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Borough Council Report

Sewer Plant Costs Rise

Lone Pine Continues as Threat to Community

by Adeline Weiner

In reporting on utilities at the February Borough Council meeting, Council woman Rose Murphy proposed an ordinance to supply funds for two unanticipated costs in the sewer plant repair program: the installation of a fire suppression system (\$55,000) and the removal of sludge from the Imhoff tank (\$45,000).

On the first, the plans prepared by T&M Associates had to be modified to comply with the State building inspector's order to install a sprinkler in the chemical feed plant. The sludge problem seems to have been previously overlooked by everyone.

The ordinance commits a portion of the water/sewer capital improvement fund to cover the total cost of \$100,000. Mrs. Murphy announced that Roosevelt will meet its commitment to NJDEP to complete the sewer system repair by May 1, 1992.

Roosevelt Hosts Seminar

Mrs. Murphy also announced that Roosevelt will organize a one-day seminar mandated by OSHA to train municipal workers in safety procedures for confined spaces. She expects participants from neighboring municipalities to join the course and help defray the \$1,120

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Planning Board Moves Forward with Fiscal Impact Study

by Susan Oxford

The Planning Board heard the report of the Fiscal Impact Committee at the Board's regular meeting on February 12. As part of the planning process for the northern 500 acres, the Committee is attempting to ascertain the probable financial impact on the Borough of various development and non-development options.

Rutgers University Professor David Listokin has volunteered to assist the Borough in this undertaking. On January 20, he met with Board Chair Gail Hunton and Planning Board members Bert Ellentuck, Michael Ticktin (who serves as the Chairman of the Fiscal Impact Committee) and Lee Allen.

Mr. Ticktin reported to the Board that, in Professor Listokin's opinion, the only two factors that appear to have the potential for imposing significant additional costs to the

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Bulletin Board

Auction of Former Community Residence Set for March 26

The Bureau of Real Property Management of the New Jersey Department of the Treasury has announced that it will offer the former community residence at 40 Pine Drive at an auction sale to be held on March 26. The sale will take place at 11:00 a.m. at the 9th floor bid room at 33 West State Street, Trenton.

The minimum acceptable bid will be \$130,000. A nonrefundable down payment of 10% is required and settlement must occur on or before June 30, 1992. Securing financing is the purchaser's responsibility. Anyone wishing further information is advised to call (609) 292-9694.

Synagogue News

The festival of Purim will be celebrated with the reading of the Megillat Esther at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18. Hamantashen and other refreshments will be served. All members and friends of the Congregation are invited.

-- Michael Ticktin, President

First Aid Squad Sponsors Blood Drive in March

by Susan Oxford

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad is sponsoring its semiannual blood drive for the town on Thursday evening, March 26th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall. Anyone age 18 and up who is in good health is eligible to donate, and if you are 17 years old you can donate with your parent's consent.

Those of you who have donated before can attest to the wonderful baked goods that are always available for snacking afterwards. So come join us on the 26th of March, and help make this blood drive the biggest one yet!

If you have any questions about the blood drive, or want to volunteer to help with the baking, please contact June Counterman at 448-3182 or Susan Oxford at 443-0525.

If you are unable to donate at this time, but want to learn more about the First Aid Squad, drop by on the 26th and talk to any of the squad members present. We have openings for a few new members at this time.

Watch for Important Information
Roosevelt now recycles
Plastic Bottles and Containers

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Roosevelt TV

Nursery School News

by Peter Warren

If all goes well, the first monthly broadcasts of Roosevelt TV (tentative name) will be seen by home viewers on Storer Cable Channel 8 on Tuesday March 24th (rebroadcast Tuesday March 31st) at 6 p.m. Future programs will be presented the last two Tuesdays of each month.

Initially, there will be one half hour program and one rebroadcast each month. The format will contain three parts: announcements of coming events under the aegis of the Borough Council, the Board of Education, the Planning board, Environmental commission and other organizations; questions and answers about public policy (the budget, ordinances, construction projects, etc.); and views of educational and cultural activities that have taken place in town.

The founders of Roosevelt TV are Larissa Bondy, Scott Hartman, Jan Plumb, Margaret Schlinski, Dan Skye, Eric Vuolle and Peter Warren. If you have ideas or skills to contribute, please contact one of the above.

Students at RCNS are entering the second half of the school year on a high note, punctuated by the success of the recent Concert for Young Children and Their Families featuring Howie Jacobson, on the kind recommendation of David Brahinsky who was unable to do the program this year.

February, so rich in holidays, was full of special projects that brought the children from Ground Hog Day to Washington's cherry tree, on to Lincoln's log cabin, then a contemporary Valentine's Day program followed up by Dental Health Day programs.

Parents, too, were on a roll. The fundraising committee, now chaired by Debbie Fisher and Ellen Silverman, planned a successful bake sale - thanks to all who purchased, as well as those who baked! Among the other events planned by this energetic team are a spaghetti dinner (watch the Bulletin for date and time) and a town-wide yard sale before big garbage day

in the spring. Please save your saleables.

In the classroom, teaching assistant Anita Allen retired in December just before the birth of her second daughter. Dianna Moore, a founding member of the school who is active on many fronts, has assumed classroom duties as teaching assistant. Debbie Fisher has been hired as a regular substitute.

Looking to next school year, registrations are now being accepted for children who will be at least 2 1/2 years of age by September 1, 1992. Potty training is not required for the program. Parents are encouraged to call the school for information and to make arrangements to come in to observe their prospective students. Call head teacher Donna Ventola at the school, (609) 426-9523.

As always, thanks to all who continue to support our school and its programs. Special thanks to the Board of congregation Anshei Roosevelt.

-- Joan Grossman, 448-9385

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School Board News

School Referendum Approved

by Bob Clark

On the heels of strong voter approval of a \$950,000 bond sale to refurbish and expand the Roosevelt Public School (RPS) building, the School Board quickly moved ahead with renovation plans. By a nearly two-to-one margin -- 192 to 102 -- about half of the Borough's registered voters approved the February 11 referendum.

Board President John Ord thanked community supporters referendum the particularly praised the work of Board members, an Ad Hoc Committee for Facility Planning, the PTA, Mayor Emeritus Leon Barth and Mary Alfare. Barth, Mr. Ord, Council Member William Counterman, Planning Board Chair Gail Hunton, Board Vice President Margaret School Schlinski, Chief Administrator (CSA) Harry Groveman, and Board members Edward Grossman, Allen Newrath, Harry Parker (also a member of the Planning Board) and Jan Plumb served on the Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Ord chaired the Committee, which reviewed

various architectural proposals submitted by L. Robert Kimball & Associates.

The Board approved Mr. Groveman's recommendation to retain Lance Berens and Envi-Rx Laboratories as its consultant for the asbestos removal portion of the project. For a fee of \$2,000, plus testing fees, the consultant will develop specifications, hold pre-bid meeting with contractors and manage the asbestos removal that must precede the rest of the renovations. The consultant will also determine whether federal reimbursement funds available. Mr. Groveman said the goal is to complete the asbestos abatement project during spring break. He added that the school would be empty, and contractors would likely submit lower prices to obtain work before their busier summer months. Mr. Groveman said the asbestos removal should be done as soon as possible because the last asbestos report indicated the presence of unsatisfactory friable asbestos in the boiler room and

crawl space. The crawl space has been sealed off, and warning signs have been posted in the boiler room.

Mr. Ord announced that he and Mr. Parker would attend a school construction seminar on March 7. He said he would probably appoint another ad hoc committee to oversee the Meanwhile, the construction. Board authorized the Kimball firm to prepare preliminary plans for submittal to the State Bureau of Facility Review. Finally, the Board is aiming to hold the bond sale around mid-June or early July. The bulk of the construction could follow shortly after the bond sale.

Mr. Groveman said the Attorney General would probably take about 30 to 40 days to review and approve the bond sale. On Mr. Groveman's recommendation, the Board also authorized its auditing firm, Seaman & Co., to seek three special financing conditions from the State's Local Finance Board to potentially ease the burden on present local taxpayers. The

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District will ask the Finance Board to allow a recall provision in case more favorable financing is available in the future, an extension of the maturity schedule from 20 years to 22 years and ballooning of the payments toward the end of the repayment period.

Representatives of the Roosevelt Board were scheduled to meet on February 20 with representatives of the Millstone School District to discuss the possibility of regionalization. Two such meetings have already been held with representatives of the East Windsor Regional School District. Mr. Groveman has said that such meetings will prepare the districts to take advantage of any conditions favoring regionalization, including possible financial incentives from the State.

Board members planned to attend the Borough Council's March 9, get-acquainted meeting with the three state legislators representing the newly-created 30th District, which includes Roosevelt. The Board approved CSA Groveman's suggestion to write to the legislators asking

them to support Governor Jim Florio's plan to revalue pension plans and pass all the money saved on to financially strapped school districts. The letter also asked the legislators to allow school elections to occur on April 7 as originally scheduled. Meanwhile, a compromise bill advanced in the Legislature to set the election date for April 28 rather than delay it until May 12 as Republicans had originally advocated. The April 28 date would allow the Republicancontrolled Legislature time to consider the Florio proposal and possible alternatives.

At the election voters will decide whether to approve the Roosevelt District's budget and will fill three seats on the Board. Incumbents Allen Newrath and Lauralynne Cokeley and newcomer Maureen Clark filed petitions to run for three seats, including one which will be vacated by Jan Plumb at the end of her term. [Ed. Bob Clark has indicated that if his wife is elected to the Board, he will not report School Board news.]

Mr. Groveman announced that sixth grader Sarah Henry would be RPS's representative for the Monmouth County Student of the Year. He said the selection was a "tough choice" because there were other deserving students in the class. The winner is chosen by Mr. Groveman and RPS teachers based on academics, citizenship

and other qualities.

Mr. Ord said he would appoint another ad hoc committee to monitor continuing solicitation of grants for historic preservation at RPS and its grounds. The Board anticipates receiving \$4,500 from the Monmouth County Historical Commission for improvments to the school foyer with its priceless Shahn mural. The plan is to use the money, and another \$4,500 in matching funds, to improve lighting and set up an historical display.

Mr. Groveman organized a special faculty-PTA program on the topic of "bullying." It is tentatively scheduled for March 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. Mr. Groveman advised parents and community members who wish to attend to call the school in advance so that a large enough meeting room at RPS may be prepared.

Mr. Groveman announced that for the entire month of March Roosevelt students' art work and writing samples will be on display at the State Department of Education building in Trenton. Afterwards, RPS plans to display this and other work in an exhibit at the school.

Mr. Groveman advised that high winds had pulled away a great deal of the flashing from RPS's roof. He added that the school can possibly delay needed repairs to the area until the spring or summer.-

Meet Our New Legislators

by Peter Warren

Roosevelt has always been an anomaly-atown voting 2/3 Democrat in a Republican sea. Our territorial shift in 1992 from the 12th to the new 30th legislative district continues this anomaly.

Last year, our Republican legislators gave the Council vital help in our continuing campaign to return the former autistic home at 40 Pine Drive to our property tax roles.

We will continue to need help in Trenton from our legislators on a number of important pocketbook issues - the Lone Pine litigation, school aid, spill cleanup and, of course, the autistic home.

Therefore, the Council has invited our new legislators to discuss these and other issues with us and with you, the public, on Monday March 9 at 8PM, after the monthly public Council meeting.

They are State Senator John Dimon, and Assemblymen Melvin Cottrell and Robert Singer.

John Dimon, a freshman senator at the age of 75, has a distinguished career. The son of immigrant parents, he saw military service in Europe during the fighting in WWII and then served as a war crimes investigator in Germany.

A practicing lawyer, he became commissioner of the New Jersey Racing Commission and Chairman of the Board of the Bank of Mid-Jersey. Since 1964, he has been a delegate to five Republican Conventions, and staff counsel to two more in 1984 and 1988.

He was chairman of the Burlington County Republican Committee for 10 years, and of the

New Jersey Republican Committees for three, as well as being an aide to Governor William Cahill.

Melvin Cottrell, age 62, worked at the Hightstown Rug Company for 29 years, rising to the position of Assistant Plant Manager, and has been Assistant Superintendent in the Ocean County Building and Grounds Department for 15 years.

He has been Committeemen and Mayor in Jackson (Mayor of the Year in 1988) and Ocean County Committeeman for 10 years. With the Mayor of Millstone, he led the successful fight against the toxic waste incinerator.

Robert Singer was previously Assemblyman 1986-89, and before that, Committeeman and Mayor of Lakewood and Vice-Chairman of the Lakewood Municipal Utilities Authority. In the Assembly, he was active in environmental legislation, help for the elderly, and the Holocaust Victim Memorial Commission.

He served on a number of boards and foundations in Ocean County, including the Monmouth-Ocean Development Council and the Ocean County Association of Retired Citizens, as well as on the New Jersey-Israel Commission.

Senior Citizen News

Senior Citizen Meeting - February 4, 1992

Many things are on the agenda but are tabled for the time being.

TB Tests were given to members wanting them. Everyone was fine.

We welcomed Marty Rotgard at this meeting. We hope to see him often.

Trips and lunches are being discussed and will be finalized soon.

Some of our members are on the sick list: Harry DiGiorgio; Nettie DeVito; Aglore Buote; Ilus Lobl. I'm sure they'd appreciate receiving cards.

Josie Drapola was our hostess. Everyone pitched in to help and enjoyed the coffee and refreshments.

Until next month...

--Helga Wisowaty, Secretary

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Borough from future development are the school system and the utilities system. According to Dr. Listokin, other items in the municipal budget are minor in comparison and would either not be affected by an increase in the Borough's population and housing stock, or would be likely to increase proportionately so that the additional cost would be offset by the additional tax revenue. Nevertheless, Dr. Listokin recommended that the Planning Board consult the individuals involved with various aspects of the municipal government and our emergency services to verify this assumption, a recommendation that the Board indicated it intended to follow.

Mr. Ticktin reported that, since it is possible to require a developer to bear the costs of any upgrading of the utilities systems necessitated by new development, the single most important factor in the fiscal impact analysis for Roosevelt will be the impact on the school. Professor Listokin provided a guideline for the number of school children in elementary grades that different sized dwellings produce on an average. From these numbers, it is possible to calculate the number of students to be expected from a given number of houses or apartments of a specified size.

For instance, Mr. Ticktin reported, a development of 165 three-bedroom detached houses would be expected to house approximately 50 new public school children. From this information, it is possible to

determine whether the existing school structure can accommodate additional development of a particular size and type, or whether such development would force Roosevelt to expand the school building or send additional students outside the district.

Peter Warren reported that he attended a cross-acceptance meeting with the Monmouth County Planning Board on January 31. "Crossacceptance" is a process by which municipalities like Roosevelt can indicate whether they agree or disagree with the designation they have been given in the State Development and Redevelopment Plan. Mr. Warren reported that most of the undeveloped land in the northern part of Roosevelt has been designated as agricultural areas or environmentally sensitive agricultural areas. Mr. Warren is also attempting to have the Borough recognized in the State Plan as a historic district.

Mr. Warren also reported that the Environmental Resource Study being undertaken by the Environmental Commission is progressing. On February 2, approximately 15 volunteers assisted in a field study directed by Dr. Hartman from Rutgers. Ms. Hunton indicated that the Planning Board hopes to complete the Fiscal Impact Study at the same time that the Environmental Resource Study is completed, most likely by this summer.

There were no applications for development approvals or variances before the Board at either its January or February meeting.

Recycling and Garbage News

by David Donnelly,

Councilman/Recycling Coordinator

As of the beginning of March, Roosevelt residents may recycle plastics along with newspapers, bottles, and cans.

Numbers 1 (PET) and 2 (HDPE) plastics, the most prevalent forms of plastic in the waste stream, are the two types of plastics that we can now recycle. Generally, this pertains to beverage containers and laundry detergent containers. These materials must be left in a separate container at the curbside next to your other recyclables every other week.

Another change is that various colored bottles and aluminum and tin cans may now be mixed together in one container. So now there need be only two containers at each curbside on recycling days -- one for plastics and one for cans and bottles. Newspapers of course must be bundled and tied separately.

Upcoming recycling days are March 5 and 19, April 2, 16, and 30. Garbage pickup days will be every Thursday as usual. We will be distributing flyers elaborating on this new program soon. Please look for them in the mail and read them.

Questions? -- call 426-1315

Roosevelt Arts Project News! Open Meeting

On Sunday, March 8, 1992 at 11:00 a.m., the Roosevelt Arts Project will hold an open meeting in the Borough Hall to seek ideas and proposals for community artists, musicians, playwrights, poets and others with suggestions for the 1992-93 season of events.

The Arts Project has several aims in the events it sponsors. For the past several years, it has offered community members involved in creative media such as painting, writing and music a chance to bring new works to the public. Our emphasis has been on collaboration between artists and the events of the past five years have demonstrated that. In addition to providing Roosevelt with thought-provoking and enjoyable entertainment during the winter season, RAP hopes to contribute to the town's cultural resources.

As in the past, proposed events will be put to the entire Arts Project Board of Trustees for approval, rather than being selected by any individual RAP trustee. Members of the RAP Board are:

David Herrstrom, President

David Brahinsky, Treasurer

Judith Trachtenberg, Secretary

Jacob Landau

Bernarda Bryson Shahn

Leslie Weiner

David Keller

Laurie Altman

Alan Mallach

Saliba Sarsar

The Board of RAP also invites suggestions on ways to improve our process for designing each series and selecting each event. Please feel welcome to come on March 8 to express your ideas to make RAP more accessible and inclusive.

The work of the Roosevelt Arts Project is made possible, in part, by a generous grant from the Herman Goldman Foundation and funding from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts through grants administered by the Monmouth County Arts Council.

-- Judith Trachtenberg

Neighborhood Watch

by Peter Warren

Thursday, March 19, will see the kick-off of the Roosevelt Neighborhood Watch program, with a talk and video presentation by Detective Sergeant Ralph Bernard of the State Police.

Some people who have shown an interest in taking part in a Neighborhood Watch program have already been contacted. Others will sign up at the meeting, which will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall.

We have little crime and no police of our own, relying on the State Police for our protection. Setting up a Neighborhood Watch is a measure of cooperation with the State Police. And the comfort level rises knowing the Neighborhood Watch is keeping an eye on your house when you are away.

Et Nos in Illis ... And We Change Too!

New Kids on the Block...

Brian Paul Niederland; Gillian Rindt.

Moving In...

No one, yet.

Moving Out ...

After seven years, Richard and Barbara Dalin, to Hoboken; Roger Huth and Max Phillips; Denise Britten.

Switching...

Wayne and Lauralynne Cokeley to the Dalin house on Pine Drive.

On the Market...

As of February 15, 10 houses for sale.

On Safari...

John Shahn, to France.

Up in Central Park ...

Lasar disc tour guide in The Dairy, music by Ed Cedar, Anita Cervantes and Paul Freedman, starting the first day of spring.

Starring ...

In Final Curtain, a musical produced by East Brunswick's Techniques Theatre, Kristen Yarber.

Awarded ...

West Windsor School Board award of recognition to Ana Lillian Warren as a "creative and dedicated language educator." Cleaning Up...

Leaf encrusted curbs, funded by Clean communities Grant, the Renta-Kid team, Holly Connaughton, Senayit Kassahun, and Lauren Kaufman, supervised by Margaret Schlinski.

Licensed ...

By January 31 deadline, 72 dogs, canines, pooches & mutts; by February 15, 92 dogs out of a total of about 140.

Up for Auction...

By the State, on March 26, the former autistic home at 40 Pine Drive owned by NJ Department of Human Services.

Refunded...

To 142 families, following ordinance revision, \$20,628.01 in penalty overcharges for late water/sewer payments between May 1990 and December 1991.

Completed...

On February 4, replacement of additional 1,296 linear feet of sewer line (in wetland easement) south of Tamara Drive, work started January 17.

Flowing...

Month of January: sewerage 188,000 gpd (DEP ceiling 250,000 gpd); water 110,000 gpd (conservation goal 90,000).

Council Report

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expense involved.

Lone Pine Still Looms

In pursuing the problem of the Lone Pine Toxic Dump issue, which congress has so far failed to resolve, Council Members Peter Warren and Rose Murphy have contacted our new District 30 Legislators, Senator John Dimon, former Chairman of the New Jersey Republican Party, and Assemblymen Robert Singer and Melvin Cottrell.

They have agreed to attend the Borough Council meeting on March 9 to talk about the concerns of the borough. As a major issue, the Council hopes to win their support in the fight against the giant chemical corporations that are trying to force municipalities to pay most of the clean-up costs at the Lone Pine toxic waste dump.

If these corporations are not stopped, the burden to Roosevelt, according to Mrs. Murphy, would be even heavier than the sewer repair debt we now carry.

Additional matters for questions and discussion with our State representatives were suggested, such as funding for schools and aid for transportation. In public discussion, it was urged that the need for State aid in meeting the Borough's huge sewer repair debt also be raised.

The Board of Education

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members and the general public will be invited to participate.

Public Affairs

Peter Warren, Chairman of Community Relations, reported that President Bush's proposed budget contains plans to cut \$17 million from the Community Block Grant funds for New Jersey. He and Mrs. Murphy plan to meet with Congressman Chris Smith to gain his support in this matter.

Another problem brought to the attention of the Council is the request by JCP&L for a 3.2% increase in rates which not only would affect individual residents, but would also increase the Borough's annual street lighting bill. The Council agreed to endorse a resolution of opposition to the increase circulated by Oceanport Borough and sent to

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the State Board of Public Utilities.

Mr. Warren reported on other concerns of his committee, such as the auction on March 26 of the "autistic home" on Pine Drive.

The Borough Cable Committee has arranged with Storer Cable to produce a regular half-hour show about Roosevelt news and cultural activities, to be shown twice a month on Channel 8.

Important Miscellany

Other items of business at the meeting included the introduction of an ordinance that raises the "CAP" for budget purposes from the index rate of 4.5% to 5%.

Councilman David Donnelly announced that there are only 2 1/2 years left for the use of the Tinton Falls landfill; this means that the bulk of solid waste must be sharply reduced. There is a ban on leaves as part of garbage pick-up and this will soon include grass cuttings and garden debris. The Roosevelt set-up at the Borough Hall parking lot for

disposal of junk mail is helpful and should be promoted.

The Senior Citizens Group will receive transportation assistance, but there are no funds, the Council decided, for events such as the last "Lunch and Play" outing, which cost \$619.50.

Mayor Allen appointed three new members to the Environmental Commission to replace Michael Hoffman, Alice Firgau and David Kichula. The new appointees are: Dave Schwendeman, for a three-year term; John Towle, for a three-year term and Brad Garton as an alternate for a two-year term.-

Upcoming Recycling Dates

Thursdays March 5th & 19th April 2nd, 16th, & 30th

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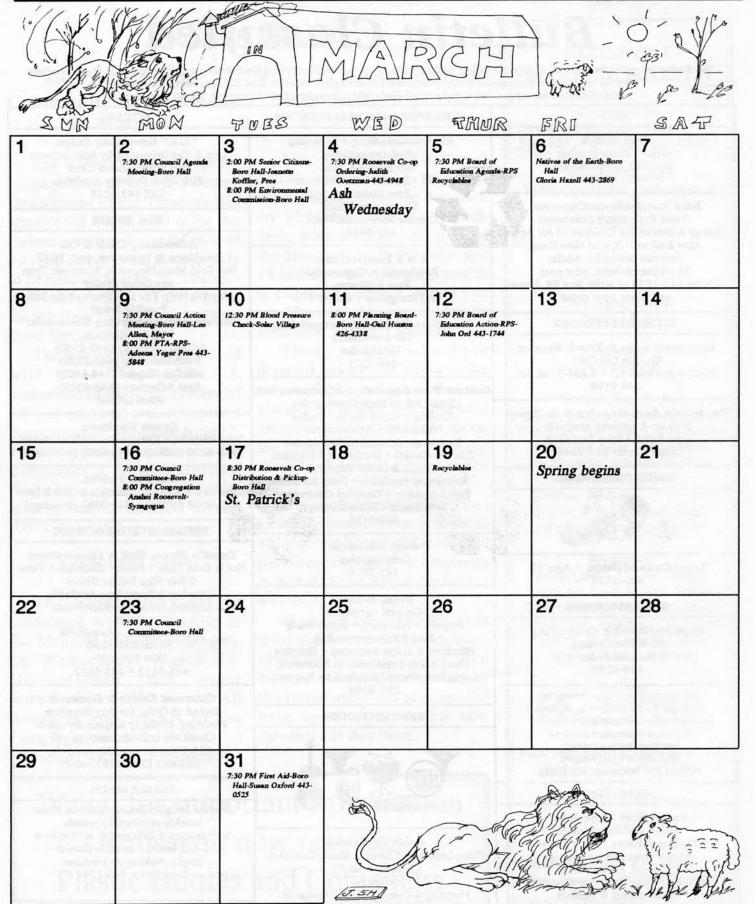
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