

CAROLINA @ BRIEF

Physicists uncover neutrino role at lab

Two University of South Carolina physicists are part of an international team of scientists who have uncovered the role that neutrinos have in the evolution of the

USC's Sanjib Mishra and Carl Rosenfeld are on the research team that conducted the Main Injector Neutrino Oscillation Search (MINOS) experiment, part of a \$170 million research effort under way at the U.S. Department of Energy's Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory.

By sending a highintensity beam of muon neutrinos from the lab's site in Batavia, Ill., to a particle detector in Soudan, Minn., scientists observed the disappearance of a significant fraction of these neutrinos. The observation is consistent with an effect known as neutrino oscillation, in which neutrinos change from one kind to another.

THIS WEEK @ USC

TODAY

Gamecock Press Conference and Celebration: 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Russell House Patio

Percussion Ensemble Concert: 7:30 p.m., School

of Music 206 TUESDAY

Adventures in Wikiland: The Wild World of Wide-Open Web Collaboration: 2 p.in., Thomas Cooper Library 412

WEDNESDAY Slam Poet Komplex:

12:30 p.m., Russell House Patio

Laura Nevitt Student Composition Recital: 5:30 p.m., School of Music Recital Hall

Gideon Yago: 8 p.m., Russell House Ballroom

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CUTTING A RUG FOR CHARITY



Students dance at RHA's Spring Charity Ball on Friday at the Columbia Conference Center. About 120 people attended, and the event raised more than \$4,000.

State

Chinese vice premier addresses outsourcing

Amid pressure from the United States to loosen her country's currency controls and let the yuan trade freely on world markets, Chinese Vice Premier Wu Yi arrived Sunday on a two-day visit to South Carolina to talk trade and investment.

of several Southern states that have lost thousands of textile industry jobs to intense Chinese competition in recent years.

"That's one of the reasons we've gone after them so aggressively," said Jenny Sanford, who greeted the delegation on behalf of her husband, Gov. Mark terrorism!" Sanford.

Nation

Intruder apprehended on White House lawn

A screaming intruder made it onto the front lawn of the White House Sunday while President Bush was at home before being apprehended by Secret Service officers.

South Carolina is one man as "someone who has come to our attention in the violence. past as a fence jumper."

> The bearded man wearing blue jeans and a white T-shirt that said "God

World

Israel advised against Palestinian relations

JERUSALEM - Top Israeli security officials on Sunday recommended cutting all ties with the Hamas-led Palestinian government and ruled out peace talks with the Palestinian president, Secret Service spokesman Mahmoud Abbas, as long Eric Zahren described the as the Islamic militant group refuses to renounce

The recommendation, which essentially approved what has been Israeli policy since Hamas won elections Bless America," jumped the in January, raised the fence outside the White likelihood that Israel will House, and ran across the push forward with acting north lawn while repeatedly Prime Minister Ehud yelling, "I am a victim of Olmert's plan to impose a border in the West Bank by

Weather Forecast

MED.

RIME REPO

THURSDAY, APRIL 6 Malicious injury to real property,

TODAY

School of Nursing, 1621 College St.

The complainant, 29, said someone drew a symbol on the elevator wall.

Estimated value: \$50 Reporting officer: W. Guyon

Larceny of wallet,

Speech and Hearing, 2718 Middleburg Dr.

The complainant, 26, said someone removed a black wallet.

Estimated value: \$22 Reporting officer: W. Guyon

Assistance rendered, I p.m. Russell House, 1400 Greene St The victim, 20, said she was feeling lightheaded and was about to faint. Reporting officer:

FRI.

Auto break-in, petit larceny of stereo, 10 p.m.

Coliseum Lot B, 800 Devine St.

W. Guyon

The complainant, 23, said someone broke out the passenger side rear vent window and stole a JVC CD player and a car

Estimated value: \$850 Reporting officer: N. Peter

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Assault, 2:45 a.m. Moore Dorm, 601 Sumter St.

The victim, 18, said a known subject touched her inappropriately several times.

Reporting officer: M.A. Winnington

Labor shortages, rising cost of materials hinder roads

Kellı Kennedy THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO, Fla. - The cost of building roads has gotten so high, even dirt isn't cheap. And that spike is causing Florida and other states to delay the construction of highways, increasing traffic congestion.

Engineers say Florida and elsewhere is 65.3 percent from \$4.38 in forcing road builders to compete with construction companies for workers, material and equipment. Surging fuel prices, China's insatiable demand for concrete and steel and the reconstruction of Iraq are also pushing U.S. road construction costs higher.

"It's certainly been challenging. We plan for cost increases but this has been a situation that a lot of events have come together all at one time," said Lowell Clary of the Florida Department of Transportation.

highway material costs congestion.

were steady, with a 12-year average increase of only 1.8 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Now they're rising nationwide.

In Florida, concrete is up 32.8 percent a unit, from \$564 in 2004 to \$749 last year.

Prices for reinforced steel and asphalt have also jumped, according to reconstruction from the the Florida Department eight hurricanes that have of Transportation. Even hit the United States a cubic yard of dirt or since 2004 combined with "earthwork" cost \$7.24 a population boom in on average in 2005, up

> Florida has about 8,000 projects in various stages in its five-year work program, but was forced to defer 62 of them when its highway budget came up short about \$1 billion,

> Clary said. Seven projects were deferred in booming Miami-Dade County, totaling \$140.6 million. Ricky Leme often sits in bumper to bumper traffic in an area where one of the projects has been postponed.

He said delaying the Until 2004, national work will only increase

Police Bulletin

USCPD is seeking your assistance.

If you were in the vicinity of Five Points (Jungle Jim's), or any area between Five Points and the Coker Life Sciences building or Towers area between 2 and 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 1, please call Capt. Streater at 777-5102.

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