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'A Bunch of Peggy Bundys?'

"Not only was this poll a waste of taxpayer's hard-earned money, but it was also an insult to women," said O'Connor. "How can Forbes assume that women would be more ignorant and sympathetic to his cause. Does he think we're all a just a bunch of Peggy Bundys?"

"My message to Congressman Forbes is that women make informed decisions," declared O'Connor, who had informed the crowd that she had worked inside the reactor building through two healthy pregnancies.

She continued, "Forbes stated that the 'aging and leaking reactor' must be permanently shut down, and that, if it wasn't, then the result would be 'total loss of public confidence in the Lab [that could] lead to the entire Lab's shutdown. How many times does he have to be told that science is not looking? The leak is coming from the spent-fuel pool, which is separate from the reactor and is currently undergoing repairs. Who is he to threaten us by saying that, if the reactor isn't shut down, cancer is the future of the Lab at stake? He is deliberately misleading the public in an attempt to turn everyone against the [HFBR]."

"Asking a rhetorical question, I am just thinking two things. First, what is Forbes' decision? And, if Forbes already has made up his mind about the HFBR, why is he bothering to ask some of us our opinions?"

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Second Session On HFBR's Future
So the public can continue to learn about the decision-making process, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is following to determine the future of the High Flux Beam Reactor (HFBR). The information session is scheduled for Monday, October 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Brookhaven National Laboratory, in Manorville. All are invited.

At this session, members of the general public, including representatives of local civic groups and the community, will have the opportunity to ask questions and to express their views on the future of the HFBR.

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Badminton Season
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Two courts on the west side of the gym may be reserved weekdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call Jay Adams, Ext. 4596, or view the club’s Web page at http://www.bminton.bnl.gov.

Pool Schedule
The new, three-month schedule at the swimming pool will begin on Wednesday, October 1, and will end on Wednesday, December 31. Purchase tickets at the pool during open hours:

Open Hours
• Monday through Friday
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. employees only
1:30 - 2 p.m. speed swimming/training
5 - 8:30 p.m. employees, families, guests
• Saturday & Sunday
1-5 p.m. employees, families, guests
The pool is closed on all Lab holidays.

Fee Schedule
• Daily Admissions
  employee/family member $2.00
guest $3.00
• Season Tickets (pool must be pre-arranged)
  individual $42.00
  family $53.00

*Guest ruling: One guest per employee is permitted without prior arrangement. Advance arrangements for additional guests, up to five per employee, must be made at the Recreation Office, Personnel Division, Bldg. 185. Guests must be accompanied by the sponsoring employee.

Bowling
Red and Green League
J. Tauer 205.
White and Purple League
Wanted: Men Bowlers
The men’s bowling league is desperately seeking male bowlers for Tuesday night games in Port Jefferson aftererson. You don’t have to be a great bowler, just a willing one. For more information, call Debbie Botts, Ext. 3888, or Tracy Blydenburgh, Ext. 4422.

Arrivals & Departures
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J ohn Buttacavoli
Christopher D. Cleary
Central Shops
Jiri Koumik
8/1/93

Departures
This list includes all employees who have terminated from the Lab, including retirees:
Bruce W. Baker
Safeguard & Sec.
Edward A. Fieger Jr.
Reactor
Wei G. He
Adv. Technology
Spyridon Margaritis
Physics
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The following trips are being offered by BERA this fall. For more information, call M. Kay Defalmo Ext. 2873, or Andrea Dehler, Ext. 3347.
• New York City, Do Your Own Thing! — Saturday, October 18, $16/person. Bus leaves BNL at 9 a.m. and NYC at 5 p.m. Drop-off points are the Metropolitan Museum of Art at 81st Street and 5th Avenue, and the Museum of Natural History at West 79th Street and Central Park West.
• Atlantic City — Saturday, November 15, $20/person age 18 years or over only. Bus leaves BNL at 8 a.m. for a six-hour stay.