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THE ISLAND'S MARKETPLACE **NEWS & EVENTS**

Happy Easter Long Weekend

The first official Spring long weekend is here with so much going on our beautiful island. Sunny weather and Saturday Market brings happy visitors for Easter, Earth Day and so much more! An annual tradition is the Cheese Farm on Reynolds Road for Easter and on May 4th the Ruckle Heritage Farm Day is a favourite family event. Great ways to explore our island treasures.

We hope you enjoy this issue. Check out the Home, Garden and Earth Day features. We had a lot of content to include but our amount of pages are relevant to our amount of advertisers. It is our local business advertisers that cover the printing and delivery cost, so we are very grateful they have continued to support us over the years. Thank them for allowing us to offer you FREE CLASSIFIED ADS and FREE Events listings since 2006.

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Thank you to our readers who continue to read and request more issues. After the Federal Election, we will be pleased to focus our editorial content on less political issues.... maybe

Improvised Play: Apartment 17

An improvised play with rehearsed characters.

This is a one of a kind show where we spend months rehearsing the backstories and relationships of our characters, then put them in a situation together for your enjoyment. We don't know what will happen, but we have some rough guidelines. The result is a totally unscripted, but very honest and in the moment play.

It will be funny, moving and entertaining.

The show explores themes in relation to the constraints of freedom.

We meet them in a moment in time that could lead to new ways of living for our characters.

***WARNING: POSSIBLE NUDITY**

Starring Lara Doucette, Brette Little, Michael Bean, Lenka Lee, Tony Charrette & Kate Nash

Directed by Piet Suess and Kate Nash (from the same people who brought you Annabelle's Birthday 5 years ago)

May 2nd, 3rd and 4th (matinee) and May 9th, 10th and 11th (matinee). Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/Apartment17> or email 175.tickets@gmail.com

Unlock the Power of AI

A partnership between Salt Spring Literacy and the Salt Spring Island Public Library. If you are Curious about Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it's shaping our world join us on May 1 at 1:30pm at the Library Program to learn more.

Featuring Teaghan O'Briain, an educator and AI engineer, with a background in medical physics, astrophysics, and computer science.

Bring your laptop/device to try out some AI tools live. Its a great opportunity to demystify AI and leverage its potential.

Topics covered: What is AI?; Common Uses; How to use it effectively; Pros and Cons, benefits and ethics; The future of AI; and Q&A

Cheese Farm Easter Egg Hunt

Spring into Easter with us at the farm this Sunday, April 20 at 10am at the Salt Spring Island Cheese Farm, on Reynolds road. .

Bring your baskets, gather your loved ones, and join the hunt for our famous foil-wrapped chocolate eggs. Keep an eye out for our elusive Easter Bunny—he might just hop by for a photo!

After the excitement, treat yourself to our creamy goat milk gelato (available in the farm shop) and relax amidst our blossoming gardens. Parking: Available along Reynolds Road. Our friendly Parking Directors will be there to assist you.

Café: Closed for the event, but our farm shop is stocked with local delights including Bite Me Scones, Salt Spring Island Cookie Co. treats, South End Sausage charcuterie, and, of course, our artisan goat cheeses, crackers, and Salt Spring Kitchen preserves—perfect for a picnic!

We can't wait to celebrate Easter with you!

Spring Plant Sale - April 26

The SSI Garden Club is very happy to announce that the Spring Plant Sale is coming up at the end of this month. The sale offers hundreds of plants propagated by the club's members all for sale at bargain prices. 1 to 3 pm at the Farmer's Institute.

The sale will offer ornamentals including ground covers, flowering perennials, bulbs, shrubs, trees and houseplants. There will also be edibles such as strawberries, raspberries, tayberries, and veggie starts like tomatoes. This year, for the first time, the club has native plants including Sea Thrift, Kinnickinnick, Goldenrod, Salal, Huckleberry, Blue-eyed Grass and more.

Five guest vendors will also be setup. Chorus Frog Organic Nursery will be offering veggie starts, herbs, perennial flowers, and native plants. Additional vendors include Idle Wilde Nursery selling permaculture plants and more. Fawn Lily Nursery selling native plants including Shooting Star. Nigel Kay will be selling permaculture plants and Charlie Miller will be selling a selection of starts.

These vendors handle their own sales directly at their tables, so please be sure to purchase from them separately from the garden club's tables. bring cash or e-transfer for these sales.

The sale is only 2 hours long, from 1 to 3 pm. Bring a box to put your plants in, and a few extra boxes, if you can, for someone else to use. Payment is cash, e-transfer or credit card.



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info@islandsmarketplace.com

**I said so 40 years ago,
didn't I?**

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Tom Varzeliotis

Your Vote Counts - Here is Why

This Federal Election is one of the most important (and maybe the last) democratic decisions we will ever have. There is so much more on the table than who do we like better to be our leader. Much like our forefathers, we are facing a fight for freedom, a fight against communism and totalitarian control.

If you've been asleep at the wheel it is time to shut your cruise control off and pay attention to the road ahead.

First take a look in your rearview mirror and see if you can remember another time when Canadians feared communism.

There once was a German leader who wanted total control of the world. He used military force to invade and destroy countries.

Eerily similar is the German leader of today, who invades the minds of cabinet ministers and dictators through the World Economic Forum which is a globalist thinktank that secretly plots the course for the New World Order, through psychological warfare.

Admittedly they claim that every one must reimagine and reshape the future to allow a world government run by their group of greedy power-hungry billionaires, who are playing God.

They have implanted their chosen ones in governments and heads of state in various countries like Australia, Brazil, the UK

and Ukraine, among others.

In Canada they have many "young Global Leaders" who form the Liberal Party and follow the views of their mentor Klaus Schwab. One only needs to look to Schwab's book, "The Great Reset" to see what he hopes to achieve for Canada's future with the Liberal Prime Minister at the wheel.

Digital Currency, Surveillance Cities, Mandatory Medical experiments, Universal Basic Income, Censorship of Thoughts and Opinions, Re-education Camps, Government controlled media, housing and healthcare. Our freedoms are slowly being eroded as laws and bills are being passed while we are distracted by Trump. (<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2025AG0015-000323>)

Now more than ever, this election is crucial that we all vote with an X that means more than who we like best. This is a vote for or against a communist future, modelled by China, mandated by the WEF and manipulated by the Liberal Prime Minister.

Divided votes for NDP and Green must be consolidated for Conservatives to win against the Communist controlled Liberal party and their planned collapse of Canada, as we know it.

It is not about who we like better, it is about future freedom.

Counter Current

By Riley Donovan

The Great Fulford Hall Debate

By Riley Donovan

Islanders poured in from Salt Spring's hinterlands to watch the April 15th All Candidates Debate at Fulford Hall – the parking lot was jam packed, and the hall was standing room only.

Except, it was not an "All Candidates" event, because Conservative candidate Cathy Ounsted was a no show. At 10am on the day of the debate, she let the Driftwood know that she had decided to not attend – with just six and a half hours of notice. As I file this story, Ounsted's campaign has not replied to my request for comment as to why she chose not to come.

The three remaining candidates faced off: Colin Plant of the NDP, David Beckham (not the soccer player) of the Liberals, and Elizabeth May of the Greens. Salt Spring clearly remains the Green heartland of the Saanich-Gulf riding, as evidenced by the spontaneous applause that greeted May's entrance.

The format was audience question and answer. No public forum on Salt Spring is complete without a question from Myna Lee Johnstone, who held aloft a document from 2005 on public transportation and asked the candidates if they had read it and considered its criticism of a car-dependent society. None had read it.

Candidates were thrown a curveball when a questioner asked whether they support carrying out the International Criminal Court's arrest warrant for Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu if he ever steps foot on Canadian soil. Plant forthrightly replied that he would support this. As did May, who explained: "I respect the State of Israel. Netanyahu is a war criminal who should be arrested". Beckham dodged the question by saying that he "can't speak" to the Liberal position on this issue.

There were two questions centred on the trade war, balanced out by two on environmental issues. All three candidates answered a question on Proportional Representation (PR) by saying

they personally support PR. May lamented that she had initially believed the "several thousand" promises by Trudeau that he would implement PR. Beckham said he supports PR "whether or not" his party does.

Beckham mostly stuck by the Liberal party line, though he appeared unfamiliar with several issues - notably a question about Facebook's ban on posting Canadian news links, to which he gave a vague answer about the value of getting one's news from Facebook. He presented PM Mark Carney as a strong hand in a crisis, pointing out that the well-connected Carney has every world leader "on his rolodex".

Much like Beckham, Plant appeared out of his element speaking beside Elizabeth May in the Saanich Gulf's Green stronghold. He was most in his groove when attacking the Liberal party, particularly when he pointed out that the Liberals may have a new leader but that "the rest of the party is exactly the same" as it has been for the last 10 years.

May was in her element. As she pointed out at the start, she knew most of the islanders in the hall personally, and liberally namedropped to prove that point. She closed out the evening by dining at Moby's pub with a large contingent of Greens later that night – a happy crowd, though no doubt hopeful that their election showing will outshine their Tuesday trivia results.

This was an easy afternoon for May, but her success on April 28th will depend on her fending off her Conservative challenger – especially outside her "Gulf" stronghold, in the "Saanich" part of Saanich-Gulf.

Riley Donovan is a local freelance journalist and columnist. You can find more of his work on Dominion Review (dominionreview.ca), and follow him on Twitter @valdombre.

THE ISLAND'S MARKETPLACE

CATCH OF THE DAY!

BY TOM VARZELIOTIS

Preface to "Requiem for Canada":**By Tom Varzeliotis**

NB: This is the "Preface" to my 1985 book "Requiem for Canada", abbreviated for space. It manifests the "Democratic Deficit" Trudeau fostered and Brian Mulroney exploited to bring Canada into the predicament we are now (2025).

"The Macdonald Royal Commission on the Economic Union and Development Prospects for Canada [the "Commission"] was appointed by Trudeau, outlived Turner and reported to Mulroney. The commission recommends free trade with the USA, which coincides with the hidden objective of Mulroney.

Free trade is the modern Trojan Horse, devised to deliver American hegemony over Canada. Should it be allowed to traverse the border, it will be instrumental in transforming Canada into the Ukraine of the USA.

Since the 1970s, the USA have legislation directing the President to negotiate "free trade" with Canada. Whether they have awaited things passively or whether, true to their nature, they worked behind the scene to make things happen, is hard to say. Certain is that up to the present, the universe has unfolded as they wished.

Free trade is the last phase in the piecemeal sellout of the Canadian economy which has been going on for some time now. There is an urgency, it seems, to conclude this sellout. It may be that they aim to create a fait accompli before the momentum toward Canadian economic independence (Petro Canada, magazine publishing industry, broadcasting, FIRA, the Peace initiative, the Constitution, etc) solidifies into a Canadian national ideal.

The Ukrainization of Canada, if allowed to proceed, would, of course, cancel all the gains made. And it will have a wide spectrum of other ramifications, some of them extending beyond our borders to be felt by the entire world. They will range from aspects of global trade [Globalization], to disturbing the precarious balance of nuclear terror. In the words of Lester Pearson, the world without an independent Canada will be that much poorer.

It is difficult to disperse doubts on the sincerity of the prime movers of free trade. The commission Report is rife with transparent sophistry, its occurrence being way beyond the bounds of inadvertent error reasonable people may forgive to a royal commission.

When they [the Commission] suggest, as this does, that following the appending of Canada to the USA that free trade implies, we should dispatch our diplomats to fool the world, to convince mankind that perceiving Canada in the custody of the USA is merely a mirage", certainly the Commission is non-credible. When a Commission claims that our Canadian identity will be defended against the American onslaught by our "distinctly Canadian restaurants", one is justified to doubt not only its motives but its collective intelligence as well.

The Mulroney government has taken the free trade "initiative" to the USA, without explaining it to Canadians, without even allowing minimal exposure and debate of this super-important matter. [In effect they suppressed Democracy for it would have foiled the treason they were committing]. On the contrary, the government endeavoured to stifle debate, so as to take advantage of the public ignorance to push free trade through. That this ignorance was induced is manifested by the leaked "strategy paper" devised by the Prime Minister's Office to guide the government to deceive the nation. Evidently, the Mulroney government is aware that the people would crush it if understood "free trade".

It appears that the campaign of deception is well organized, so much so, that presently the attention of the nation has been cleverly diverted into worrying about the "cultural industries". This leaves the wide and grave issues of free trade out of sight and allows the government to proceed, virtually undetected, with its hidden designs.

This induced public preoccupation with the "cultural industries" will allow Americans to take Canada in exchange for a few meaningless "safeguards" for our cultural industries to be written into the free trade accord. Mulroney will point with pride to these to assure us that everything went well. He will claim "victory" and demand our admiration and gratitude for his successful negotiation of the "safeguards", while the trade agreement will be, in effect, Canada's surrender document.

Needless to say that, once the fate of Canada has been sealed, "loopholes", clever interpretations and renegotiations resulting in amendments, will quickly take care of all the "cultural safeguards" written in the accords. The Ukraine of the USA will not escape the American preoccupation with Americanizing everything.

This book is a critical analysis, necessarily brief, of the commission Report. Since the Commission Report dovetails with the Mulroney government's free trade initiative, they have become inseparable. The writer's approach is that when a royal commission and the government adopt the means and the manner that they have pursuing free trade, there are obvious inferences to be made. If free trade could be shown to be an option for Canada, they would proceed in a reasonable and open manner.

Strong words? Not at all, when contrasted to "leaders" attempting to deceive the nation by such practices as comparing the EFTA - EC association of Sweden with Italy to the proposed union between Canada and the USA, a union best exemplified by the Ukraine and the USSR."

PS 2025: The Commission cost us some \$21M in 1980's Dollars which translates to more than \$80M in 2025 Dollars. My book, Requiem for Canada, was \$15.

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A FOREST THROUGH THE TREES

BY NOWICK GRAY

Green New Scams

By Nowick Gray

Riding through Ganges in my carbon-belching car, I was struck by the new Green Party campaign sign: Vote for Climate. Once a supporter of that party and all the environmental causes it stood for, I see now it has come to this nonsensical slogan. What does it mean?

I guess for the initiates of the cult, it's all understood: Net Zero (as if), Smart Cities (ditto), owning nothing and being happy. Electric everything... running on coal or diesel where there's no ample hydro power. Without such nuances as the "financialization of wilderness," the catch-all brand "Climate" is about as meaningful as "Vote for God." Naturally, since there is Democratic™ Consensus™ on the issue, all approved candidates must wear the mark of the climate beast, lest they be slandered as a "climate denier." But no worries, If you dare not to vote Green, there's a green-as-money alternative in the Liberals, with their newly minted idol Mark Carney, notable as the UN Special Envoy on Climate Action and Finance.

Carbon taxes are today's tithe to the Climate Church, boosting our social credit score on the way to salvation—with bonus points for sacrificing our children's sovereignty on its altar.

The implied chant of "Climate uber alles" follows the Greens' totalitarian push for Covid vaccines and lockdowns, with not a hint of apology for getting it all dead wrong. Now there's mixed message coming from the top, where the banner of the BC Green Party's homepage proclaims it's all about "Putting People First."

Wait—if climate is the number one concern, and people are to blame, how is voting for climate anything but the opposite of putting people first? I want to be all for green, but color me confused.

By focusing on climate, the Greens are putting all their environmental eggs in one leaky basket, which is a shame. Goals like clean air and water, protecting old growth forests and endangered species, and curbing industrial and agricultural toxins are no-brainers, worthy common-sense issues driving the movement from the very first Earth Day in 1970. Yet these vital and practical concerns are swept aside by the swishing gown of the Green goddess, the globalist agenda to control the planet through targeted regulation of public enemy number one, Carbon Emissions. That's your every outbreath, by the way, you planetary terrorist. I see now where Climate preeminence puts people first... on the chopping block.

Researcher Edward Ring (<https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/ten-environmentalist-myths>) exposes the "Ten Environmentalist Myths" that have hijacked public policy. Rigged "climate science" takes top honors: "There remains vigorous—if suppressed—debate over whether the data actually supports this claim [of a manmade climate crisis]. There is ample evidence that average global temperatures are not rapidly increasing, if they are even increasing at all. There is also strong evidence that extreme weather events are not increasing but rather that our ability to detect them has improved and that population increases have led more people to live in places that are particularly

vulnerable to extreme weather."

Climate-inspired policies worldwide sadly have proven damaging to the environment as well as to people and the economy. Too often the environmental myths are just leftovers of wishful thinking, whether hatched from old Mother Earth News or from thinktanks of Davos technocrats.

Here are some of the secondary myths still driving Green ideologues, with inconvenient side effects (sound familiar?) overlooked:

- There are too many people

"Today, in almost every nation, the inverse is now true: birth-rates are well below replacement levels."

- We are running out of "fossil" fuel

"New technologies and new discoveries have put total reserves of oil, along with natural gas and coal, at record highs despite increasing demand."

- Biofuel is renewable and sustainable

"[In California] replacing gasoline with carbon-neutral ethanol would require... 63,400 square miles of irrigated farmland and over 120 million acre-feet of water per crop."

- Offshore wind energy is renewable and sustainable

The massive turbines have harmful impacts on birds, insects, marine life, and sea temperature. In California, "expect ratepayers and taxpayers to subsidize a project that could cost \$300 billion or more to build systems that may only have a lifespan of 10-20 years."

- Renewables are renewable

"Replacing conventional energy with 'renewables' has ignited an expansion of worldwide mining in nations with minimal environmental protections."

- Renewables can replace fossil fuels

Not likely, given that 82 percent of global energy is still derived from fossil fuels, and most people in the world are clamoring for more energy, not less.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying don't vote for a cleaner environment. But just, get real. Vote Climate? Why should Climate care what we want? If we must vote at all, let's vote for people with feet on the ground, not heads in the engineered clouds.

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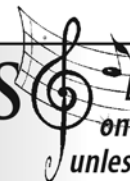
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FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Neighborhood Story Time for babies through 7 year olds and caregivers, at the library at 11am.

Meat Draw at the Legion, 5-7pm 120 Blain Road. Karaoke and great food available.

Youth Games at the Library for ages 9 to 13, 1pm

Lions Club Garage sale on from 10am to 12 noon just off Drake Rd.

Seniors coffee time at 10am at the SS Seniors Centre.

Orchestra Obatala 8 piece Cuban orchestra at 7pm at Fulford Hall.

Jesus Christ Super Star Accordion Singalong wth Shelder the Electric Clamfish at Beaver Point Hall. 2pm Porceeds to Hall fundraiser.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Meat Draw at the Legion 5 to 7pm

Live Music at the Waterfront Country Cafe 1pm to 3pm

The Pretzel Logic Orchestra, the music of Steely Dan at the Osbourne Pub in Crofton. 8pm

VagaBlonde at the Legion 7:30pm

Basketball at 10:30 to 12pm at SIMS Gym. Self led.

The Bronze Sons at Moby's Pub 9pm

CD and Vinyl Sale at SIMS from 11am to 3pm - Lots of amazing music of every genre. Fundraising for Salt Spring Radio.

Lions Club Garage sale 10am to 12 noon just off Drake Road.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Blues Jam at the Legion with Bert's Blooze Banned from 3 to 6pm Everyone welcome.

HAPPY 420 - Celebrate the Decriminalization of Cannabis ! 420 Fun at Harvest Moon, 11am.

Guided Breathwork journey 6pm at 320A Upper Ganges \$20-\$20

Rollerskating at the SIMS Gym from 2:30 to 4pm.

Community Gospel Church welcomes everyone to service at 10:30 am, everyone welcome.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Live Music at the Waterfront Cafe, 149 Fulford Ganges Road, from 1 to 3pm

Coin Fu in Centennial park Ganges from 10am to 4pm.

MONDAY, APRIL 21

Yoga for the People. All Saints lower hall 110 Park Dr. 4:30 PM Low barrier yoga. By donation.

Dart Night at the Legion on Blain Road. 6pm

Easter Egg Hunt at Mouats at 10 am while supplies last.

Taoist Rai Chi (R) practice Introduction to Tai Chi at All Saints by the Sea, 110 Park Drive. 4:30 - 5:30pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

HAPPY EARTH DAY! Get in the Garden and Plant Food & flowers!

Country Music at the Legion at 6pm Everyone welcome.

Aquafit at Rainbow Road Pool, 6:15 pm.

Women's Only AA Meeting at the Baptist Church from 6 to 7pm. Safe peaceful and supportive.

Karate for Kids at 3:45 - 4:45 at the SIMS Dance Room. Contact PARC 537-4448 for details.

Floor Hockey, Fulford Hall 7:30pm Non contact, bring equipment

Trivia Night at Mobys 7:30pm

Teen Lounge at the Library at 4pm

Arts & Crafts with Seniors from 12:30 to 3pm. Bring your painting and crafts projects to share with the group. 250-537-4604, 379 Lower Ganges Road.

WED., APRIL 23

Taoist Tai Chi (R) practice 4:30-5:30 pm at All Saints by the Sea, Upper Hall. All welcome!

The wonders of Bio char - Meaden Hall 6:45 see page 12.

Music Bingo at Moby's Pub 7:30pm Badminton from 5 to 7pm at the SSIMultispace (Sims). Cost \$6.85 per drop in. show up and play!

WED., APRIL 23

Swing Dancing with Harry Burton at the Legion at 7pm

Joe Clark and the World. 7:30pm Fulford Hall.

Immersed in Nature at Mahon Hall at 1pm with multi disciplinary performance by SS Elementary at the Bateman: Unexpected Art Show.

Codependents Anonymous (Women's Group) 5:15-6:15 at the Portable behind Lady Minto Hospital.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

Open Mic and Jam at the SSI Legion, 7pm Come early to sign up.

Meat draw from 5 to 7pm at the SSI Legion.

Rotary Bingo at Meaden Hall 6:30pm to support Foodbank.

Aquafit at Pool, 6:15 pm.

Dance Temple at Beaver Point Hall from 7-9pm.

Improve at Mateada at 7pm

Mother Goose reading with kids at the library, 10am

Community Accupuncture at the Wellness Centre, 11am to 3pm.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Youth Games at the Library for ages 9 to 13, 1pm

The Roses play Dead with the Hill-top Pranksters at Mateada at 6pm.

ASK Saltspring at the SIMS (former Middle School) classroom with Restorative Justice. 11am.

Seniors coffee time at 10am at the SS Seniors Centre.

Lions Club Garage sale on from 10am to 12 noon just off Drake Rd.

Meat Draw at the Legion, 5-7pm 120 Blain Road. Karaoke after.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Live Music with Local Motion at 7:30pm at the Legion

Live Music at the Waterfront Country Cafe 1pm to 3pm

Crystal Journey Sonic Sound Concert 7-9pm at Ganges Yoga Studio.

Lions Club Garage sale from 10am to 12 noon just off Drake Road.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Basketball at 10:30 to 12pm at SIMS Gym. Self led.

CD and Vinyl Sale at SIMS from 11am to 3pm - Lots of music Fundraising for Salt Spring Radio.

Community Accupuncture 12-4pm at Rainbow Business Centre, 127 Rainbow Road. \$25-\$50

Heart and Bone is open at the Saturday Market. Try it!

Join us for our Old Times Cafe - It's An Open Stage Event at the Fulford Hall Annex, 7pm to 11pm. Refreshments available. All ages welcome. Call Helga or Michael for more info 653-9856.

Saturday Market in the park from 9am to 3pm at Centennial Park in the heart of downtown Ganges.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Community Gospel Church welcomes everyone to service at 10:30 am, coffee or tea, something for everyone in the family.

Garden Like a Farmer with Ben Corno from 12 to 4pm register at events.humanitix.com/garden-like-a-farmer

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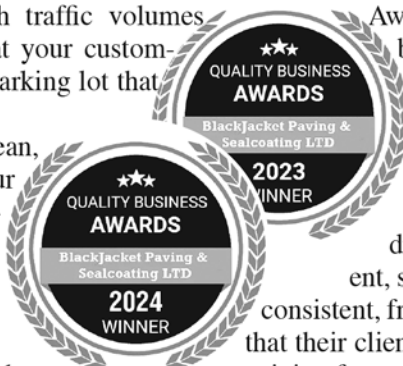
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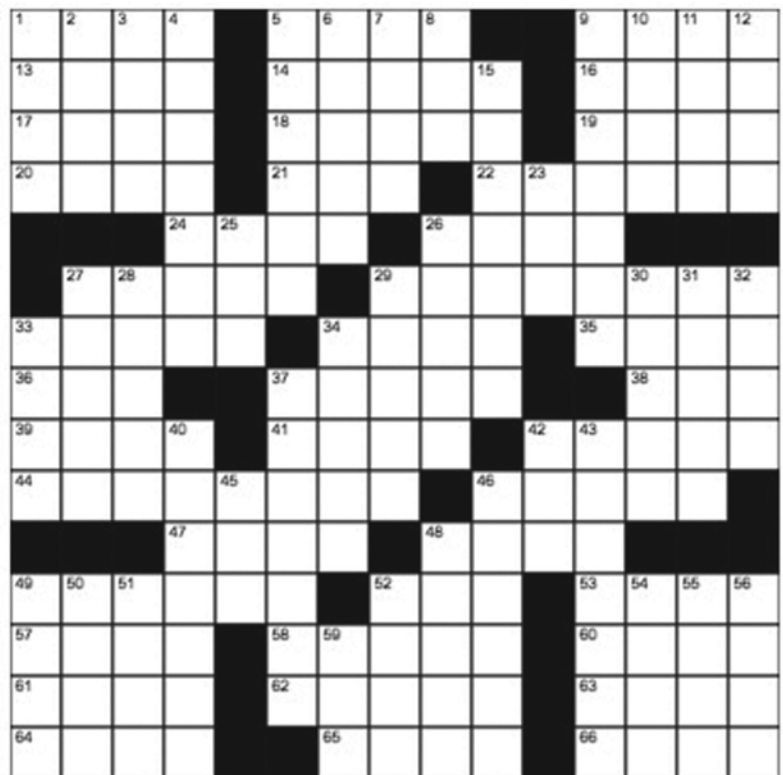
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Across

1- Nevada resort city; 5- RR stops; 9- Peter the Great, e.g.; 13- Gator's kin; 14- Hurl; 16- ____-Rooter; 17- Work without ____; 18- Teheran native; 19- Zeno's home; 20- Mediocre; 21- Lump; 22- Temper; 24- Explosive weapon; 26- Civil wrong; 27- ____ lift?; 29- Neophyte; 33- Brit's bottle measure; 34- Top-flight; 35- Grandma; 36- Clerk on "The Simpsons"; 37- One on slopes; 38- L.A. clock setting; 39- Pops; 41- Formerly, formerly; 42- Great grade; 44- Work boot feature; 46- Go along; 47- Envelope abbr.; 48- Succulent plant; 49- Look through casually; 52- Belief; 53- Tailor's line; 57- Reside; 58- Jack Sprat could ____ fat; 60- Ticklish Muppet; 61- S-shaped molding; 62- Satisfies; 63- Pinot ____ (wine); 64- Ace, e.g.; 65- Put in order; 66- Periodic movement of the sea;

Down

1- Some DVD players; 2- Inventor Rubik; 3- Denials; 4- Tenth month of the year; 5- Stain; 6- Pulsate; 7- Riyadh resident; 8- Junior; 9- Capital of New Jersey; 10- Auctioneer's cry; 11- To ____ (perfectly); 12- Laugh loudly; 15- Man who has lost his wife; 23- Rainbow shape; 25- Lyric poem; 26- Principle; 27- Try to bite; 28- Practice piece; 29- Racket; 30- Syrup source; 31- Come afterward; 32- Phooey!; 33- Scottish boys; 34- Ohio tire city; 37- Lounges; 40- Kelp; 42- Past; 43- Gift; 45- Mil. officers; 46- Nearly; 48- Moore's TV boss; 49- Voting group; 50- Latvian capital; 51- Above; 52- Sock ____ me!; 54- "The Time Machine" people; 55- In the middle of; 56- Oliver Twist's request; 59- Small batteries;



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On the upper floor, the open-plan great room stretches from the back of the house, where a doorway in the kitchen opens onto a sundeck, through the dining area to the great room itself. Here, a gas fireplace will cast its rosy glow throughout the space, and the extra-deep window sill might double as a window seat.

The dining area boasts a window to the side garden. The nearby stairwell is railed for safety.

The kitchen features an efficient L-shaped counter configuration, as well as a prep island and a corner pantry. Plenty of natural light will come through the window over the double sink, which has a view to the sundeck and the back garden.

The master suite, located at the back of the home for privacy, has a roomy walk-in closet and a three-piece en-suite.

The second and third bedrooms share a three-piece bathroom. Both rooms have windows with extra-deep sills that look out over the front garden. A linen closet and broom cupboard are situated nearby.

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GARAGE SALE

115 Forest Hill Place. 10am, no early birds please. There are odds and ends, set of dining chairs, a small fridge, some free items too! We are off of the first Mobrae. Thanks!

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Carney's Central Planning Agenda could stall Canada's Growth

By Barry Schwartz

To understand the core issues in this election—and Donald Trump's worldview—consider a simple model: symbolists vs. builders.

Symbolists—lawyers, accountants, educators, bureaucrats—work in abstractions: words, numbers and ideas. Builders, by contrast, work with their hands to produce tangible things: ships, houses, tools.

Of course, modern economies need both. But the imbalance today lies in how we favour the symbolic—those who speak, regulate and measure—over those who make.

For years, experts predicted that advanced economies would become “weightless,” generating prosperity by designing, patenting and managing, while outsourcing material production to less developed countries. In theory, global trade makes sense—specialize in your strengths, let others handle the rest.

In practice, Trump argues, this model drains America of both strength and soul.

Strength, for him, includes military might. Wars still require people and machines to destroy other people and machines. The Allies won the Second World War partly because Americans and Canadians had the unmatched capacity to build ships, tanks and planes—and to train soldiers who could use and maintain them. Outsourcing that capacity, Trump believes, makes a nation vulnerable.

Soul is more intangible. Not everyone fits—or wants to join—the symbolist class. For many, building real things provides meaning the abstract world overlooks. Trump's “forgotten Americans” feel discarded by an elite that neither respects nor understands them. He imagines a renewed America where builders don't just survive, but thrive, measured not only in absolute terms but relative to symbolist elites. Many of these elites—especially in left-leaning universities—despise him, partly because they lack empathy for builders.

Now, Trump is no tradesman—his career has revolved around branding, finance and media. But politically, he channels the frustration of those who build and fix, rather than draft and interpret.

The green agenda often deepens this divide. Net-zero targets often mean shifting manufacturing and energy production abroad, to countries with lower environmental and labour standards. Global emissions don't fall—they just move out of sight. Trump sees this as a hollow trade-off that weakens the American core.

This symbolist-builder tension doesn't stop at the U.S. border. It's playing out in Canada too—subtly, but significantly—and may well shape the next federal election.

Canadians appear poised to elect Mark Carney, the quintessential symbolist. In uncertain times—amid Trump's rising influence and economic unease—Carney's stiff, technocratic calm can seem reassuring.

But Pierre Poilievre, once the top contender, now appears to many as too feisty, too funny, too blunt. Yet he speaks the language of builders. He sees symbolists as roadblocks. Take housing: he blames endless red tape and high interest rates—driven by public debt and Liberal overspending—for the crisis. He sympathizes with the construction industry and wants to unleash it. Carney, by contrast, prefers central planners to steer development—federal bureaucrats over provincial, municipal or Indigenous leaders, and certainly

over individual Canadians.

It's the same with energy. Poilievre wants it produced here, by Canadians. Carney hedges—layers of taxes, regulations and net-zero targets. Meanwhile, under Trump, U.S. energy production outpaces ours. Canadians admire Carney's résumé—central banker, global titles—but his book *Value(s)* reads like a dull sermon. He calls for “measuring what matters,” but offers no humility about who decides what matters—or at what cost. Think Snow Gray and the Seven Enablers.

Carney is a collectivist. His values are social metrics—like “progress”—defined by elites. There's little room for individual freedom or diverse meanings of success. Freedom is a value too—and Carney overlooks it.

He also suffers from Maslow's hammer syndrome: if you're a hammer, everything looks like a nail. He fixates on singular metrics—first inflation, now net-zero—while ignoring broader human well-being. What about prosperity, health outcomes or emotional resilience? During COVID-19, excessive lockdowns likely cost more lives than they saved. But Carney dismisses rigorous cost-benefit analysis when it threatens his fixations.

Ironically, builders like Trump defend free expression more than symbolists, despite the latter working with words. But symbolist elites control the institutions—academia, media, public service. Try getting a university job if you challenge the dominant ideology. Dissent isn't treated as diversity of thought—it's branded disinformation.

In Canada, Poilievre has repeatedly challenged these symbolist elites. Trudeau embraced them. Expect the same from Carney.

So how should Canada respond to Trump's agenda?

We must guard our sovereignty. But we can't just react to Trump—we must strengthen ourselves. The economic cost of suffocating our natural resource industries—one to two per cent of GDP annually—is roughly equal to the expected fallout from trade wars.

This moment could prompt more Ottawa-led overreach—or it could inspire a rebalancing of the federation, leaving more room for new ideas and regional initiatives.

This election should ask: how do we re-energize Canada?

Under Carney, expect fewer homes, fewer cars, less energy, and less freedom, innovation and creativity. His reliance on central planning and abstract targets will slow approvals, raise costs and dampen initiative.

Will Canadians choose symbolist Carney or builder Poilievre?

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nian Dark Earths by adding charcoal, a form of Biochar, along with other organic residues to the soil. Today, biochar is being created in back-yard pits and in Biochar kilns, where organic material is heated in an environment that is devoid of oxygen.

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Find out more at this event - free to members and \$5.00 for drop-ins.

Join us on April 23 at 6:45pm at the Meaden Hall, 120 Blain Road. Presented by the Salt Spring Garden Club.

Companion Planting Guide

Plant	Plant Near	Avoid
Artichoke	Brassicas (Cabbage, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Brussels Sprouts)	None!
Asparagus	Basil, Nasturtiums, Parsley, Strawberries, Tomatoes	Onions, Garlic, Potatoes
Basil	Asparagus, Oregano, Peppers, Tomatoes (Basil is known to improve the flavour of tomatoes. It acts as a repellent for asparagus beetle, aphids, tomato horn worm and mosquitoes.)	None!
Bean (Bush)	(Beans add nitrogen to the soil!) Nasturtiums, Beets, Radishes, Peas, Strawberries, Celery, Corn, Cucumbers, Swiss Chard, Potatoes, Marigolds	Onions, Garlic
Bean (Pole)	Corn, Sunflowers, Cucumbers, Celery, Marigolds, Oregano, Peas, Potatoes, Radishes, Rosemary, Spinach, Squash	Onions, Brassicas, Fennel
Beets	(Beets return manganese & iron to soil.) Carrots, Corn, Cucumbers, Bush Beans, Brassicas, Garlic, Kohlrabi, Lettuce	Dill, Pole Beans
Broccoli	(Cabbage moths prey on brassicas resulting in cabbage worms. Planting near other plants that deter moths helps to protect your brassicas.) Artichoke, Beets, Celery, Chamomile, Cucumbers, Dill, Garlic, Marigolds, Mint, Nasturtiums, Onions, Oregano, Potatoes, Radishes, Rosemary, Sage, Spinach	Dill, Pole Beans, other Brassicas (as they attract the same pests)
Brussels Sprouts	Artichoke, Beans (Bush), Beets, Celery, Chamomile, Garlic, Marigolds, Mint, Nasturtiums, Onions, Peas, Potatoes, Rosemary, Sage, Spinach, Thyme	Pole Beans, Kohlrabi, Strawberries, Tomatoes
Cabbage	Artichoke, Beets, Chamomile, Cucumbers, Dill, Garlic, Marigolds, Mint, Nasturtiums, Onions, Potatoes, Radishes, Rosemary, Sage, Spinach	Beans (Pole), Tomatoes
Carrots	Beans, Brassicas, Chives, Lettuce, Onions, Parsley, Radishes, Peppers, Rosemary	Dill, Parsnips, Potatoes
Celery	Beans, Brassicas, Chives, Cilantro, Garlic, Lettuce, Nasturtiums, Spinach, Tomatoes	Carrots, Parsnips
Cilantro	Celery, Parsley, Peas, Potatoes, Tomatoes (Cilantro repels potato beetle, spider mites and aphids.)	None!
Corn	Beans, Beets, Cucumbers, Dill, Artichoke, Marigolds, Melons, Parsley, Peas, Potatoes, Squash, Sunflowers	Celery, Tomatoes

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Aries - March 21 - April 20

Relatives may play an important role in your personal life. Only offer to do the things you have time for. Luxury items will cost you more than you can truly afford. You can bet that you'll draw attention to yourself. Family members may feel anxious if you make promises you don't deliver.

Taurus - April 21 - May 20

You can make alterations to your appearance that everyone will admire. You must be careful not to ignore the needs of the youngsters in your family. Be diplomatic and honest, and that person will only be made to look bad. Your involvement in organizational events could open doors to new and exciting opportunities.

Gemini - May 21 - June 21

Make sure that you take time to remember those you love. You are best to avoid confrontations. Residential moves will be in your best interest. Changes in your domestic scene are evident.

Cancer - June 22 - July 22

Your magnetic, outgoing personality will capture hearts. You can come into money that you don't necessarily work for. The danger of minor accidents will increase with the turmoil. You may find that someone you live with is not too happy, but you can't really do anything about that right now.

Leo - July 23 - August 22

Don't overreact if your partner has a poor attitude. Your mate is going to want and need some attention. Delve into your work if you can't make amends at home. In-laws or relatives may oppose your personal intentions.

Virgo - August 23 - September 22

You will find it easy finalizing personal papers if you make an effort. You can make wonderful contributions to any organization that you join. You could be tempted to overspend on unnecessary items. If they don't want to get involved, work by yourself.

Libra - September 23 - October 22

You will enjoy physical activities more than you think. You will have a problem sorting out your true feelings when it comes to your relationship. For now just do the best you can. Your partner may not understand your mood swings but if you are willing to communicate, a lot of grief can be avoided.

Scorpio - October 23 - November 21

Try to accommodate them without infringing on your own responsibilities. Don't blow situations out of proportion. Property deals look good. You are best to do your research before taking on such a venture.

Sagittarius - November 22 - December 20

You can dazzle members of the opposite sex with your quick wit and aggressive charm. You can learn a great deal if you listen to those who are older or more experienced. Look into some personal changes. You may have to take a short trip to visit someone who hasn't been well.

Capricorn - December 21 - January 19

You will find it easy finalizing personal papers if you make an effort. Don't be afraid to confront situations concerning loved ones in order to solve any problems that may exist. You may find your self a bit frazzled if you allow someone to goad you into an unsavory debate. Try to get every one involved; it will help bring you closer together.

Aquarius - January 20 - February 18

You can bet that situations will get out of hand if you allow others to interfere. Try not to donate to organizations if you can hardly afford to take care of yourself. Opportunities for new romantic encounters will unfold through the social events you attend. It's time to reconnect with some of the people you used to know.

Pisces - February 19 - March 20

Your lack of interest in your partner is a problem. Communication will be your best bet. You may want to get involved in some kind of creative group. A female colleague may cause problems for you.