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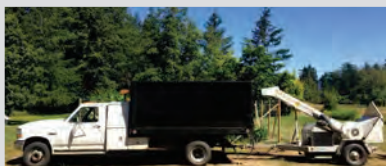
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Mark Your Calendars for Turning the Page *By Stewart Goodings*

ARTS&LIT

It's been a long haul, eh? But at last, we can gather once more in the Community Hall. And what an event we have planned for Denman on Friday, July 16 and Saturday, July 17—a veritable potpourri of music, poetry, short story, opinion, and performance by a range of talented Denman folk.

On both the Friday and Saturday afternoons and evenings, the Community Hall stage will be occupied by your neighbours and friends. In order of their appearance, here they are: Afternoon, 4-6: Kevin Mitchell, Dawn Stofer, Ron Sakolsky (to be joined by Sheila Nopper and charred on the 17th), Danni Crenna, Des Kennedy, Bill Engleson, Del Phillips, Peter Paul Van Camp, Jan Florian; Evening, 7-9: Kevin Mitchell, Matsuki Masutani, Laura Busheikin, Carolyn Montgomery, Stewart Goodings, and Bethany Ireland.

There is no need to register for this free event, but attendance will be limited to 110 each day, according to public health guidelines, so get there in time to claim your seat in the cabaret-style seating arrangement. Masks are still recommended indoors.

Wine and beer will be available in the Back Hall before the program begins, during the 6-7 picnic break, and after the show in the evening.

During the break between 6 and 7, a charcuterie platter of delicious meats and cheeses, as well as vegan and gluten-free dishes and baked goods will be catered by Sharon Clarke, who is generously donating all proceeds of the food purchased to Pepper Lane, the seniors housing project of the DCLTA.

What can you expect from this talented array of Denmanites? Here's a little background on our performers:

• **Kevin Mitchell** is one of the island's best-loved musicians, and his album, "Home in the Sky" is a favourite of locals. The song he will perform to open both segments of the show will be "Rocky Shores", a song commissioned by Valdy, the legendary folksinger from Salt Spring Island.

• **Dawn Stofer** is an artist and writer and active member of the Denman Writers Group. She says the scenario for the piece of writing she will present is this: Alice, fired from her job in Toronto, arrives back on the West Coast. Exhausted after the long drive, she falls into a dream of childhood.

• **Ron Sakolsky** is a long-time activist, and an author of several books on anarchism and surrealism. He publishes an annual 'zine' called The Oystercatcher, and was recently featured in BC BookLook for his new book, "Dreams of Anarchy and the Anarchy of Dreams: Adventures at the Crossroads of Anarchy and Surrealism." He'll be solo on Friday talking about 'Surrealism in BC' and joined on Saturday by Sheila Nopper and charred, writing colleagues on the The Oystercatcher.

• **Danni Crenna**, versatile quilter, farmer, and publisher of the Flagstone, will read from her partner Bentley LeBaron's evocative nature musings from his book "Spirits of Place."

• **Des Kennedy**, author of several highly regarded novels, as well as books on gardening, is a regular moderator at Denman Readers and Writers Festivals, and an entertaining presenter at many community events. Des will read an excerpt from his latest novel, "An Island Commune", in which pure fiction and memoir intersect.

• **D.I.R.I.G.I.B.L.E. (Denman Island Raconteurs Integrating Graciously in Bedlam-like Exchange)** is an eclectic band of four performers: Bill Engleson, Del Phillips, Jan Florian, and Peter Paul Van Camp, all experienced purveyors of the written and spoken word, will provide a mixture of words, song and poetry based on the theme of coming from away and landing on Denman Island.

• **Matsuki Masutani** is a translator, and well known on the island as a veteran table tennis player, but now his bio will be enhanced by his debut book "I Will Be More Myself in the Next World", a whimsical and highly personal book of poems, recently warmly reviewed by Ken Madsen in the July issue of the Flagstone.

• **Laura Busheikin** is well known as a Trustee for Denman on the Islands Trust, and an active member of Coop Housing. Recently she has shared her short story and memoir writing with the Denman Writers Group, and will be reading a piece covering pivotal moments of her younger life.

• **Bill Engleson** is the author of a novel and a book of memoir opinion pieces, and his poems and articles have appeared regularly in both the Grapevine and Flagstone. He will read his latest poetic opus, "Easter Bonnie: Circuit Breaker, Emergency Brake, or Covid Interruptus."

• **Carolyn Montgomery** is also a member of the DI Writers Group, and she will share a short story called "The Hummingbird" a coming-of-age tale told in the voice of a fourteen year old.

• **Stewart Goodings** is one of the organizers of the DI Readers and Writers Festival, and will be welcoming one of Denman's early settlers, William Baikie, back to the island.

• **Bethany Ireland** is a singer and songwriter with the 2020 album "Cheeky Bunny" to her credit. She says her lyrics are "more of a wrenching of my heart" and she intends to play and talk about the 'word painting' she so enjoys.

While this is a free event, if anyone feels like making a donation, the funds collected will be passed on to the Community Hall whose Board is hoping to purchase a much-needed heat pump to improve audience and performer comfort levels for all events in the Hall.



Front row: Bentley LeBaron, Danni Crenna, Sheila Nopper, Dawn Stofer, Matsuki Masutani, Stewart Goodings

Back Row: Des Kennedy, Del Phillips, Jan Florian, Bethany Ireland, Bill Engleson, charred, Ron Sakolsky

If you've been looking forward to an in-person community event, this is it! See you in the Community Hall July 16 and 17 for genuine local Denman entertainment! 🍷

Buzz on Bees: Varroa Mites

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Rachel Halliwell

Whether your beekeeping journey is well on its way or you recently received your first nucleus colony, you've probably heard a fellow beekeeper utter the words 'varroa mite.' Although what is the varroa mite and why is it such a big deal?

The varroa mite or Varroa Destructor, is a common pest of the honeybee. These tiny pests, red/brown in colour and about the size of a freckle, pierce the honeybee's exoskeleton and release thousands of viral loads into the honeybees' body. The honeybee is first weakened by its now perforated exoskeleton and even more so when pumped full of viruses. One of the telling signs of the Varroa mite in the colony is the presence of Deformed Wing Virus (DWV). As its name suggests, DWV, leads to deformed wings on young emerging bees. With large numbers of the emerging population unable to develop functional wings, that next generation of foragers are unable to fly and collect food for the colony- eventually leading to the honeybees slow decline and subsequent collapse.

This all sounds extremely devastating (and it is), although the Varroa mite is treatable and can be detected prior to reaching unmanageable levels. Integrating mite checks into your beekeeping practices is going to be the best way to stay on top of these pests. Mite checks should be done every 3-4 weeks- which can easily be integrated into your monthly practice! Although, how do you check for mites? There are a few options- my favourite method is the sugar shake test. Now,

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TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •
• Source: tides.gc.ca •

2021-07-08

(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:46	4.1	13.5
11:54	0.8	2.6
19:42	4.5	14.8

2021-07-09

(Friday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:37	3.8	12.5
04:25	4.1	13.5
12:27	0.7	2.3
20:12	4.6	15.1

2021-07-10

(Saturday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:13	3.7	12.1
05:06	4.1	13.5
13:01	0.6	2.0
20:43	4.7	15.4

2021-07-11

(Sunday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:49	3.7	12.1
05:49	4.1	13.5
13:36	0.6	2.0
21:14	4.7	15.4

2021-07-12

(Monday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:29	3.6	11.8
06:36	4.1	13.5
14:11	0.7	2.3
21:44	4.7	15.4

2021-07-13

(Tuesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:13	3.5	11.5
07:27	4.0	13.1
14:48	0.9	3.0
22:13	4.7	15.4

2021-07-14

(Wednesday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:02	3.3	10.8
08:25	3.8	12.5
15:26	1.2	3.9
22:42	4.7	15.4

2021-07-15

(Thursday)

Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:56	3.0	9.8
09:34	3.6	11.8
16:08	1.6	5.2
23:11	4.7	15.4

First Week - How is that Bus Service Doing?

COMMUNITY
INFO

By Anthony Gregson • Denman Works!

The Denman Island Bus Service is up and running after its launch on July 1st. Bus stop signs were situated at the two ferry terminals and the three stops, Guesthouse, Activity Centre/Museum, and the Farmer's Market. The vendor, Kevin East of Ambassador Transportation, Patrice Leblanc, chair of the Denman Works Transportation Committee, Tony Gregson, and the driver, Cheryl, gathered at the Guesthouse, had a celebratory coffee, paid the two bucks, and set off for Gravelly Bay. It's been interesting and not as nail-biting as feared.

For one thing, our first customer seemed quietly auspicious, a ride from the Guesthouse to the Hermitage, as if the spirit of Denman might be with us.

For another, Gravelly Bay line-ups have not been the problem we anticipated. BC Ferries has contracted out traffic control to an efficient outfit who let us through with hardly any delay every time. Terminal crew and traffic control were friendly, supportive, and even entertaining. But – there's always a but – we did encounter problems with the location of the bus stop. We thought it would work down by the terminal but that is just way too busy and risky to turn around. Safety, as Kevin East reminds us, comes first with bus service, so the stop had to be located at the top of the hill where you can get out more easily with the cooperation of traffic control. A directional sign letting people know the stop is up the slope will be installed this weekend.

Meeting the shuttles is a challenge. It is hit and miss. We know that with one vehicle, there's no way you can hit every ferry on busy summer weekends. It is a trade-off between regularity and timeliness. That means the bus just has to keep moving to make its own schedule of a 45-minute round trip. That said, try explaining that to arrivals who see the bus pull away just as the ferry docks. There is a solution. Ambassador is looking at bringing on a second bus, a minivan. That would mean that instead of a bus every 45 minutes, there would be one every twenty minutes or so. Better still, if the two buses circuit the island in opposite directions, that would hugely improve service along the entire route. But it is not going to happen overnight: apparently, the government approval process for adding a van to their fleet is notably slow. Personally, I am willing to try anything, so I gave a ride to a customer bound for Hornby left behind at Denman West late in the day, but it must be admitted that the conspicuous dents in my Tacoma (even by Denmanistan standards) would not normally inspire confidence.

In the meantime, Ambassador is in the process of switching out the present shuttle with a smaller bus that will at least be more manoeuvrable.

Our driver, Cheryl, is a hero in my books. Coming from off-island, she took on all the shifts, driving all day, from nine until seven, and even the late Friday night Hornby ferries. She brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm. I took the bus every day just to learn from her observations and comments. But thankful as we are, reliance on a single, seasoned trooper is not sustainable. We need island-resident drivers in the long run. I am pleased to say we have candidates who we hope will be available for the pilot.

I am really glad that the service has decided to take up roadside ride hailing because this is a community feature. I tried it out myself, flagging the bus down on Lacon to get to the market, and taking it back home. It was a change. In your car, you don't really leave the bubble of your own world. Taking the bus to market put me out there a little more and instead of keeping my eyes on the road, I got to appreciate the beauty of the island. But roadside hailing has some risks because there are lots of places where it isn't safe to pull over. The road is ditched, has a narrow verge, is often too busy or there are too few driveways. The solution is probably to follow school bus procedure: if necessary, stop in the road lane, flick on flashing lights, and ask drop-offs not to move until the bus has left. And make sure the back of the vehicle says Denman Bus!

So, how did it go? Thirty-two riders in total may not sound like much, but is not bad for a start, especially where there was no bus service. There were some complaints, which is only to be expected when you are trying something new, but on the whole, most comments are welcoming of the idea and there was some valuable advice. From our point of view, no matter what, everything is data.

The feeling of the team is that we can probably expect more from the pilot than we anticipated. Ambassador is willing to try out lots of different ideas. We may emerge with a better idea than expected of what a community service looks like, supplemented by the Transport Survey which will launch next week.

In the meantime, our heartfelt thanks to everyone who gave the service a try!



DENMAN ISLAND BUS SCHEDULE

Schedule for July 1 - Sept. 6



BUS STOPS	OPERATES: FRIDAY - SUNDAY & STAT MONDAYS													FRIDAY ONLY*
Gravelly Bay Ferry Terminal (East Denman)	9:10 AM	9:55 AM	10:40 AM	11:25 AM	12:10 PM	12:55 PM	1:40 PM	4:35 PM	5:20 PM	6:05 PM	6:50 PM	7:35 PM	---	8:20 PM*
West Denman Ferry Terminal	9:30 AM	10:15 AM	11:00 AM	11:45 AM	12:30 PM	1:15 PM	2:00 PM	4:10 PM	4:55 PM	5:40 PM	6:25 PM	7:10 PM	7:55 PM	8:40 PM*
Activity Center / Museum	9:35 AM	10:20 AM	11:05 AM	11:50 AM	12:35 PM	1:20 PM	---	4:15 PM	5:00 PM	5:45 PM	6:30 PM	7:15 PM	---	8:00 PM*
Denman Road Guest House	9:40 AM	10:25 AM	11:10 AM	11:55 AM	12:40 PM	1:25 PM	---	4:20 PM	5:05 PM	5:50 PM	6:35 PM	7:20 PM	---	8:05 PM*
Farmers Market (East Bound)	9:45 AM	10:30 AM	11:15 AM	12:00 PM	12:45 PM	1:30 PM	---	4:20 PM	5:10 PM	5:55 PM	6:40 PM	7:25 PM	---	8:10 PM*

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...continued from P.3 with everything in beekeeping there are many ways of doing a sugar shake test. One technique goes as follows:

1. Choose a frame with open larva- this is where you are going to find the most varroa mites since they reproduce in brood cells
2. Check that the queen is not on the frame. We do not want to sugar shake the queen- she is very, very precious
3. Hold the frame of open larva on its side over the hive and run your mason jar down the frame. This way the bees will backflip into your open jar. You want to collect approximately 1/2 a jar of honeybees in a 500ml mason jar with a grated lid.
4. Once the bees are in the mason jar, add some icing sugar, close the lid and shake the jar for approximately 2 minutes- you want to ensure all the bees are coated in icing sugar.
5. Once you have rolled/shake the bees in icing sugar, flip the mason jar with grated lid upside down and shake the jar of bees over a clear container with water. This is where you will see the mites shake out.
6. When you cease to shake any more icing sugar out of the mason jar, it is time to open the lid and pour the bees back into their hive.

The concept of the sugar shake test is that when coated with icing sugar, the mites are unable to tightly latch on to the honeybees and will therefore fall off. This technique is wonderful because it leaves the honeybees intact, returning back to the colony with a sweet consolation prize. The amount of mites that fall into the water off the 1/2 jar

of honeybees (which is approximately 300 honeybees) is a representative of the mite loads in the colony. If you take the number of mites found, let's say 12, then divide by the sample size which is approximately 300 and multiply by 100, you will get the approximate percentage of mites in your colony. For this example, the mite percentage would be 4%. It is common practice to suggest that below 3% mite load is a manageable level.

It is always important to read up on diseases within the hive and if diseases are suspected, reach out to your local apiary inspector which you can find through this link: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/animals-and-crops/animal-production/bees/apiculturist-inspectors>. If you need more specifics on mite controls, how to do a sugar shake test or mite treatment, email info@homegrownbee.ca for more information.

In the meantime, Happy Beekeeping!



Healthy Islands: What is the MYOFASCIAL System?

By Chris Mainella

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Hello Denman and Hornby Community,

Christopher Mainella here, certified and registered Physiotherapist with the BC College of Physiotherapists, I provide Physiotherapy receipts if you are claiming on your extended health benefits or MSP Premium (which covers \$23/session up to 10 sessions). I am currently working on Wednesdays out of the Hornby and Denman Health Care Society building on Hornby and Fridays out of the Denman Medical Clinic. I can treat Worksafe and ICBC clients but contact me for more information.

This article is part of a monthly series to keep our islands healthy and to share knowledge. Enjoy!

What is the MYOFASCIAL system?

The **myofascial system** comprises contractile muscle tissue and connective tissue. Within the **myofascial system**, there are other fascial organizations, such as the nervous and vascular tissue and the lymphatic system.

Fascia is a specialized system of the body that has an appearance similar to a spider's web or a sweater. Fascia is very densely woven, covering and interpenetrating every muscle, bone, nerve, artery and vein, as well as, all of our internal organs including the heart, lungs, brain and spinal cord. The most interesting aspect of the fascial system is that it is not just a system of separate coverings, it is actually one continuous structure that exists from head to toe without interruption. In this way you can begin to see that each part of the entire body is connected to every other part by the fascia, like the yarn in a sweater. (www.myofascialrelease.com)



In the normal healthy state, the fascia is relaxed and wavy in configuration. It has the ability to stretch and move without restriction. A dysfunction of the fascial tissue will cause a segment of the body to alter its function, when this occurs, there must be a compensation somewhere else in the body. Each time we experience trauma, undergo an inflammatory response or suffer poor posture over time the fascial systems become restricted and loses pliability. The changes trauma causes in the fascial system influences comfort and function of our body. These restrictions act like concentric layers of an onion, the adaptive layers slowly tighten until we begin to lose our physiological adaptive range, stability, flexibility, spontaneity of motion, our ability to withstand stress and perform our daily activities. (Cummings, 2007)

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...continued from P.5 Myofascial Release is a safe and very effective hands-on technique that involves applying gentle sustained pressure into the myofascial connective tissue restrictions. The gentle traction forces applied to fascial restrictions will elicit a vaso-motor response, increasing blood flow to the affected area, enhancing lymphatic drainage of toxic metabolic wastes and re-aligning the fascial planes. Most importantly the traction resets the soft tissue proprioceptive sensory mechanism, integration of the central nervous system computer that enables normal function range of motion without eliciting old pain patterns. Also when the restrictions are released and balanced, the osseous structures can re-orient, thus relieving enormous pressure from the nerves, muscles, blood vessels and other pain sensitive structures. (Cummings, 2007)

I have been practising Myofascial release since 2007. I was fortunate to work with many Osteopaths in Montreal who gave workshops, I then followed that with more in depth weekend courses. At times when the body has been through a trauma, sustained an injury and/or is in pain, the body communicates that it needs simplicity. This subtle hands on approach helps to guide the body back to balance and nourishes the facial system that is so interconnected within us. It works wonders, come try it out!

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LTFN Chief Demands Pope Visit Canada Soon

**PRESS
RELEASE**

By Lheidli T'enneh Band

LTFN Chief Demands Pope Visit Canada Soon and Accept Responsibility for Attempted Annihilation of Kids at Residential Schools

LHEIDLI, British Columbia, July 05, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Lheidli T'enneh First Nation (LTFN) Chief Dolleen Logan today demanded of the leader of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis, to visit the residential schools in British Columbia and Saskatchewan where the remains of hundreds of children have been found in unmarked graves. Chief Logan said the only way for healing to begin is to have the head of the Catholic Church visit the sites of these crimes and apologize directly to the families of the kids who never made it home. In recent weeks, the remains of hundreds of children have been found at the sites of two residential schools in BC and one in Saskatchewan. Indigenous leaders say more discoveries of children who died while in the care of staff at Catholic-Church-run and Crown-sanctioned residential schools are expected.



Chief Logan stated, "I learned last week that a group of Canadian

indigenous leaders is scheduled to travel to meet with the Pope at the Vatican in December to seek an apology for the deaths and ill-treatment of indigenous children while in the care of staff at Catholic residential schools. I was incensed! Here we are in 2021 having a chosen few visit the leader of Catholic Church who has shown no intent of accepting responsibility for what happened to indigenous kids at Catholic residential schools! Why is it we still capitulate to the Pope?"

Chief Logan added, "If Pope Francis were really serious about reconciling with indigenous people in Canada, his first step would be to travel here as

soon as possible and visit the unmarked graves in BC and Saskatchewan. He would meet with the families of the kids who never made it home, who never got to chase their dreams and he would apologize to each family. He would then meet with indigenous leaders to discuss 'next steps' in the investigation of these crime scenes and provide compensation for all costs associated with the ongoing investigations."

Chief Logan concluded, "If he were serious about reconciling with Canada's indigenous people, he would accept responsibility for what the Roman Catholic Church did while operating residential schools and show true remorse, not just talk about healing. He would then meet with the Prime Minister and the Queen of England as the Monarchy and Canada are as guilty in allowing the deaths and abuse to occur at church run schools as the Catholic Church is. The Monarchy and Canada allowed and continued to allow this to happen until the last residential school closed in 1996. The time for talk is done! It is time for action from the leaders of all parties involved in these crimes. They need to own up to the atrocities, accept responsibility and then work with indigenous leaders and communities to start to mend the wrong they have done. If the Pope is genuinely concerned about the lives of indigenous children and families, then he can show it by visiting Canada and begin the long journey to right the wrongs of the past. That journey begins here in Canada, not at the Vatican in Italy." Media contact:

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Publisher's Notes - Digging Through the Archives

As restrictions lift and functions begin to dot the social landscape anew, let's cast an eye back to 2008 to get a glimpse of what a good ol' down-home Denman night out was like.

In shaking off the rust from a lengthy lockdown, it's possible we could use a gentle reminder of the potential to be attained by those of us seeking entertainment. Who knows?

It's not inconceivable that the **Duncan Band** might be plotting a reunion performance at the hall to help lead us in the proper direction, *though don't take my word for it*. Alls I know is that it's unlikely there'll be any 'with Jennifer West & Del Phillips' on such a ticket.

Astute Grapevine readers will understand that Del is focussed on the upcoming Reader's & Writers Festival, Turning the Page. (Good luck next weekend Del!) As for Jennifer, well, let's just say that she passed on getting a haircut in going off and getting a REAL job. General Store regulars will understand what I mean. This isn't to say that the stage has seen the last of Jennifer's sweet musical stylings. If anything, managing the General Store has provided her ample material for song writing and compositions.

Rumours of a new blues album have yet to make the rounds but if you're reading about them in the Grapevine, can an announcement be far behind? Look for rumoured new songs:

The Gas Pump don't Pump Blues (featuring Scotty Donaldson)

Fritz goes the ATM, again (Randy Duncan backing ukulele)

Why hast thou forsaken me, Quickbooks, why? (with free flow rap by Peter Paul Van Camp)

While we wait to see if those rumours have any basis in truth, let's again dip back in time to Betty-Ann Grodecki's continuing coverage of **Tony & Tina** and the lead up to their big wedding from Feb.1998. 🍷



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Tony and Tina Tacky!

Just back from Florida, MOTB Josie Vitale called the *Grapevine* with the latest developments regarding Tony & Tina's wedding.

It seems that Vinnie Black, (who calls himself *The King of Caterers* and owner of the Coliseum restaurant), had planned to use paper plates and plastic forks for the buffet, to avoid the cost of dishwashers. Vinnie's wife Loretta has squashed that idea, but rumour has it that the glasses for the champagne toasts will be *plastic shot glasses*. Tacky.

At Uncle Lui's request, Videographer Rick DeMarco has been let go for trying to smuggle *love notes* to Tina's brother Joey. Tacky.

Meanwhile maid of honour Connie Mocogni has had to have her bridesmaid dress let out *again*, and Tina is annoyed with her Mum.

Josie lost the last 30 names on the invitation list, and has had to leave the invitations at the General Store in hopes that the *right people* will pick them up. When interviewed at the *Cafe on the Rock* yesterday, Tina herself said she was "fed up with this whole wedding business. I'm tired of avoiding Nunzio Sr. so he can't pinch my butt, and I don't see why Maddy should be in on everything when she's not even family. I don't even want to think about it. I just want to party!" *SO tacky.*

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Tony & Tina in Turmoil!

Bridesmaid Donna Marsalas' anonymous call to the *Grapevine* yesterday has exposed the turmoil behind the scenes of Denman's largest wedding. According to our source, Tina threw a tantrum of gargantuan proportions when she discovered that an additional 160 of her closest friends had *not* been invited to her wedding. MOTB Josie Vitale has been scrambling to include them in a wedding *PREVIEW* on Fri., Feb. 13. After considerable haggling, caterer Vinnie Black has agreed to serve canapés & cake at a reduced price.

Also causing turmoil is the fact that Donny Dulce and his band have left Denman for a lengthy gig in Black Creek, and won't be back to play for Tony & Tina's wedding. Two local bands, Victrs' Vagrants and Kim's (meow) Kitty Kats are vying to fill the gap left by D.D. This paper has learned, however, that Uncle Lui's \$\$\$\$ are running low, so the music may be taped.

Just when the *Grapevine* was being put to bed, word came in: all is not lost because Auntie Rose can play the piano!

Wave-7

OP/ED

By Gwynne Dyer • OP July 4th, 2021

First the 'heat dome', with temperatures in the mid-to-high forties Celsius in many parts of western North America for up to a week (49.6° C in Lytton, B.C.). Then, when the forests were tinder-dry, came the wildfires (which wiped Lytton out). From northern California to northern BC, the records were being broken every day.

The extreme temperatures were unprecedented, but the weathermen had an explanation of sorts: a 'heat dome' that trapped hot air in the same area for a long time while the heat kept rising.

They didn't speculate beyond that because it would get them into a new and unproven hypothesis, but many meteorologists know that this could be our first glimpse of a new normal in which killer heat waves become regular events.

The proposed name for these new, lengthy super-hot spells is 'wave-7' or 'wave-5' events, because the heat waves strike simultaneously in several large regions around the planet. 'Wave-7', the likelier candidate in this case, hits western North America, western or central Europe, and western Asia all at the same time.

Wave-7 is still a hypothesis, not a proven fact, but we had just that pattern of extreme heat in late June.

The temperatures were in the mid-to-high 40's in western Canada and the US Pacific northwest for four consecutive days.

Temperatures in western and central Europe, as usual, were not so extreme, but they were hitting 35-40° in central Europe and the Balkans (plus a killer tornado in the Czech Republic, and the Mediterranean Sea is 3°-5°C warmer than normal).

And in western Asia the heat reached the mid-40s in most of Pakistan and the high 30s all over Siberia, with peaks of 48°C in Jacobabad and Verkhoyansk. (The latter is on the Arctic Circle).

Record summer temperatures like this were foreseen as a consequence of global warming, but they were not predicted to arrive for another decade or so. The climate models are good at broad numbers like the average GLOBAL temperature, but not yet good at regional effects, so the 'wave' pattern came as a complete surprise.

Once a new pattern emerges, however, the climate scientists are all over it. They already understood the workings of the jet stream; all they had to do was work out how adding a lot of heat to the system would change things.

It may all be connected to the jet stream, a high-altitude, high-speed 'river' of air blowing from west to east around the planet. It used to flow so fast and straight that eastbound airliners cut an hour off their eastbound trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific flights by hitching a ride on it. But they don't do that so much now, because the jet stream has slowed down and wanders all over the place.

It has slowed because it gets its energy from the temperature difference between the Arctic air mass and the much warmer air of the temperate zone. In fact, the jet stream is the boundary between the two. But the Arctic is warming twice as fast as the rest of the planet, so the difference in temperature – and the amount of energy

available – is less than before.

As the jet stream slows, it meanders in bigger and bigger loops, like a big, slow-moving river crossing a flat plain. These huge loops – 'Rossby waves', as they are called – tend to get 'stuck' for a long time. Some pull Arctic air far to the south and hold it there, like last winter's Big Freeze in Texas. Others pull hot southern air farther north than usual, like last month – and they too hang around for a long time.

The two kinds of loops alternate along the northern jet stream all the way around the planet like beads on a necklace. Every second loop is 'hot' when this pattern kicks in, so it follows that heat waves would be happening in sync in several different continents – as they currently seem to be.

This is all quite new science, and still open to challenge. But over the past two decades the same pattern of seven stalled peaks and lows over the same regions – 'wave-7' – has lasted seven times for more than two weeks. Before 2000, it never happened.

If the 'wave' hypothesis is correct, then these killer heat waves will become more common in the northern hemisphere as Arctic temperatures soar and the jet stream slows, sometimes extending all the way from latitude 30°N to latitude 60°N.

We once believed that severe heating would not afflict the rich countries of the temperate zone until much later than the tropics and sub-tropics, but that may be wrong. We already have killer heat waves with the global average temperature up by only +1.1° C. It's bound to go to at least +1.5°C, even if we do everything right from now on.



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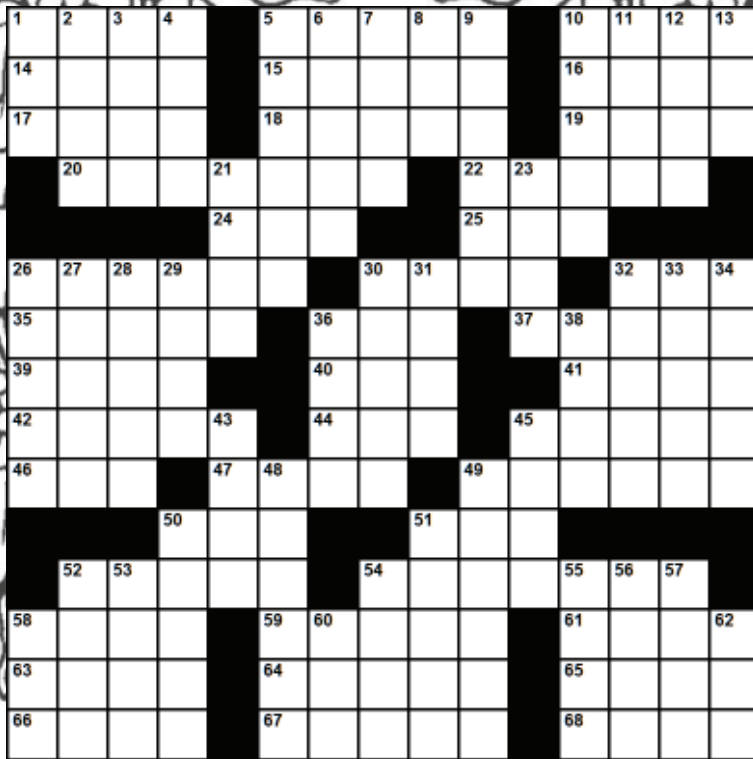
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- FRIDAY APPLES OPEN MIC
- Earth Club Factory

SATURDAY 10

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-2pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am

SUNDAY 11

MONDAY 12

TUESDAY 13

- CAP SITE 11-2pm

WEDNESDAY 14

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- HIRRA Zoom meeting 7:30pm

THURSDAY 15

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 3-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm

FRIDAY 16

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm
- HI LTC Zoom meeting 10am

SATURDAY 17

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-2pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am
- PIZZA NIGHT - Earth Club Factory

SUNDAY 18

MONDAY 19

TUESDAY 20

- CAP SITE 11-2pm

WEDNESDAY 21

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- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm

THURSDAY 22

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