

## Three Named to Top Level Schooling

Three Center employees have been either tentatively selected or nominated by the Defense Mapping Agency to attend some of the nation's highest level executive and staff schools.

Selected as one of two DMA employees to attend the Civil Service Commission Federal Executive Institute was Frank Roth, chief of the Aerospace Cartography Department. The training will begin August 13 and last through September 29.

Nancy L. Mallonee of the Aerospace Cartography Department has been selected to attend the

College of Naval Command and Staff at Newport, Rhode Island during the 1978/79 school year.

Thomas O. Seppelin, of the Programs, Production and Operations Directorate has been selected as the DMA nominee for the Industrial College of the Armed Forces for the 1978/79 school year. The nomination has been forwarded for competition at the Department of Defense level.

These nominations were selected by the DMA Executive Manpower Resources Board and approved by the Director of DMA.

## New Chief Security Office



Major Claine J. Petersen has reported for duty as the new chief of the Aerospace Center Security Office replacing Major M.L. Brown who recently left for a Florida assignment.

Major Petersen is a 14 year veteran of the Air Force which included 19 months of duty in Southeast Asia.

He is a graduate of Utah State University and has extensive graduate study at American Univer-

## Hopper Selected for Indonesia Liaison Position

Harold Hopper of the Aerospace Cartography Department has been selected to become the DMA Liaison Officer to the Republic of Indonesia. The GS-14 position is being established to coordinate with and assist personnel of the Armed Forces Survey and Map-



ping Center, Republic of Indonesia in planning and development of

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## Permanent I5's Named for New Directorate

The announcement of the filling of three GS-15 positions in the newly formed Systems and Techniques Directorate was made recently by Center Director, Col. James St. Clair. The directorate had been established on December 13 of last year and positions temporarily filled pending permanent selection of occupants by the DMA Executive Screening Board.

Selected by the board were: Dr. William Mahoney as Deputy Director for Systems and Techniques; Dr. Robert Ballew as chief of the Acquisition Systems Development Division of the Directorate and Dr. Raymond Helmering as chief of the Advanced Technology Division.



William C. Mahoney has been with the Center since 1959 and has served in the Missile Support Department, as technical advisor to the chief of the P&D Plant and in the Plans, Requirements and Technology Directorate.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Syracuse University, a master's in Photogrammetry from Ohio State University and a doctorate degree in Photogrammetry, Geodesy and Cartography from Ohio State



Robert W. Ballew has been with the Center since 1954 when he entered as a cartographic aid. He has served in the Chart Research Department, Missile Support Department, the Scientific and Technical Office of the P&D Plant and the Plans, Requirements and Technology Directorate.

He holds his bachelor's degree from Washington University in Mathematics, a master's from Purdue University in Photogrammetry/Geodesy and his doctorate from Washington



Raymond J. Helmering has been with the Center since 1962, serving in the Cartography Department, Missile Support Department and Geopositional Department before coming to the ST Directorate.

He received his bachelor's degree in Geophysical Engineering from St. Louis University and his master's in Civil Engineering from Purdue University. In 1970 he received his PhD in Civil En-

State Polytechnic University and the University of Southern California.

Before coming to the Center he was commander of the Security Police Squadron at Eglin AFB, Fla., the position now being occupied by Major Brown.

Major Petersen is married.

He received his commission through the Reserve Officers Training Corps in 1963.

in planning and development of aeronautical charting programs for their country.

Hopper has been with the Center since 1954 when he was first assigned as a cartographic photo aid. He is the chief of the Production Management Office of the Imagery Analysis Division of AC and assistant chief of the Division.

He will depart for his assignment next month.

Cartography from Ohio State.

doctorate from Purdue also in Photogrammetry.

He received his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering also from Purdue.

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## South American Visitors Are Guests of Center



Argentina and Venezuela visitors were recent guests of the Aerospace Center in an effort to provide an exchange of mapping, charting and geodesy information between nations. Pictured signing the guest book are (left) Brigadier General Luis Pagliere, Director, Instituto Geografico Militar Argentina and (right) Ing Luiz Remiro Parra, of Direccion Nacional de Cartografia Venezuela.

Accompanying the General were Maj. O. Minorini, Maj. A. Mosquera and escort Norman Fassett of IAGS.

Accompanying Ing Parra was Ing Marco Polo Rivero and escort Frank Chavez of IAGS.

Prior to coming to the Center the visitors attended the ASP/ACSM annual convention and the First Pan American Symposium on Automated Cartography held in Washington, D.C. They also toured the EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, S.D.



# National Library Week

# INFO To GO

Few people would disagree that libraries are good institutions. But while people pay homage to libraries, not enough people use them.

A recent Gallup Poll found that one-third of all Americans had never used a library, and that a majority of these non-users were unaware that a wide range of services, in addition to book loans, were available. That's why "Info To Go" is the theme and message of this year's National Library Week, April 2-8.

Throughout the metropolitan St. Louis area there are numerous libraries both public and private that contain a wealth of usable information. There are also a number of specialized libraries in St. Louis which cater to professions and employee groups seeking information on specialized subjects. Most of these types of libraries are found within the area's major industrial complexes and are referred to as Technical Libraries. Typical of one of these types of technical libraries is the Aerospace Center's.

Located in Building 22 at the 2nd Street installation, the Aerospace Center Technical Library serves to make available to the agency employees all sorts of mission related information. Included in its



holdings are approximately 27,000 books.

Browsing through the racks of the collection, one will find extensive sections on such diverse fields as photography, flying-aeronautics, electricity-electronics, mathematics, computers, management, systems analysis, geodesy—and the list goes on and on. There are books

## Bits And Pieces

From the Black book:

Have you noticed what tomorrow is? April Fool's Day has always been one of those days I tried to avoid, perhaps for good reason. I remember in school I was always the one who fell for the shoe untied line. The problem was I always forgot what day it was until it was too late. Since then I've made it a practice to be aware of the day and its turn on the calendar. Even with all that practice I'm sure tomorrow morning, when I'm still

on lasers, holography, radio, remote sensing, quality control, navigation-guidance, mini computers, and much more.

A special selection of approximately 300 atlases whose titles and content range from the esoteric *Atlas of Optical Phenomena* to the very common and useful *Rand McNally Road Atlas of the U.S., Canada and Mexico*. In addition to these materials which are available for loan to Center employees, there is an extensive reference collection for use in the library.

The Technical Library also receives some 460 periodicals for the use of Center personnel. Another principal part of the library's collection consists of technical reports prepared by government agencies, universities and private firms. These tend to be relatively brief, highly specialized technical documents applicable to Center work functions or projects. There are some 25,000 items in this part of the library's holdings.

There are a number of services available through the library. For example, if the Technical Library does not have a required publication in their collection, they will, upon request, endeavor to obtain it either through an interlibrary loan, or by arrangement for copying from libraries not lending publications, or purchase the publication through procurement channels.

On the 1st and 15th of each month the library publishes lists of their most recently acquired publications. These lists are widely distributed to various Center offices as well as other agencies. Copies of the latest of these lists are also available at the library circulation desk.

# IAGS

# Planning Group



A blue ribbon panel discusses new courses for the Defense Mapping Agency Inter American Geodetic Survey (DMA IAGS) Cartographic School with Kenneth Rinehart, Chief of the school. The study group was in the Canal Zone to make recommendations for improving the school's capabilities for transferring technology to the mapping agencies of Latin America. Left to right are Reuben Cook, Technical Director Defense Mapping School, Thomas C. Finnie, special consultant and former Deputy Director Management and Technology DMA, Felix Bizzoco Chief, Department of Cartography DMA Topographic Center, David J. Premer assistant chief Aerospace Cartography Department DMA Aerospace Center and Rinehart.

  
**National Secretaries' Week is April 23-29;** 

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half asleep, my son will be successful in his April Fool's trickery. Oh well, if they won't celebrate my birthday I suppose April 1st will have to do as my day.

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Did you notice how quickly the number of walkers-around-the-park-at-lunch-time increased with the first warm day? Being among the fair weather group I couldn't help but note the increase not only in walkers but in sitters. Scattered here and there amongst the trees and hills of Lyon Park one can see the eternal sign of Spring—*young love* (and some not so young). There are some other signs of Spring in the park—softball practice, grounds keepers working over the diamonds, youngsters flying kites or fishing for helicopters as Don Miller describes, and if you listen very closely the sound of grass growing. Just think, if the winter hadn't been so hard we probably wouldn't be hearing or seeing Spring so well.

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National Library  
Week—Apr. 2-8

A wide range of 16mm motion picture films are also accessible through the library. Films may be borrowed for official purposes and for Center sponsored groups and reserve units. Film catalogs are available in the library.

In addition to the materials of the library, the library staff (like their counterparts in the major libraries) is an ever ready source of information and service to the library user in search of materials and data.

As we said in the beginning—if it has been some time since you last used a library, any library, it just may be that you have not gone the whole distance in exploring the facts and information required in your work or personal endeavors.

National Library Week is a good time to find out just how much "info to go" there is.

## Rummage Sale

The DMAAC Women's Club spring fund-raising project will be a rummage sale on May 19 at 7019 South Broadway from 8:00 a.m. til 3:00 p.m.

Donations of rummage (clothing, workable appliances, furniture, toys, etc.) will be appreciated. Drop-off points for rummage are AA, sixth floor, Bldg. 36, 2nd & Arsenal, or the Supply Division, 8900 South Broadway, through Wednesday, May 17. Contact June Moran, 4822 or Captain Dennis Finch, 8186.

Secretaries' Day is April 26



## Crossword 6

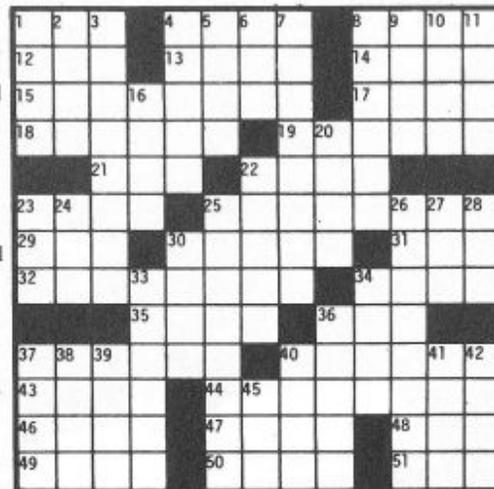
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### ACROSS

1. Still
4. Wool-eater
8. Cut open
12. Nabokov novel
13. Dies
14. Roman tyrant
15. Debating term
17. John, in Russia
18. Fleshy fruits
19. Shifting
21. Malay gibbon
22. Slave of old
23. Alack!
25. Ornamental shrub
29. Period
30. Rosters
31. Onassis
32. Example
34. Egg-shaped
35. Stove part
36. Before (pref.)
37. Made a point
40. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Apes

### DOWN

1. Three feet
2. River in Germany
3. Add up
4. Bishop's crown
5. Morsels
6. Chinese pagoda
7. Steersman
8. Whine
9. Son of Jacob
10. Persia
11. Chinese secret society
16. Tree of Java
20. Single units
22. Devoured
23. Commercial
24. Cut off
25. Hope or Berle, e.g.
26. \_\_\_\_\_ Blue
27. Author Levin
28. Suffer
30. Tear apart
33. Trap
34. Algerian port
36. Dramas
37. Hurried
38. Tend to
39. French river
40. Conspiracy
41. Weird (var.)
42. Ash or oak
45. That woman



## Meritorious Service Medal To Colonel Swanson



Lt. Col. Robert G. Swanson, chief of the Plans Division of PR, is shown receiving the Meritorious Service Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) from Aerospace Center Director, Col. James St. Clair. The award was presented in recognition of outstanding service by Colonel Swanson as chief, Target Graphic Division and later Commander of the Cartographic Technical Squadron, March AFB, Calif. from 1975 to 1977. He was cited for his exceptional technical knowledge and management ability as he implemented production of Radar Fix Point Mini-Graphics. The presentation was made during the Director's Staff meeting March 22.

## One of the Myths of Alcoholism

"I am not an alcoholic because I just drink beer!"

### St. Louis ASP Region of Year

The St. Louis Region of the American Society of Photogrammetry recently received the "Region of the Year Award". This award is given by the National ASP Headquarters to the most outstanding region of the 17 regions that comprise the American Society of Photogrammetry.

The region judged outstanding is evaluated on its "activities in helping to educate the public as to what photogrammetry is and how its application benefits public welfare."

The St. Louis Region was specifically cited for the award due to the following reasons:

- S-F Boy Scout map project
- Science fair participation
- Science fair photogrammetry booklet
- Participation in International Women's Year
- Planning the Digital Terrain Model Symposium
- Planning the 1980 National convention

## Presidential Recognition

Federal employees whose suggestions produce a first-year savings of \$5,000 or more are being personally congratulated by President Carter for their contributions to the U.S. government.

The President initiated this recognition program through a memo to all departments and agencies, in which he stated:

"If we are to improve the quality and performance of our govern-

## 30 Years Celebrated On Both Sides of State

ALFRED A.E. HANSEN, JR., ACK, reached the 30 year mark on March 20. He was drafted into military service in February 1944 and trained in the Infantry. He was shipped to the South Pacific, Cebu

ROBERT J. GARDENER, ACAEA, reached the 30 year mark on March 19. He worked as a substitute mail carrier at the Post Office for 2 1/2 months during the 1946 Christmas season.



Is. Philippines assigned to the Corps of Engineers then sent to Tinian assigned to the Army Air Corps. He was discharged in November 1945.

He returned to Federal service on May 31, 1950 at the Army Map Service in Washington, D.C. and was assigned as a cartographic aid.

On March 17, 1952 he transferred to the Kansas City Office where he has been since, except for a six month detail to AMS Washington Office in early 1968.

He has been a member of the Heart of America Section, American Congress on Surveying & Mapping since 1961 and served as Vice-Chairman in 1963 and Chairman in 1970.

MORE ABOUT ST. LOUIS



He started at the Chart Plant at 12th & Delmar on March 18, 1948 and was assigned as a carto draftsman. Four months later he was transferred to the Type Shop and worked there as a typesetter for the next two years. He was reassigned to the Art Room as a negative engraver and in November 1950 entered the U.S. Army. He served in Korea assigned to Psychological Warfare for two years.

After his discharge he returned to the Chart Center and the Reproduction Division Art Room as a negative engraver. In October 1957 the negative engraving function was transferred to the Cartography Division where he is still assigned as a negative engraver.

More Than 100 Attend

Many beer drinkers mistakenly believe that the low ratio of alcohol content to volume in beer makes it less addicting than whisky, gin, vodka, rye or wine. But the intoxicating element, ethyl alcohol, is found in all alcoholic beverages. There is as much ethyl alcohol in an average can of beer as there is in a four-ounce glass of wine or a one-ounce shot of whisky.

The amount of alcohol in a drink can be determined by multiplying the number of ounces in the drink by its strength in percentage of alcohol.

One 12 ounce glass of 4.5 per cent beer contains .54 ounce of alcohol.

One 1-ounce shot of 100 proof whisky (which is about 50 per cent alcohol) contains .50 ounce of alcohol.

One 4-ounce serving of wine (15 to 20 per cent alcohol) contains .60 to .80 ounce of alcohol.

Whatever the drink vehicle, intoxication results when ethyl alcohol is consumed faster than the liver can metabolize it. Although the intoxicating amount may vary with individual body weight, a person who drinks 7 to 10 cans of beer in an evening can be equally as intoxicated as the person who consumes 7 to 10 shots of whisky.

and performance of our government, we must involve all government employees in that task . . . One way to give public employees a greater stake in the government's performance is to recognize those who have made exceptional contributions—especially, these days, in the crucial area of energy conservation. I intend to recognize these major contributions myself, to illustrate the importance I attach to them."

All those whose suggestions meet the criteria will be honored by a personal letter of commendation from President Carter. Eligibility is retroactive to Jan. 1, 1977.

# More Than 100 Attend ASP History Night

by Neil VanDermeulen

Over 120 American Society of Photogrammetry members and guests attended the ASP Historical Night March 14 to hear featured speaker Mrs. Julian Birk talk on the St. Louis World's Fair.

In her presentation Mrs. Birk shattered many preconceived notions about the 1904 World's Fair. In enjoyable fashion she described the World's Fair as the biggest ever held (1275 acres). Everything was done on a grand scale that if done in today's time would be cost prohibitive. She sprinkled her World's Fair description with colorful anecdotes of the day.

The Fair's purpose, according to Mrs. Birk, was to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase of 1803. The Fair actually started with the dedication in September 1901 which was attended by Theodore Roosevelt. Because of bad weather and other factors, the Fair did not open until April 30, 1904.

The materials needed for the Fair were colossal. There wasn't enough steel produced in the United States, so 90 million board feet of lumber was required for framing. Most of the buildings were temporary, being built, according to Mrs. Birk, of a new substance called "staff", which was made of plaster of paris and fiber and could be sawed or molded.

The present Art Museum was

one of the few permanent structures. In fact, at the time there were two temporary wings to the Art museum. One of these additions was 20 acres in size.

Another fact noted was the first Olympic games held on U.S. soil were held on the adjoining, then new, Washington University Athletic Field.

The ferris wheel was the largest ever built, 250 feet in diameter. It carried 36 cars, each of which held 60 people. Exhibitionists of that day did unique things on the wheel. A couple was married while mounted on white spotted cow ponies in one of the cars when it reached the top-most point of the wheel. Another gentleman was honored with a banquet, which the chef served when the wheel reached its zenith.

The scope of the Fair can be realized with the Philippine display, for which 1100 Filipino tribesmen were brought over and authentic villages established. One tribe, the Igorots, caused havoc with their demand for dogs, (the main staple in their diet). The Humane Society and dog lovers were indignant, especially when local dogs were disappearing.

On December 1, 1904 the World's Fair closed and according to Mrs. Birk, there will never be and never has been a fair like the St. Louis World's Fair.

## Calendar of Events

APRIL

APRIL	EVENT	WHERE	INFO
6	Assn. of Litho Clubs	Salad Bowl	V. Wojcicki/4713
6	Toastmasters	Lindbergh Room	
11	FBA Lunch & Meeting	Carpenters Hall	D. Black/4142
11	BAG Meeting	5th Fl Conf Rm	L. Williams/4424
13	DMAAC Women's Club Lunch	Shanghai Inn	Mrs. L. Ayers/878-1096 Mrs. M. Carlson/966-5599
19	FEW Meeting	Dining Hall	J. Bebermeyer/4795
20	Toastmasters	Lindbergh Room	
20	ACSM Meeting	Dining Hall	A. West/4866
21	Bloodmobile	2nd Street	D. Ullo/4292
25	NFFE Local 1827	6th Fl Conf Rm	V. Haun/4044
26	National Secretary's Day		
27	ION Meeting	Officers Club Lambert Field	J. Schweitzer/8128

Contact Marge Wisneski/4142 to have your May events listed.

## Acosta, Shaw Retire

**CLAUDE M. ACOSTA, ACK**, retired on February 10, just a month after his 37th anniversary. His Federal career began on January 2, 1941 as a draftsman and designer of artillery pieces at the old War Department Bldg. in Washington, D.C. He went into the U.S. Army in 1944 and was assigned overseas with the 277th Ordnance Company until December 1945.

Upon his return from overseas he went to work as U.S. Army Reserves counselor and recruiter for about five months when he transferred to the Army Map Service in Washington, D.C. In January 1953 he was transferred to the Cincinnati Field Office, and that same year, to the Kansas City Field Office, as a carto supervisor. He has worked in the Kansas City office since then.

Acosta said that after retirement he will become self-employed in his own business in income tax, bookkeeping and public relations services, a business he has had for 22 years on a part time basis.

**ELI SHAW, LOTV**, retired on February 27, with over 31 years Federal service, with about 6 1/2 years at the Center. He served in the U.S. Army from July 1942 until December 1945 with overseas duty in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

After his discharge, he continued his Federal career at the Millenton Navy Base as a custodian leader for just a short time before resigning to go into business. He

had had training in barbering and watch repair before attending the Tennessee Mechanic Trade School.

In August 1950 he returned to Federal service at the Memphis General Depot as a mechanic, heavy equipment, transferring with the function to Granite City Army Depot in 1964. He left the Depot in June 1971 on a discontinued service retirement.

In early August 1971 he returned to work at DMAAC as a custodian. He was transferred to the Motor Pool and assigned as a mechanic in Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Branch his assignment at time of retirement.

Shaw said he didn't plan on working any more, but would just loaf around and take things easy and perhaps do a little fishing, work in the garden and collect antiques.

## Flight Standards Division Moves

The flight standards division of the Air Force Instrument Flight Center, Randolph AFB, Tex., is scheduled to move to Air Force Communications Service, Scott AFB, Ill., by June 30. Air Force officials said the move will consolidate AFCS authority and responsibility for instrument procedures and enhance the command's single manager role in Air Force air traffic services. The move is being made over a period of several months to ensure continued operational effectiveness of instrument approach and departure procedures for Air Force pilots throughout the world.

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A	L	A	S	C	A	M	E	L	L	I	A

## BAG Membership Meeting

The Black Awareness Group will hold a membership meeting on April 6 to begin a month long membership drive.

Guest speaker for the meeting will be Harold L. Whitfield, president of the Mound City Bar Association and former assistant to the Regional Director of the St. Louis Civil Service Commission.

He will speak on the Civil Rights Act of 1964 from a legalistic perspective.

Snacks and refreshments will be served. The program will begin at 3:30 p.m. on the 6th of April in the Aerospace Center dining hall.

## Hufnagel Lectures

A Digital Mapping Seminar was conducted by the Defense Mapping Agency Inter American Geodetic Survey (DMA IAGS) Cartographic School March 13-17.

Representatives from mapping agencies in ten countries attended the seminar. Guest lecturers coming from the United States were Fred Hufnagel DMA Aerospace Center, Richard Clark US Army Engineer Topographic Laboratories, George Stewart DMA Topographic Center, and Dr. Atef A. Elassal US Geological Survey.

## Bloodmobile April 21st

## AF Junior ROTC Students Tour



Members of the Air Force Junior ROTC unit at Lafayette High School in St. Louis County toured the Center March 15 to learn more about aeronautical charting. In the photo above the group learns the technique used to measure color quality in the chart printing process. The touring group consisted of 30 students and their instructor, retired Air Force Lt. Col. John W. Dawson.

## Steel-Belted Radials Investigated

The U.S. Department of Transportation is investigating a safety-related defect involving Firestone 500 steel-belted tires. The investigation is the result of over 500 reports from consumers indicating blowouts, out-of-round tires, and tread separations in tires manufactured by Firestone. Anyone experiencing premature tire failure with Firestone or any other brand of steel-belted radial

## In Sympathy

Word has been received of the death of Dimitri Shalikhshvili, a retiree, on March 8. He and his wife Maria had been living in Atlanta, Ga. since their retirement in 1969. He was a translator, and she a geo-names specialist, in the Research Department.



In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Gale Sever, Atlanta, and sons.



## Tornado Movie Draws Crowd

More than 1000 Center employees have viewed the movie on tornados this month that has been made available by the Fire Safety Office.

According to Fire Inspector

James Bell, the movie was designed to inform employees on proper precautions to take should they find themselves in a tornado. The movie was prepared by the National Weather Service.

other brand of steel-belted radial tire is urged to report such failures to: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh St. SW, Washington, DC 20590. Toll-free telephone number is (800) 424-9393. People in the metropolitan area of Washington may call 426-0123.

Gale Sever, Atlanta, and sons, Col. John Shalikashvili, Carlisle, Pa and Col. Joe Shalikashvili, Ft. Devens, Mass.

## Reading Gains Knowledge

April derives its name from the Latin verb *aperire* - to open - alluding to the opening of buds at this season.

But despite the joyous things associated with springtime, April has been a tragic and fateful month for the United States. It was the month when the Revolutionary, Civil, and Spanish-American Wars began; when Bataan fell during World War II; and when President Franklin D. Roosevelt died.

Famous sons born in April include writers William Shakespeare and Washington Irving; Elihu Root, the founder of Yale University; John James Audubon, the famous bird artist;

and Presidents Thomas Jefferson, Ulysses S. Grant, James Monroe, and James Buchanan.

April was the second month in the Roman year, then under the revised calendar



became the fourth month. But even when March was the first month, April 1 in France was the day for people to make new year's calls and



exchange gifts. When January became the first month, people decided to send mock gifts and perform pranks on April 1, a custom continued with April Fool's Day. Currently, when a person is fooled on this day in France, he is called a *poisson d'avril*, which means "an April fish."

April is a crowded month. It contains the Jewish high holy day of Passover (April 22), and observances such as NATO's anniversary (April 4), Patriot's Day (April 12), and Pan American Day (April 14). Income taxes are due on the 17th of the month, and daylight saving time starts April 30. April is also designated Cancer Control Month.

April is noted for its showers which are said to bring May flowers. T.S. Eliot wrote that "April is the cruellest month, breeding/Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing/Memory and desires, stirring/Dull roots with spring rain."

