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New Emergency Calling System to Start Soon "911" to be Used for All Calls

By Adeline Weiner

In a move to consolidate emergency service in Monmouth County, the county is instituting a 9-1-1 central office for receiving emergency calls. All municipalities are mandated to participate.

Calling Central

Implementation of a county-wide 9-1-1 service will allow any resident to dial these familiar digits instead of looking up telephone numbers for the firehouse or first aid squad, etc. Roosevelt has been assigned the amount of \$2,000 as our share of the cost although there were only 46 emergency calls made from our borough in the period under study, which comes to \$52 per call. However, David Donnelly, head of the Health, Safety and Environment Committee of the Council, said that the county sheriff assured him that future costs would be more in keeping with our low use of emergency services.

The initial outlay is high because of the cost of installing the ap-

propriate equipment and personnel to enable the county center to make immediate contact with every emergency service in every municipality. An ordinance introduced at the March meeting of the borough council will authorize an Interlocal Services Agree-

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This Bulletin is Made Possible by Readers Like You!

Our belief that this newspaper is dear to the hearts of Rooseveltians has been vindicated! The appeals in the last two issues have produced a most welcome number of contributions, for which many, many thanks.

While our publication, except for printing and postage costs is produced solely by volunteers, those costs must be paid. Contributions are ranging from \$10 all the way up to one of \$500.

The contributors' list is growing. Won't you please help to expand it further by helping with as much as you can afford?

By next month when we hope that those not heard from as yet will have responded, we will publish the total we've received from this emergency appeal.

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Bulletin Board

Nursery School to Hold Art Auction

Tired of looking at your plain white walls? Want to have a fun time?

The Roosevelt Community Nursery School, an after school program, is having an Art Auction on Saturday night, April 17, 1993 to be held at RPS where there will be a preview at 7 pm. The actual auction will begin at 8 pm. It is being conducted by the Heisman Fine Arts Gallery of Ardmore, PA.. There will be complimentary refreshments for all.

For ticket information call Gail Ticktin, 443-8007.

Kindergarten Registration

It is time to register children born on or before November 15, 1988 for kindergarten entrance in September, 1993. Parents/guardians should contact Roosevelt Public School at 448-2798 to schedule a personal screening and intake visitation. These visitations will be scheduled on selected dates between April 20 and May 5, 1993.

The primary purpose of the half-hour visitation is to administer a short developmental screening test. The test will give us information on general knowledge, reading and mathematics readiness, fine motor skills and expressive speech skills. The individually administered test has no "right" or "wrong" answers and lasts approximately 20 minutes.

An informal afternoon orientation social for parents and students of the 1993-94 kindergarten class will take place on May 12, 1993 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Roosevelt Summer Camp Returns

By Alison Edwards Petrilla

Roosevelt Parents, give a cheer--and breath a sigh of relief. The Roosevelt Community Summer Camp is back and better than ever, and waiting to welcome your youngsters from July 5-August 6 for mornings filled with sports, swimming, theater, and arts and crafts!

And Camp isn't making its comeback alone! After a few years of supervising from the sidelines, Margaret Schlinski will once again don her "theater director" hat, and promises a Grand Finale show that will rival her wonderful past efforts. In addition, former and current Rooseveltian Frances Duckett will be returning to the Arts & Crafts tables after many years' absence and offering the children a delightful array of projects they can complete themselves.

Of course, two Camp stalwarts who never left will also be back at their usual posts. Sports counselor Howie Kaufman will make sure the kids are up and running, while Jan Plumb will keep the preschoolers enthralled with her special Nursery Camp program.

As in the past, K-6 Camp will operate between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon at Roosevelt Public School on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and will feature Tuesday and Thursday swimming days at Pine Valley pool. Nursery

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School Board News

PTA News

Report on the March 4, 1993 Agenda Meeting

By Frances G. Duckett

The School Board Meeting on March 4 was attended by members Parker, Ord, Hamilton, Hatzfeld, Cokeley and Neurath, and by Dr. Lobman, Mrs. Allen BS/SBA and myself.

Correspondence was discussed first. A letter from former acting CSA Bud Martin was read. Notice was received of the approval of Roosevelt's Special Education Plan, including policies and procedures.

An Early Warning Test to determine which students need to work on basic skills will be administered during the week of March 8-14, despite rumors that such a test might not be considered valid.

A letter from a Mr. Paul DeVries was read. In it, he expressed the view that although the state has the right to determine if a board member has a conflict of interest, it does not have the right to reveal the board member's secrets and private business. Besides, in Mr. DeVries' opinion, although part 1 was justifiable, part 2 of the Ethics Form for the State of New Jersey Department of Education constituted "invasive harassment" and deserved to be boycotted. Some members expressed agreement.

Dr. Lobman mentioned that since there was no money in it for the district, Roosevelt teachers had declined to participate in the commissioner of Education's Teacher of the Year Program.

A letter was received regarding the disconnection of a small hydrant to which water flowed from the school (not the street). This has been addressed by the architect.

Committee reports were next on the agenda.

Dr. Lobman is continuing her work in drafting policies on substance abuse and on transportation outlined first at the previous meeting. Mr. Hamilton urged that a change of wording from "may" to "shall" be made to remove doubt as to whether teachers must act on information that a student is under the influence of a prohibited substance.

A motion was approved to fund the sixth grade trip to Baltimore (minus the musical show and free time in the harbor) for an amount not to exceed \$450.

Gail Donnelly was approved as a substitute teacher pending county certification.

The School Board appears to feel that they have faced diminished expectations for the investment made in the building project. Under consideration were:

1. Getting out while the getting was good to avoid throwing good money after bad.
2. Cancelling the entire top floor and lift portions of the project.
3. Negotiating through the many difficulties with the architect and the Department of Education to arrive at the original goals.

Although the Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Agriculture approvals have been obtained, other approvals have not. This seems to be the architect's fault.

Where to locate the one-day per week art program was a consideration. Despite the fact that no handicapped persons are enrolled, the balcony's inaccessibility to the handicapped was used to exclude it. The library would

By Alison Edwards Petrilla

For T.S. Eliot, April was "the cruelest month"; for the PTA, it's one of the busiest. The group starts its labors with a 2-week fundraiser running from April 1-15, which will feature the sale of Nature-theme insulated mugs and recycled paper products including notepaper and wrapping paper. Next up will be a lunchtime "ice cream treat" for all RPS students on April 2, the final school day before spring vacation.

After our regular meeting on April 14, the PTA parents will move on to the biggest activities of the month--both of which are set for the same day, April 23. Our part in the all-day Earth Day celebration at RPS will be to help the children plant flowers (spelling out "RPS", we hope) on the semicircular patch of grass in the school's pick-up area. As of this writing, second-grader Chris Wong is growing at home the marigolds that the students will be planting. The PTA will also provide evergreen seedlings for every student and teacher to take home to plant.

Once their trees are safely in the ground, the youngsters can wash up and head for the Family Dance that very night. RPS alumnus Mike Cedar (class of '91) will handle the disk jockey chores at this much-anticipated annual event.

Thanks this month go to Vinnie Jackson, who heroically volunteered to handle the ice cream distribution on treat day; to Chris Wong, the Man with Green Thumbs; to D.J. extraordinaire Mike Cedar; and to all those volunteer parents who will help ensure the success of Earth Day and the Family Dance.

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To the Editor:

Apparently Roosevelt may be about to lose its standing as the community that pays the highest sewer fee in the nation, \$1,296 per year.

A resident of Ringwood, NJ telephoned this reporter for the Borough Bulletin to inquire into what kind of response did our town make to the humongous charge of \$1,700 a year for both utilities, water and sewer.

Tom McEneny recounted the troubles of a community of 109 homes within Ringwood Township as a result of its independent sewer plant renovation by order of DEP. This was done three years ago at a cost of some \$2,000,000 borrowed by the town officials without any input from the residents of the smaller development. A yearly charge of \$1,000 has been the rate in the past but now the town fathers have raised it to \$3,200/year to meet the terms of a 30-year bond!

I was able to relate only the few though lively efforts of the Roosevelt Water Action group and the fact that our indignation brought the whole top layer of DEP out to Roosevelt for a full half-day meeting.

Mr. McEneny asserted that his group means to conduct a serious campaign of opposition. They already have a lawsuit pending against the Ringwood Sewer Authority, a petition going, appeals to their Federal Representative Marge Roukema, and they plan some civil disobedience actions as well.

The homes in the Ringwood development are of the four-bedroom-one-acre lot variety and are of around \$175,000 assessed value. Mr. McEneny said they are worth more and the cost of the proposed sewer bill of \$3,200 would further bring down their value.

I think I spoke for many of us in wishing him and his neighbors all the luck in the world.

--Adeline Weiner

Dear Sir:

I fear that your March headline **Sewage Treatment May Yield Profits to Borough** may mislead some readers into believing that this announcement forecasts a decline in the water/sewer rates in the 1993 budget. The Council is preparing the budget but has not reached any definite rate.

It is incorrect to say that the Utilities Committee has considered selling utilities services. This has not yet been discussed. There is no "plan" as the article stated. The Coca Cola - Hightstown Sewer Plant project mentioned in the article has been under study for three years and has not yet reached the point of implementation for profit.

It would be disappointing to count our chickens before they are hatched.

Peter B. Warren
Chairman, Community Relations

The cost of local pick up of the thesis "From The Jersey Homesteads to Roosevelt: Community and Identity in a New Deal Settlement" is \$7.20. Out of town mailing cost is \$9.14.

If you are interested in receiving a copy, send a check made out to the Roosevelt Boro Bulletin, P.O. Box 221, Roosevelt, NJ 08555.

Bulletin Board**Senior Citizens News****Meeting - March 2, 1993**

Thelma Thompson chaired this meeting in Jeanette's absence.

We have many plans on the agenda but will table them until Jeanette returns.

Our March 16 trip to the Quakerbridge Mall was, as usual, enjoyed by all.

Our wishes for better health go to Harry DiGiorgio and Nick Devito.

Many members celebrated birthdays in March. Our hostesses were Gus Chasan and Faye Libove. Everything was great.

Until next month...

--Helga Wisowaty, Secretary

Volunteers**Needed to Visit
the Homebound**

There is an overwhelming need for volunteers to provide companionship to homebound elderly or disabled." Rarely do they have visitors and seldom are they able to leave the confines of their own home. Volunteers bring kindness and support and the warmth of friendship to those they visit. This helps to relieve feelings of isolation and rekindles the spirit of community that comes from being linked with the outside world" says program coordinator Beryl Fersht.

Volunteers are needed for people here in Roosevelt as well as the Freehold/Manalapan area, according to a recent news release. Information about becoming a Home Friends volunteer is available by contacting Beryl Fersht, Volunteers in Public Service, Monmouth County Division of Social Services, PO Box 3000, Freehold, NJ 07728, (908) 571-5718.

Recycling News

by David Donnelly

So we have economic strife, unbalanced budgets, terrorists in the Twin Towers, wackos in Waco and two storms of the century every three months.

Faced with all this gloom and doom, it seems ludicrous to fret over the condition of a few overburdened landfills. However, it is a subject not likely to go away.

The good news is that there is something we all can do about it. Maximizing the amount of stuff we recycle minimizes the amount of stuff going into the landfill. With this in mind, consider the following programs available in Roosevelt:

Curbside Pickup

-Plastic containers of two grades-- #1 PETE or #2 HDPE, identifiable by the codes on the bottom of the container.

-Glass bottles--green, brown and clear bottles from beverages, medicine or food only. Please no light bulbs, window glass, ceramics or glassware as they are made of different ingredients that will cause defects in new bottles.

-Aluminum, Tin and Steel cans--cans only please; larger items like

aluminum siding, lawn chairs, etc. can be disposed of during one of our bulky waste pickup days.

-Newspapers--general rule: If it comes with the newspaper, it can go with the newspaper. Of course they must be bundled and tied securely.

All of the above can be placed in the yellow recycling containers that all households should have. If you need more room, feel free to use an old garbage can or similar pail to handle the overflow.

Mixed Paper Drop-off Center

The small shed at the rear of the Borough Hall parking lot provides a place to recycle a wide range of paper products. This program is particularly important as paper comprises over 50% of all household garbage. Please note that the materials should be bundled and tied securely. If this is impossible, place them in a shopping bag so they do not spill all over the place.

The materials recyclable are:

- magazines, catalogs and soft cover books
- unwanted mail, greeting cards and gift wrap
- computer paper, letterhead, copy paper, notepaper

-telephone books (white pages only)

The materials that should NOT be dropped off, because they are not recyclable by the processor in this program, are:

- NO cardboard
- NO brown paper bags
- NO plastic bags
- NO cereal or gift boxes
- NO newspapers

A receptacle is provided next to the bulletin board by the Post Office for unwanted paper in the mail. Please do not put bundles in there. Bring them to the shed.

There is a wide range of other materials that can also be recycled. The list includes scrap metal, refrigerators/freezers, air conditioners/dehumidifiers, batteries (container in the Post Office), concrete and blacktop, roofing shingles, motor oil/antifreeze, wood waste, grass clippings/garden debris, car tires and batteries, etc... Call Borough Hall if you have a special situation. If they don't know the answer, I will.

Look for information about backyard composting, grass clippings as fertilizer, environmental shopping, etc. in the coming weeks.

Monday May 10th is Big Garbage Pick-Up Day!

Please Remember: Doors must be removed from Refrigerators.
Bundle and Tie Tree Clippings - Not over 4 feet.

NO

Tires, Paint Cans, Car Motors, Car Batteries, Car Parts, Lawn Debris (Grass clippings & leaves), Riding Mowers, Hazardous Waste and Recyclables.

Do Not Place Trash on Curb More than 3 Days Prior to Pick Up.
Pick Up May Start as Early as 6 am!
Call Boro Hall for more Information

Note: A \$35.00 fee will be charged to the Homeowner for the removal of Items with freon, such as Refrigerators, Freezers, and Air Conditioners.

Remove any gasoline left inside small machine motors, such as a lawn mower.

Borough Council Report

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ment with Monmouth County for participation in the new enhanced 9-1-1 services system. The council also agreed to inform Borough residents of the change via a mailing to be carried out by our Senior Citizens Group.

Clean-up/Nature Walk a Success

Mr. Donnelly also offered a declaration of thanks to the twenty-odd residents who took part in the March 6 clean-up around Borough Hall and later on the nature walk to collect data for our Natural Resources Inventory.

Line on Utilities

For the Utilities Committee, Chairwoman Rose Murphy reported on a blockage in the lines within the sewer plant that required an Entry-into-a-Confined-Space procedure, a first trial of this method since it was set up by OSHA last year. Proctor Co. did the repair that entailed removal of a build-up of grit on a check valve, at a cost of under \$2,000. Mrs. Murphy fulfilled the required role of monitor for the eight-hour operation.

According to Mrs. Murphy, Well #3, a back-up well whose replacement is overdue, will, by careful manipula-

tion, have its life extended for another year, during which time she hopes that President Clinton's budget proposals for investment in the national infrastructure will bear fruit. She is following the course of four bills already in the works in congress that deal specifically with the promotion of water projects for small communities.

New Ordinances

In respect to public works, the council acted to introduce another amendment to the capital improvement ordinance establishing funds for various projects. In effect, the ordinance will serve to readjust the financing of some of the projects to conform to the added revenues from grant monies.

Another ordinance introduced in February was passed at this meeting. It provides for the cancellation of the purchase of a \$35,000 dump truck for the borough. Now the Borough is the proud owner of a used vehicle bought for around \$4,000, with a further saving of an additional \$5,000 set aside for its original purchase.

Miscellany

Stuart Kaufman, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, announced

that repair work for the Farm Lane roadway will begin in April when the weather is "warmer and more consistent." He also proposed a resolution to authorize North American Pipeline Corporation to perform a televised inspection of storm sewers along Tamara Drive, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.

At the March Agenda meeting, Ed Miller, Borough Emergency Management Coordinator, reported on his meeting with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials who told him that when the paper work is completed, the Borough can expect to receive compensation for damages and costs due to the December 11 snowstorm. This includes such things as the rental of emergency generators, damage to sewer lines, a clogged culvert on Nurko Road and overtime pay for public employees, an amount that may fall between \$2,500 and \$3,500.

The brief meeting ended with a series of resolutions to transfer funds for current expenses and a request by Mr. Donnelly to permit him to post a NO DUMPING sign with designated violation fees in the Borough Hall parking lot.

School Board News

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be possible, according to Dr. Lobman, if the school were to "sign standard". Using a portable classroom (not necessarily for art) was pointed out by Mr. Parker as an option.

Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 was set as a time to invite the architect, Mr. Bill Bowers, to meet with the Board to discuss these matters.

The insurance company has paid our claim for roof damage. FEMA has inspected the roof, and Mrs. Allen urged that Mr. Ferry be hired to repair it for \$3,250.

When I left the meeting, a proposal was on the table from the Federal Government. Amounts below \$5 million can be borrowed from a small projects fund to get the building up to health and safety codes, which include handicapped access (a requirement Dr. Lobman expects to be enforced within two or three years). Interest, at 1 1/2% would not be charged until '94 - '95.

After I left, the board was slated to discuss budget considerations, and then in closed session continue to work on contract negotiations.

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Environmentally Speaking...

By Gloria Hazell

For this issue I am writing about an endangered species: the tropical rain forests of our planet. These incredible works of art which stretch over vast amounts of land are not only on one hand, an endangered species, but on another, they and their community of millions of living individuals are more than endangered. Of the original 5.5 million square miles of forests located around the world almost 2 million square miles have been lost, due to deforestation of one type or another. Along with the canopy of trees, which in some instances are as high as a 20-story building, go the organisms, plants, insects, birds, animals, and humans which live in, and rely on these massive trees for their existence.

Scientists now estimate that every day between 10 and 50 rain forest species become extinct. Many of these species can be of use to the human race: 70% of the plants alone have anti-cancer properties, a quarter of our medicines come from these amazing areas, and more could be found if time were given to the research of these medicines. As it is, the forests are being wantonly destroyed so quickly that this time will not be available.

The whole scenario is outrageous, logging companies are given tax incentives to encourage this uncontrolled decimation of the regions. Often the profits go to unscrupulous businessmen, or to corrupt governments. Many of the trees are clear cut for cattle to graze on, (these cattle go to make your hamburgers,) but the land is not good pasture for these animals, so why do it when it only satisfies the greed of the few benefactors of this cheap grazing land. Farming cannot be done on the land once it has been burned, as the nutrients are taken from the soil. Often an area can look like the Badlands of South Dakota once the trees which are protecting it are removed. Yet still the tracts are being devastated.

Isn't it great to walk in the fresh air with the breeze blowing on your face and the sun giving you warmth and light? Well once that was a wonderful scenario, but now the air isn't so fresh, the breeze is probably blowing toxic dust into your lungs and the sun is shining melanomas on to your skin. Why? Well one of the biggest reasons is the rapid deforestation going on around the world. The tropical rain forests produce around 40% of the world's oxygen, while consuming, via photosynthesis, the carbon dioxide which is poisonous to humans. Every time a tree is cut down, the CO₂ that it would have taken in, is

released into the atmosphere, causing an escalation in global warming. Trees also play a vital part in the earth's water cycle. They release water vapor through their leaves into the atmosphere, which turns into rain; without the forests, rain fall around the world is affected. The absence of the once enormous areas of trees, causes more sunlight to be reflected off the earth's surface, which then disturbs the patterns of the wind and rain. On top of all this, the cleared soil's ability to soak up and re-circulate the rainfall is altered, and top soil is lost, which causes flooding, erosion and droughts. See for yourself the next time a tree is taken away from a roadside around here; when it rains the ground cannot cope with the water and spills it out onto the road, along with much of the top-soil. Imagine this on a huge scale.

I know a couple of years ago the rain forests were the big topic of environmentalists world wide, but then other things took precedence. I feel that it is again the time for this enormous issue to come to the fore; maybe now we can get this ruination halted. It is imperative that we do, as we are all imperiled by the rain forest extinction. The loss of the rain forests will cause massive changes around the world. Common-sense alone tells us that when something on such a large scale is taken away, then something on a similar scale has to happen to balance it out. Somewhere I read that one day soon Siberia may become the breadbasket of the world, while New York will only be visited by scuba divers...

Please watch the movie "**Fern Gully, the Last Rain Forest.**" Although it is in a cartoon form, it speaks to the child in all of us and it wakes up an awareness which we all possess. Once that side of you is alive, see the film "**Medicine Man**" which stars Sean Connery. It will give you an understanding of how things really are, right at this moment, for many people living in these areas. Where are they supposed to go? There is nowhere. Their homes and cultures are being wiped out as I write this.

What can you do to help? First avoid buying rain forest woods, which include ebony, teak, mahogany and rosewood, and ply-wood, veneer, and panels from clear-cut trees. Instead, if you really must have wood, use oak, pine, cherry, birch or maple. Don't buy birds or plants taken from these areas. Macaws and Cockatoos are no-nos. Stay with the good old dog or cat as a pet, and instead of bromeliads and orchids buy a plant such as amaryllis, it's

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Garden Thoughts

By Jay and Ann Goldman

Very early April is a good time to get out in the garden with the pruning shears. Try to do this as early as possible before the buds open. Certain trees and shrubs can benefit from an invigorating spring pruning, while others will be happy if left alone.

Pruning of fruit trees is important if fruit production is your goal. You may want to strike a compromise between aesthetics and fruit production. A properly pruned peach tree may look strange in an ornamental setting, with its open center that allows for air movement and sunlight.

It is good general practice to remove any branches that are broken, dead, diseased, or crisscrossing. The old practice of using pruning sealer on cuts is no longer recommended as it inhibits the natural healing process. When pruning, make sure to leave the branch collar intact.

This is the slight swelling of the branch where it meets the trunk. This will allow the cut to heal properly.

There is an old proverb that says, "It is as foolish not to prune a peach as it is to prune a cherry." So don't go out and prune indiscriminately. Know your species and have a reason to prune whether for fruit, health, or size. Check in the library or with the Monmouth County Extension Service, (908) 431-7260, for specific advice.

It's important to have sharp pruning tools that produce cleaner cuts which heal faster allowing less time for exposure to disease. You can usually remove the center bolt from your shears to facilitate sharpening. With a fine hand file reestablish the beveled edge. Then hone both halves on an oil stone to sharpen. Good luck in your pruning endeavors.

Environmentally Speaking...

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probably more beautiful in bloom anyway. Recycle and re-use paper. Do not invest in companies that destroy the rain forests. Don't buy gold, it is often mined from tropical rainforest areas, and this practice leaves a poisoned wasteland behind for the peoples still living there.

Contact organizations who can give you more information, such as: **Rainforest Alliance**, 270 Lafayette Street, Room 512, New York, NY 10012, **Rainforest Relief**, PO Box 281, Red Bank, NJ 07701, and **Conservation International** 1015 18th Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036.

Read more about the endangered areas. There are plenty of books on the market, for starters try these: **Save the Earth**, by Jonathon Porritt, with a foreword by HRH Prince of Wales, and an introduction by Robert Redford. It includes contributions from Jesse Jackson, Lester Brown, George Harrison, Dalai Lama and many others. \$29.95 (Turner Publishing). **The Rainforests**, D'Arcy Richardson. \$14.95 (Smithmark Publishers). **The Last Rainforest** edited by Mark Collins. \$29.95 (Oxford University Press, NY). Both of these publications give wonderful color photos of the Rainforests.

By the way, while you were reading this article approximately 60 acres of forest were destroyed. Unbelievable isn't it?

Free Roosevelt Slide Show

by Gayle Donnelly

You are invited to participate in a joint meeting of the Environmental Commission and the Planning Board.

As part of phase II of the Roosevelt Natural Resource Inventory, a slide presentation will be shown at the Borough Hall at 8pm on Wednesday, April 7. The slides will be a composite of 600 photographs taken by residents of scenic vistas throughout Roosevelt.

Under the direction of Dr. Jean-Marie Hartman, the Special Topics Class from the Landscape Design Department at Cook College is studying the natural and cultural resources of Roosevelt. The information will be used for future borough planning and will help preserve not only our natural resources but the character of Roosevelt.

Thanks to all who participated in our Work & Walk Party on March 7. Recyclable cameras were given out to participants for Resident Employed Photography. This is a technique that will help the Cook class to analyze the visual resources of Roosevelt. Each participant took 4 scenes that were perceived as visually desirable, attractive, or simply special; 4 scenes that are visually undesirable, unattractive or appear to be a problem/issue and 4 scenes of either of the above.

At the beginning of May this phase of the Natural Resource Inventory will be completed and presented to the Environmental Commission.

Roosevelt Weather Almanac

by Ron Filepp

Do April showers bring May flowers? Perhaps they do. However, it isn't because April is the wettest month of the year. In fact in our area there are five months that have a higher mean total precipitation. April has a mean total rainfall of 3.65 inches. Wetter months include March, July, August, September and December. The wettest month is August with a mean total precipitation of 4.72 inches.

April's average temperature increases by approximately 10 degrees from the first to the thirtieth. The amount of sunlight also increases in April giving us more light for outdoor chores. On the first of the month there were 12 hours and 40 minutes of sunlight. On the thirtieth there will be 13 hours and 53 minutes of sunlight.

A friend asked: How does the moon affect planting? On some calendars you will find astrological notations for each day of the month. The sign shows which constellation (sign) the moon is traveling through that night. This as well as the phase of the moon is believed to have an effect on gardening.

It is believed that it is best to plant vegetables that have their fruit above the ground during the light phases of the moon. These plants include broccoli, cabbage, tomatoes etc. Plants such as beets, potatoes, carrots etc. should be planted during the dark phases of the moon. Of course this does not mean you have to go out and do your planting at night. Can you imagine the rows in your garden after such a planting session? Here's a handy poem about planting by the moon:

Plant your beans when the moon is light,
You will find that this is right;
Plant potatoes when the moon is dark,
And to this line you will always hark;
But if you vary from this rule,
You will find you are a fool;
Follow this rule to the end,
And you'll have lots of dough

to spend. Source: Weather Proverbs - George D. Frier, Ph.D.

The effect of the moon's travels through the constellations is based on the characteristics the sign associated with the constellation has on the garden. For example if the moon is traveling through Pisces it is believed to be a good time to plant any type of seed. It is also a good time to transplant, graft, bud or prune. However, you shouldn't harvest root crops at this time. If the moon is in Leo it is considered the most unfavorable time to plant. But, it is a very good time to harvest root crops and destroy pests and weeds. If you have a weather related question please send it to the Bulletin.

New Jersey weather event: On April 17th 1854 eighteen inches of snow fell at New Brunswick. It quickly melted down to three inches. Source: The New Jersey Weather Book - David Ludlum

You may want to wait before you stow the snow shovel.

Some observation on the "Storm of the Century" on March 13th and 14th: Barometric pressure started to fall rapidly after midnight on the 13th. Around midnight on the 14th the pressure had begun to turn around. Over that twenty-four hour period the pressure plummeted in town from 30.11 to 28.03. Television reports said official pressure readings were among the lowest recorded in such a storm.

Temperatures were not extremely low on the 13th (see table). The normal high would have been in the mid to upper 40's and the normal low about 30.

Another feature of the storm was thunder in the morning on the 13th. Snow accumulation came in at about 10 to 12 inches in my backyard.

A note about the table, You will find that the last few days of readings are not included. This is due to publishing deadlines.

ROOSEVELT WEATHER TABLE
March 1993

Day	High	Low	Avg.	Precip inches
1	44.0	22.0	33.0	0.00
2	50.0	26.0	38.0	0.00
3	50.0	33.0	41.5	0.00
4	39.0	35.0	37.0	1.80
5	38.0	32.0	35.0	0.55
6	42.0	31.0	36.5	0.00
7	50.0	30.5	40.3	0.00
8	57.0	36.0	46.5	0.00
9	49.5	35.0	42.3	0.00
10	46.0	29.0	37.5	0.10
11	43.0	34.0	38.5	0.00
12	46.0	22.5	34.3	0.00
13	39.5	31.0	35.3	0.00
14	29.5	21.5	25.5	1.95
15	30.0	14.0	22.0	0.00
16	47.0	21.0	34.0	0.00
17	55.0	38.5	46.8	0.95
18	30.0	16.0	23.0	0.00
19	33.0	13.0	23.0	0.00
20	43.0	20.0	31.5	0.00
21	48.0	35.0	41.5	0.23
22	50.0	30.0	40.0	0.00
23	25.5	50.0	39.3	1.15
24	42.5	40.5	41.3	0.18
25	53.0	39.0	46.0	0.00
26	59.0	44.0	51.5	0.00
27	51.0	37.0	44.0	0.00
28	55.0	49.5	52.3	0.63
29	50.0	55.0	52.5	0.71
30	49.0	-	24.5	-
31	-	-	0.0	-

Weather Word

Sublimation: The phase changes of water directly from vapor into ice or from ice to vapor.

Tempora Mutantur... The Times Are Changing

By Peter Warren

New Kids on the Block... Naomi Littman, Taylor Robyn Quinn.

Moving In... No one.

On the Market... As of March 15, 16 houses for sale, 1 house for rent.

Dean's List... Robert Warnick at Georgia Tech.

Freshman... At Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., Rachel Brahinsky.

Celebrating... Her birthday on March 7, Bernarda Bryson Shahn; on March 14, Margaret Schlinski, Gayle Donnelly.

Retiring... Diana Klein, from the Post Office, after 15 years.

Desperately Seeking... Three musicians to form local string quartet, Gladys Nadler, violinist with Westminster Community Orchestra which will give concerts May 1 at Princeton Unitarian Church, June 12 at Clearbrook; new edition of Roosevelt phone book, Diana and Ronald Moore (their dog ate the old one).

Happily Singing... Len Sacharoff, with Mercer County Community College Chorus, next concert, May 2.

Firsts... First Jersey Homesteads girl to marry, Hadassah Katzenellenbogen; first married couple born of Jersey Homesteads residents, Lee Drasin and Leah Dubin; first newcomer after original settlers, Morton H. Edwards; first non-Jewish person buried in the cemetery, Preston Riley.

Doing Business... In Roosevelt, Gale Scrap Metal since 1964; Action Packaging since October 1975; Rossi's since April 1980; the Post Office (in the present building) since December 1983; Roosevelt Auto since 1983; Swissomatic since 1986.

Three Patents... To co-inventor Scott Hartman for chewing gum bases.

November Voter Registrations... In Roosevelt, 1972, 472; 1982, 558; 1992, 600.

Licensed... As of March 15, 120 dogs.

Flowing... February - sewage 192,000 gpd (DEPE ceiling 250,000 gpd); water 115,000 gpd.

Please... Let me know of anything you might want to include in this column

The deadline for submissions of material to the Bulletin is the 15th of the month, except by prior arrangement with the Editor.

**Please send all articles and letters in clean typescript, or as ASCII files on 3 1/2 or 5 1/4 inch diskettes to:
The Bulletin, P.O. Box 221, Roosevelt, NJ 08555**

Roosevelt Arts Project 1992-1993

Sunday, April 4, 3:00 p.m.(at The Peddie School)

Piano/Poetry Fest

Pianists Laurie Altman, Anita Cervantes and Alan Mallach offer a spring afternoon of performances featuring piano works ranging from the classics to the contemporary. In addition, several Roosevelt poets, included Dina Coe, Wes Czyzewski, David Herrstrom, Judith McNally and Rod Tulloss will join them for readings and a variety of collaborations. Poets and musicians will lift sounds up, in composition and improvisation, in metaphor and memory.

Sunday, April 18, 11:00am at Borough Hall

R.A.P. Open Meeting

Artists and art enthusiasts are invited to share ideas and suggestions for 1993-94 R.A.P. events.

Saturday, April 24, 8:00 p.m.(at The Peddie School)

The Roosevelt String Band: Songs of Work and Play

Ever since life on earth began, women and men have been working. From the very beginning, they probably sang while they worked, and afterward. These enduring aspects of life will form the season's final event as the Roosevelt String Band performs a selection of songs from over the years, composed by such writers and singers as Tom Paxton, The Incredible String Band, Arlo Guthrie, Bill Staines, Stan Rogers, Steve Goodman, David Bromberg and many, many others.

David Brahinsky and Warren Craig vocals and guitar; Ed Cedar on bass and guitar; Alan Neiderland on mandolin; Judith Trachtenberg on vocals; and Paul Prestopino on everything-in -the-world including vocals.

Saturday - May 8 - 1993

Roosevelt Artists' Spring Studio Tour

Participating artists include:

- Bernarda Bryson Shahn
- Jacob Landau
- Robert Mueller
- Sol Libsohn
- Bill Leech
- Robin Middleman
- Ellen Silverman

Watch for flyers with ticket information and details.

Profile: ALBERT T. VIOLA - arts advocate to the community

by Richard A. Lloyd

"I am an advocate of the arts, all of the arts... And this curricula we are setting up here [at Peddie] will be a demonstration site for other schools in the United States to share their arts facility, and to encourage new artists, and to bring some of our greatest treasures - our older artists - to share with them. We have more people coming through seeing our older artists - particularly the Roosevelt artists - here, that have never had the opportunity. Not just to see their work, but to meet them. Sure we have 75 or a 100 people at an opening, but 1,500 to 2,000 come who don't normally come to see them - I bring them all over from a reception, from a ballet, or from a community concert and they see the artist's work that they don't normally see. That's who we're bringing in to see the artists, the ones who don't normally come."

Usually in these pages we have enjoyed featuring many of the events and persons that contribute to the character of our community. With this story though, we would like to expand our horizons a bit, to take into view our good neighbor, Albert T. Viola, someone who enjoys and appreciates that which is special about Roosevelt, and who also offers much to enrich our larger community.

Al Viola is the Director of The Richard L. Swig Arts Center and is the Head of the Performing Arts Department at the Peddie School in Hightstown. Those who follow the schedule of the Roosevelt Arts Project are well aware of the wonderful venue the Peddie School has become for many of Roosevelt's musical and visual artists.

Others may be aware of the range of art and talent that Mr. Viola has been able to attract to the area. Events may feature musicians, dancers, poets, children's theatre, visual artists, drama, etc. and talent whose reputations may be local, regional, national, or international.

Mr. Viola comes to us, most recently, from Dallas, Texas. He was attracted by the opportunity to create and manage a cultural center that would be unique in its service to and involvement with the immediate region. My first encounter with Mr. Viola was last December - I was picking up some technical equipment for a Roosevelt Arts Project event - when he was in the midst of managing a full day of events for some 600 Foster children (he loves working with young people). He had brought together the local Chamber of Commerce, Coca-Cola, Peddie School, Fire Dept., entertainers, hundreds of gifts, and even a Marine Band so as to assure a special day devoted to these children during the Holiday season.

At the time of the recent exhibition of works of Roosevelt Artist Sol Libsohn, there were some concurrent performing arts events taking place. Mr. Viola invited the Libsohns to come by, so that he might open up the gallery and have the audiences from the performing arts shows also attend an art exhibit and meet the artist. Thoughtfulness like this contributes to events being more than just "singular" arts event for audiences, but instead memorable multi-cultural occasions.

There will be a chance to sample some of Mr. Viola's own craft at an up-coming performance of his one-act musical play **The Carpenter's Son** at

the First Presbyterian Church of Hightstown on April 4, 1993, Palm Sunday at 7:00 p.m. With all of the training and experience that Mr. Viola has had in the theatre, this is a unique creation for him - his first effort at doing the book and the music and the lyrics for a singular piece of theatre.

The spring-board for this particular work dates back to a few days spent in the company of director/producer Cecil B. DeMille. Mr. DeMille had just completed his **Ten Commandments** epic, and spoke of his lifelong dream of depicting the missing years of Jesus Christ.

Years later, Mr. Viola, now an established actor, director and writer, found himself in Israel doing location work for a film on the religions of the Holy Land - visiting the homes and worship places, staying at a kibbutz, eating of the fish of Galilee, going into the desert and into the mountains.

There he remembered Mr. DeMille's interest in the early years of Jesus Christ. He studied the Apocrypha and the other "missing books" of the Bible - those not a part of the King James version. Therein he found the accounts depicting a joyous young boy of the fields.

And he got to thinking about this boy at twelve years of age who was all human and all divine... "What would be happening with the family? What kinds of things would he be into? What kind of a young boy would grow into a teacher/philosopher" ...knowing that his history was of course a Pre-Christian history, knowing that Jesus' education would have been by rabbis and grounded in the Old Testament? So this young boy of twelve goes to

Passover for the first time, and he is asked to speak of his god. And when he speaks, he speaks about the "love" of an ecumenical God:

<verse>

"He is the warm summer breeze, he is the bird-song from the trees, he is the lightly dancing butterfly and the rainbow in the sky, he is the wind blowing that brings a love that is rare. Feel him all around you, his love is everywhere. Every flower wears his smile. He is with you every mile. He is in laughter, joy, and even tears. He is a love that grows with years. He is in each kind word, his love can find no blame. Seek, and he will find you. Forgiveness is his name."

Next on Mr. Viola's personal itinerary is his just completed musical adaptation of John Milton's **Paradise Lost**. Looking back over his full career, we discover a history of many Broadway, Off-Broadway, motion picture, and television credits. He was the lead in the American premiere of Jean Genet's **The Balcony**, one of the century's greatest absurdist dramas.

He has done works from Brecht to Shakespeare. During a period in his life when he sought more control of the material he was involved with, he wrote, produced, directed, or produced many independent feature films. He has worked with the likes of Jose Quintero, Boris Karloff, Laurence Olivier, Jim Backus, Martin Sheen, and Darren McGavin.

Next on the agenda involving Mr. Viola and the talents from Roosevelt, we have on April 4th at 3:00 p.m. the Roosevelt Arts Project's **Music & Poetry Festival**, and on April 24th at 8:00 p.m. the Roosevelt Arts Project's **The Roosevelt String Band**. Regarding the Roosevelt Arts Project, Mr. Viola comments, "It's probably one of the best things we have done, because the talent is just incredible. I just learned so much. I have become enriched."

Anyone interested in getting on the mailing list for all the events conducted at The Richard L. Swig Arts Center, should write to:

The Peddie School
Attn: Swig Arts Center
South Main Street
Hightstown, NJ 08520

Semi-Annual Litter Pick-Up Scheduled

Join us for the semi-annual litter pick-up. We will meet on Sunday, April 4, at 10:00 in front of the Post Office. Bags and gloves will be provided and good food available at Lenny & Michele's afterwards (24 N. Rochdale Avenue).

In 1992, we picked-up over a ton on our streets. Funding comes from the NJ Clean Communities Grant. Roosevelt receives \$4,000/year for litter reduction and education. Gayle A. Donnelly is the Clean Communities Coordinator, 426-1315.

Roosevelt Summer Camp

(Continued from page 2)

Camp, which is open to toilet-trained 3- and 4-year olds, will meet at R.P.S. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

To no one's surprise, running both these nonprofit programs effectively requires money as well as planning. To help Camp get a good head start, you and your family can:

1. Register early. This way, Camp personnel know how many supplies to buy, etc. A registration form is enclosed in this issue of the **Bulletin**, and the sooner you can mail it in, the better.

2. Plan to come to the R.C.S.C.'s Spring series of "Restaurant Night" fundraisers at the Borough Hall. The first will be held April 24 and will be a Mexican All-You-Can-Eat banquet for \$6. It should be a real treat!

Thank you for your early support, and here's hoping for the best Camp

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Daylight Savings—set ahead 1 hour
Palm Sunday
10:00 AM Semi-Annual Litter Pick-Up

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7:30 PM Council Agenda Meeting-Boro Hall

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Passover
6:00 PM Roosevelt Community TV
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7:00 PM Yoga Class, Synagogue Deborah Metzger 443-3759
8:00 PM Slide Show-Joint Meeting: Environmental/Planning Bd

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Good Friday

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Easter

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7:30 PM Council Action Meeting-Boro Hall-Lee Allen, Mayor

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1:00 PM Blood Pressure Check-Boro Hall
2:00 PM Senior Citizens-Boro Hall
Jeanette Koffler, Pres.
6:00 PM Roosevelt Community TV
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6:30 PM Yoga Class, Synagogue
8:00 PM Planning Board-Boro Hall-Gail Hunton 426-4338
8:00 PM PTA Meeting-RPS

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7:30 PM Board of Education Action-RPS-John Ord 443-1744


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7:00 PM Roosevelt Nursery School Art Auction-RPS

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7:30 PM Council Committees-Boro Hall
8:00 PM Congregation Anshei Roosevelt-Synagogue

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6:00 PM Roosevelt Community TV
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7:30 PM Historical Society-Boro Hall A. Shapiro Chair

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12:30 PM Earth Day Program-RPS
7:00 PM PTA Family Dance

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5:00 PM Mexican Restaurant Nite at Boro Hall Benefit RCNS

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12:30 PM Arbor Day Tree Planting-RPS
7:30 PM Council Committees-Boro Hall

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