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By W. D. Cutlip

The delicate business of funding the arts in Maine was made more difficult last month when the Maine Arts Commission (MAC) released its list of grant recipients for the coming year. A number of worthy organizations — groups that had received grants in most cases, relatively speaking. This puts unfunded organizations that much more at risk.

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Among those unfunded organizations were many of Greater Portland's finest the Lark Society for Chamber Music, Maine Arts, Inc., Spring Point Ballet Company, Run Island Dance, the Spring Point Museum and the Victoria Society, to name just a few.

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Feds hit pen pal with wetlands fine

The US Environmental Protection Agency has fined a South Yarmouth developer $421,000 for failing to provide information on whether he filled in a wetland area during construction of several residential developments.

This is the first time in the EPA’s history that it has ordered an individual to stop filling in a wetland area before construction of residential developments.

The agency believes Craig Higgins of North Yarmouth filled in freshwater wetlands that drain into the Royal River. According to the EPA, the developer failed to respond to EPA requests over eight months about whether he had filled in wetlands or constructed buildings on North Road.

Higgins denies he responded to the EPA request.

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The increase in property taxes is not the city's fault. It's the state's and ultimately the federal government's fault. Portland City Manager Robert Gallant said.

Come a stop. What were the costs to the city for the tax job they did, and it seems like they have made a ton of mistakes. "That's why we have the reassessment office," said Foster. "That's why we have the complaints."
Artists — who, as a group, have lately come to expect pay instead of help from state and local government — instead at Salem's Center for the Arts, which consists of various art-related organizations, including the Arts Council of Salem and the Salem Art Association. This year, the group of artists who applied for grants also included some who had previously applied and had not been accepted for funding.

On the other hand, the arts community in the county has welcomed the news, saying that it is a positive step. "This is a great opportunity for us to get back on our feet," said one artist. "It's a real boost for our community."

The new funding, which was requested by the arts council, is expected to provide a total of $100,000 to the arts organizations in the county. The money will be used to support a variety of projects, including exhibitions, performances, and educational programs.

The arts council has been working on the new funding opportunity since last year, said its executive director. "We've been working on this for a long time, and we're really excited to see it come to fruition."

The arts council is currently accepting applications for the new funding. Applications are due by the end of the month, and the council will announce the recipients in early spring.

The new funding is part of a larger effort to support the arts in the county. The council has been working with local governments and private donors to secure funding for the arts over the past year. Last year, the council received $75,000 in funding from the state, which it used to support a variety of programs and events.

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Regressive taxes are pinching Mainers

Governor John R. McKernan and the Maine Legislature wriggled out of their financial pinch this week by putting the pinch on Mainers, who face a sales-tax increase and skyrocketing property taxes. Maine could unite itself on having one of the country’s most regressive tax structures. Now its shell is becoming decisively more regressive. Simply stated, a regressive tax is one that does not take into consideration a citizen’s ability to pay, but taxes the well-to-do and the financially struggling equal dollar amount. When a tax increase on heating oil, for example, adds $10 to everyone’s January fuel bill, some Mainers keep the heat cranked up higher in their homes while others go without for a few degrees that month.

But never mind hypothetical situations — look no further than Portland City Hall or the State House to see the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer.

For the 1995-96 state budget, the Legislative Tax Committee proposes increasing Maine’s sales tax from 5 percent to 6 percent, which will add $45 million in revenue to the state. The increase will hardly be felt by Maine’s rich, but poor people will feel the pinch.

Similarly, the taxation committee proposes adding single-serving snacks, like luscious-bagged chips of potato, to items that are taxed. This will tax Mainers who can’t afford cars and shop in neighborhood stores stocking single-serving foods for far more than those wealthy enough to make their own food.

And as reported in this week’s cover story, some Portland property owners are seeing their property taxes double and triple.

Portland city officials say they must meet minimum property tax expectations or city services will suffer. That tax hike will cost up to $1,000 per year or more for Portland homeowners. If you make $10,000 a year, that’s less than 1 per cent of your income. But as many homeowners who are struggling to make mortgage payments on their homes, that represents 6 percent of your income.

Some Portland homeowners will no longer be able to afford a house. Owners of apartments will be forced up to the increase on their tenants. And tenants, many of whom because they can’t afford to own a home, will buy an even higher proportion of their income on rent.

For Mainers living on the edge, the edge just got a little closer. And while the headlines may say McKernan and the Legislature have gotten Maine out of a pinch, the pinch has been put on the rest of us.

Letters

Island Life

My initial reaction on reading the article about the battle lines being drawn on the issue of gambling was that anyone, whether he or she was an owner of private property or the red-faced agent who wore the beard of the town.

Casino, property rights are affected by a law that can impact the future of capitalism in the United States. That’s because businesses aren’t looking for a new source of revenue to be determined by property law. The world will little note nor long remember what one island values. To paraphrase George Washington, the definition of a level playing field, the public role and tactics of an equal opportunity market player in the United States, the definition of fairness and honesty is the official pathway to the island.

Now, if we could only rid Congress of these demented, hate-filled, anti-gambling extremists, who pretend shockingly and change, vigilante justice, we would, like the authority some of our colleagues were telling me about last week, get up off its knees and get up off its knees...

Alexander Wallace Portland

For the tattered, shabby, red-blooded all American man, I guess we can put up with the press.

Well, the Reagan-Bush campaign was poor. It showed us how to grow our first garden, and even bulbous to the cause.

Lillian shares her rhubarb with me and her friendship. My initial reaction on Island is not warm and friendly? I think perhaps it’s only the second step. The other step is to assimilating the role of an agent to his community.

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International Meeting at the Casco Audubon Center. Ten nations have sent their representatives to this non-profit, public conference. The theme is "Conservation and Stewardship." The conference will be held from July 20 to 25.

The Career Center at the Library is hosting a Job Hunters' Support Group. The group meets every Thursday from 9:30 am to 11 am. Call 886-4802 for more information.

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New Fitness Yoga Center in Multnomah County, Oregon. The center offers classes in Hatha, Vinyasa, and Ashtanga yoga. The center is open every Thursday from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Call 774-5213 for more information.

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