speakers: S. Mishra and Others,
Fermilab

Title: Report on ILC-GDE Meeting at
Frascati

3:30 p.m. Director's Coffee Break -
2nd Flr X-Over

- There will be no colloquium today.

Thursday, December 22

There will be no Theoretical Physics
Seminar, Director's Coffee Break, or
Accelerator Physics and Technology
Seminar today.

Weather



Patchy Fog **27°/11°**

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Current Security Status

[Secou Level 3](#)

Wilson Hall Cafe

Wednesday, December 21

- Italian Wedding w/Meatballs
- Diner Style Patty Melt
- Chicken a la Mer
- Beef & Broc
- Greek Chicken Panini w/Feta Cheese
- Sicilian Style Pizza

The Wilson Hall Cafe accepts Visa,
Master Card, Discover and American

Protect Your Computer From "Social Engineering" Attacks

When the holiday season approaches, we often see an increase in attacks against our computers. These attacks range from wasteful chain letters and hoaxes to viruses and network attacks and even so-called "social engineering" attacks. Your computer security and incident response teams would like to take a moment to offer a quick refresher on digital self-defense.

- Do not run unknown programs, even screen-savers, that someone sends you, or sends you a link to.

- Do not forward chain letters, petitions or even warning messages that you receive from non-authoritative sources.

- NOBODY ever has a legitimate reason to ask you for your personal password, or to ask you to change it to something of their choosing. Such inquiries about passwords or any similar requests that appear strange or unusual to you for information related to security or operations at Fermilab should be reported immediately to computer-security@fnal.gov or x2345 as possible incidents.

- If your duties include changing passwords for others and you are asked to do so, be positive that you are communicating with the right person.

Don't hesitate to require confirmation of their identity from a mutual acquaintance -- it's for their protection as well as yours.

Safe and Healthy Holidays



There are many great things about the upcoming holidays: decorating the house; gathering with family and friends; experiencing the delight and thrill of children as they tear into this year's gifts; enjoying a wonderful meal. Most important, however, is to have safe and healthy holidays. The Office of Environment, Safety, and Health provides some tips, from fireplace safety to children's toys to traveling by car. The information is at this [Website](#).

Milestones



Valery Lebedev - one of key contributors to the Tevatron Run II luminosity progress - turns 50 today. His Accelerator Division colleagues congratulate him with jubilee! (Click on image for larger version.)

Announcements

Express at Cash Register #1.

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Chez Leon

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Closed

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- As always, report suspected computer security incidents to computer-security@fnal.gov. If it seems urgent, go straight to the helpdesk or call 840-2345.

Sincerely,
Fermilab Computer Security Team & Fermilab Computer Incident Response Team

In the News

**From PhysOrg.com,
December 19, 2005:**

Astronomers Gain Clues About Fundamental Physics

An international team of astronomers has looked at something very big -- a distant galaxy -- to study the behavior of things very small -- atoms and molecules -- to gain vital clues about the fundamental nature of our entire Universe. The team used the National Science Foundation's Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope (GBT) to test whether the laws of nature have changed over vast spans of cosmic time.

"The fundamental constants of physics are expected to remain fixed across space and time; that's why they're called constants! Now, however, new theoretical models for the basic structure of matter indicate that they may change. We're testing these predictions." said Nissim Kanekar, an astronomer at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO), in Socorro, New Mexico.

So far, the scientists' measurements show no change in the constants. "We've put the most stringent limits yet on some changes in these constants, but that's not the end of the story," said Christopher Carilli, another NRAO astronomer.

Looking for Dancing over the Holidays?

International Folk Dancing and Scottish Country Dancing at Fermilab are meeting without a break in schedule. Scottish is every Tuesday at 7:30 pm. and International is every Thursday at 7:30 p. m. at the Village Barn. All are welcome. No partners are needed. For more info, call 630-584-0825 or 630-840-8194 or email folkdance@fnal.gov

Women's Self Defense Class

Could you effectively defend yourself if attacked? This class builds on the natural strengths that women possess for effective self-defense. Class will be held at the Kuhn Barn on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 PM beginning January 18 – February 22. The cost is \$35.00 for the 6-week session. More information can be found at [the recreation Website](#). Deadline to register is January 13.

Yoga Class

Hatha Yoga makes use of physical poses or Asanas, breathing techniques or Pranayama, and meditation in order to bring the body in perfect health and for more subtle spiritual elements of the mind to emerge freely. The next 8-week session of Yoga will begin January 17 through March 7. The class is held on Tuesdays in the ground floor Auditorium from noon to 1 p.m. Recreation Membership is *not* required, the cost for the 8-week program is \$80.00. Beginners welcomed, just be sure to bring a yoga mat. The deadline to register is January 13. Registrations can be made in the Recreation Office or find more information [here](#).

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