

Layoff Information

On July 2, Fermilab Director Pier Oddone announced the cancellation of involuntary layoffs in response to supplemental funds provided to the laboratory. More information is available [here](#).

Calendar

Wednesday, July 9

3:30 p.m.
DIRECTOR'S COFFEE
BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over

THERE WILL BE NO
FERMILAB COLLOQUIUM
THIS WEEK

Thursday, July 10

1 p.m.
Physics and Detector
Seminar - West Wing, WH-
10NW

Speaker: V. Kuchler,
Fermilab
Title: Update on CFS Status
and Dubna Site

2:30 p.m.

[Theoretical Physics
Seminar](#) - Curia II
Speaker: D. Bettinelli,
Universita Milano
Title: Electroweak Model
Based on the Nonlinearly-
Realized Gauge Group SU
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3:30 p.m.
DIRECTOR'S COFFEE
BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over

THERE WILL BE NO
ACCELERATOR PHYSICS
AND TECHNOLOGY
SEMINAR TODAY

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Weather



Sunny
82°/60°

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Feature

Dispelling stereotypes one single at a time



Mark Jackson

The crowd of Chicago singles perused their most eligible peers: a doctor, a clothing designer, a successful entrepreneur, a professional baseball player, a physicist....

Wait. A physicist?

Yup. Particle astrophysicist Mark Jackson stood in the swanky Museum of Contemporary Art surrounded by many of the city's rich and influential. While few people likely understood what he does for a living -- study black holes and primordial ooze left over from the Big Bang - they did understand his nonacademic title: One of Chicago's top 10 bachelors.

"In our search for successful, interesting candidates, some professions pop up year in and year out (doctors, lawyers, etc.), but we are always on the watch for people whose success is defined by more than just salary," said Chicago Magazine editor Jennifer Wehunt. "Mark revealed himself to be a down-to-earth, funny, good-hearted guy."

Jackson was selected as one of 10 men and 10 women ranked 2008 Most Eligible Singles in the magazine's [July issue](#).

Hundreds of people paid for a chance to meet the certified good catches last month at a fundraiser for Northwestern Memorial Hospital's prostate cancer gene [therapy program](#) at the museum.

Jackson got interested in the list when he attended the charity event previously and noticed none of the top singles had science backgrounds. He thought having a scientist on the list would make the public think twice before they write off science as uncool.

Read [the full story](#)

-- Tona Kunz

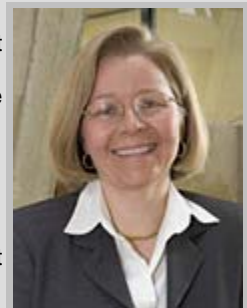
Photo of the Day

From the Finance Section

Looking ahead

Cindy Conger, chief financial officer and head of the Finance Section, wrote this week's column

As you all know, we received some great news last week. Fermilab will receive \$29.5 million in supplemental funds for FY08. The money allows us to avoid involuntary layoffs and to restart the NOvA neutrino project.



Cindy Conger

Now our focus will shift back to planning for the FY09 budget. The preparations for FY09 began in February 2007, when the laboratory submitted its request for FY09 funding to DOE's Office of High Energy Physics. A year later, the President submitted to Congress his budget request for the entire federal government.

In response to the President's request and the guidance we received from OHEP, we updated our budget request in February of this year. We laid out our financial plans according to the more than 40 different categories in which OHEP provides our funds.

This month, our director will make a preliminary allocation of funds to each division, section and center (DSC) according to the laboratory's program priorities and based upon the best information available at this time about the funding DOE will provide. The head of each DSC will turn that guidance into a detailed financial plan, or budget, for the year.

If you're counting, this is our third iteration of the FY09 budget. The U.S. Senate and House are working on their FY09 appropriation bills, so there will likely be one more when DOE adjusts its allocation to our laboratory in response to the final funding bill passed by Congress and signed by the President.

A key element of the laboratory's budget process is the DSC Budget Reviews that occur in the fall. Each Budget Review brings together the senior management

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[Wilson Hall Cafe](#)

Wednesday, July 9

- Portabello harvest grain
- Smart cuisine: roasted pepper & artichoke quesadilla
- Hoisin chicken
- Smart cuisine: salmon Provencal
- Cuban panini
- Assorted slice pizza
- Pesto shrimp linguini w/leeks & tomatoes

[Wilson Hall Cafe Menu](#)

[Chez Leon](#)

Wednesday, July 9 Lunch

- Stuffed portabella mushroom
- Salad of field greens
- Fresh fruit tarts

Thursday, July 10 Dinner

- Green bean, feta & walnut salad
- Medallions of beef w/cabernet sauce
- Roasted baby potatoes
- Vegetables of the season
- Pear tart

[Chez Leon Menu](#)

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Sitting pretty



TD's Lucy Litvinenko submitted this photo from July 3 of a bird sitting in a flower box behind the Industrial Central Building.

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Fermilab saved from chopping block--for now

From *Scientific American*, July 7, 2008

A spending package signed into law last week by President Bush will provide enough cash to stave off the sacking of 90 employees at financially strapped Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) in Batavia, Ill., the nation's leading particle physics lab.

Acting Deputy Secretary of Energy Jeffrey Kupfer told Fermilab it will receive a \$29.5-million infusion, including \$9.5 million for a key neutrino experiment planned to be completed in 2014.

But it remains to be seen whether Congress will dole out enough funds to keep the lab operating at its current capacity in fiscal year 2009.

The emergency spending measure was passed after Fermilab offered employee buyouts to ease a nearly six-month budget crunch triggered when lawmakers cut its funding by \$20 million from the year before.

Judy Jackson, a lab spokesperson, said that 50 workers took the buyout two weeks ago, even though the Senate had passed the bill and the president had signaled he would sign it. But she notes that Fermilab would have had to ax another 90 employees if the new funds, part of \$62.5 million forked over to the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science, had not been approved.

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Office of Science announces new funding plan

team and all DSC heads or their designees. Each DSC head presents what can be accomplished with the budget, the funding shortfalls that might exist and the impact of those shortfalls. The reviews serve as an important "peer review" and provide an annual forum for senior management to fully understand each organization's financial plan.

FY08 taught us that budgeting for a government-funded entity like ours can be a roller-coaster ride. May FY09 be a smoother trip!

[Safety Update](#)

ES&H weekly report, July 8

This week's safety report, compiled by the Fermilab ES&H section, lists no reportable injuries. One injury from April was reclassified as a reportable injury. Since that incident, the laboratory has worked 72 days without a reportable injury. Find the full report [here](#).

[Safety report archive](#)

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[Have a safe day!](#)

Performance reviews due

It is the time of year to reflect on our past year's performance. Please note that completion of the following portions of the review process must occur in July 2008:

- [2007-2008 accomplishment report](#) (completed by employee July 15)
- [2007-2008 performance review form](#) (completed by manager in July)

You will also set goals for the 2008-2009 review period after your initial discussions with your manager in July. If you have any questions about the [performance review process](#), please contact the [Employee Relations department](#).

Tevatron featured on "Modern Marvels" TV show

The History Channel will show the premiere of "Modern Marvels: Crashes" on Thursday, July 10, at 8 p.m. CDT. The program includes a five-minute section on the proton-antiproton "crashes" that the Tevatron collider produces. A film crew came to Fermilab in April to interview scientists and film the segment.

Accelerated C++ Short Course

On August 4, Fermilab will offer the first session of Accelerated C++: A Short Course in Practical Programming by Example. The eight-session course teaches computer programming in modern standard C++. Participants receive TRAIN

From *AIP FYI*, July 8, 2008

Earlier today, the Department of Energy's Office of Science announced how it would distribute the \$62.5 million it received under the recently-enacted supplemental appropriations bill. This announcement follows a meeting last week at Fermilab during which DOE Acting Deputy Secretary Jeffrey Kupfer told Fermilab employees "this difficult time has come to an end." Kupfer was referring to cutbacks in staffing and research programs that had been made as a result of a far less-than-expected FY 2008 appropriation for the Office of Science. Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL), Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL), and Rep. Bill Foster (D-IL) also spoke at the July 2 Fermilab event.

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credit upon successful completion of the course. No tuition is charged; the only cost is for the required textbooks. A subsidy is available for most students. Walter Brown, who participates on Fermilab's behalf in the international C++ standardization effort, is the course instructor. Register [here](#).

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