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The words they use stink!

As we head into the forum on Sludge-Waste (I am consciously not using the industry's re-branded marketing term of "Biosolids") it is worth examining the terms and phrases employed by the companies and individuals who are pushing this insidious product into our beautiful valley.

Because the disposal of the end-product of sewage treatment is such a big problem, there is a vast amount of money available for those who are willing to endorse these new and untested "solutions" like trucking it away into other people's backyards. We must be conscious of the words they use to push their product.

Firstly, they tell us it is "compost." Well as a gardener for most of my life I can assure you this product is not compost. Because something is subjected to a process similar to composting does not make the substance into compost. Compost uses organic components, manures and plants for the most part. It does not include what is in this sludge-waste: pathogens, carcinogens, heavy metals, industrial chemicals, medical waste, pesticides, cleaners etc. Allowing this lovely cocktail to be "composted" or "treated" or "cured" does not eliminate anywhere near all the toxins present in this residual mass. To call this "compost" is disingenuous and deceitful. Do not let them use this word.

Secondly, they tell us this product and process is "safe." Well, it isn't. As Harvard Professor Caroline Snyder has clearly demonstrated, "there is no scientific evidence that land application is safe or sustainable." This is why several European countries have outright bans on land applications. This is why "serious adverse health effects (including deaths) have been reported by hundreds of rural neighbours living and working adjacent to sludged sites." This is why "NONE of the nation's major food processing companies accept produce from growers that use sludge on their fields." It is not "safe." Do not let them use this word.

Thirdly, they tell us it is "fertilizer." I use a lot of manure in my gardening and composting: sheep, horse, cow and chicken. I have never used human waste. This is a personal choice. Humans have been using this "night soil" for hundreds if not thousands of years. It can be a natural and useful composted fertilizer. That said, what these trucks are bringing into our valley is not simply "night soil." It is a goulash of toxins mixed up with some human feces and whatever else goes down the cities' sewer systems. Caroline Snyder's work has shown how the application of sludge-waste will eventually bring crop production dramatically down. This comes as no surprise to any of us who have seen what industrial chemicals can do to plants. To call this product "fertilizer" is to distort the very meaning of the word. Do not let them use this word.

What we are fighting for are three very simple words: **earth, water and air**. I am not willing to watch these being destroyed in front of me, nor am I willing to see the language I love used as a tool in this deception. —Don Vincent, Sunshine Valley resident

A guy walks into a bank with a gun and walks up to the teller...

Bank Robber: Put all your money in this bag or you're geography! Bank Teller: Don't you mean history? Bank Robber: Hey! Don't try to change the subject!

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE



Aries
March 21 - April 19

Even in situations that are designed to remind us of life's sorrows, we are at liberty to remain calm, still and peaceful. You are allowed to enjoy yourself now.



Taurus
April 20 - May 20

The secret of success involves appreciating what you've got. Develop love & appreciation, and others will direct love & appreciation towards you.



Gemini
May 21 - June 20

Explanations can raise as many issues as they resolve. If something seems to be too easily believable, this week it probably isn't quite so simple.



Cancer
June 21 - July 22

A sense of belonging & the need to feel safe are as important as the need to eat or sleep. A great sense of fulfillment awaits you this week.



Leo
July 23 - Aug 22

We talk so much, we hold endless meetings, encounters & conversations. To make progress in a sensitive situation, do less talking & more attentive listening.



Virgo
Aug 23 - Sept 22

People hate to say 'I don't know', instead they will tell you their assumption implying truth. Confidence & accuracy aren't automatically the same.



Libra
Sept 23 - Oct 22

You see that a 'prized possession' is worth less now, and has been preventing more useful things from entering your life. Let go of it & see what takes its place.



Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov 21

We all have to commit to a course of action, even though we have our doubts about it. This week's moral dilemma can yet be resolved.



Sagittarius
Nov 22 - Dec 21

You can't ignore your emotional reaction, but you can refuse to let it colour your response. If you negotiate, you will find that another person is similarly flexible.



Capricorn
Dec 22 - Jan 19

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Aquarius
Jan 20 - Feb 18

By treating a delicate issue with deference you will avoid trouble. That means having humility to concede a possible error, even if it briefly hurts your pride.



Pisces
Feb 19 - Mar 20

Use your imagination & creativity. You may not have what you want but you have the power to create it. Once you find inspiration there will be no stopping you.

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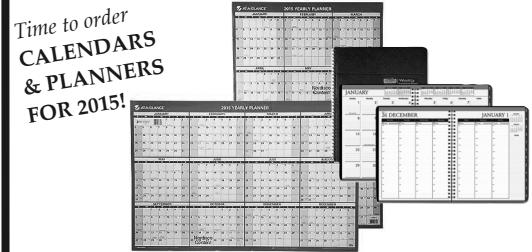
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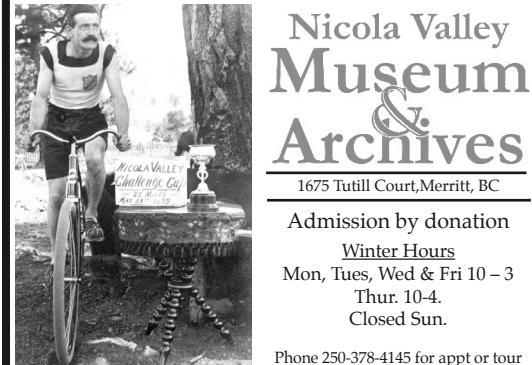
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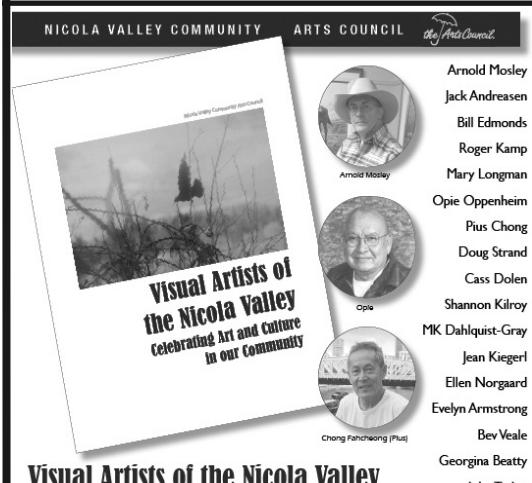
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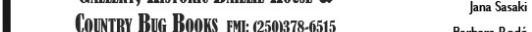
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SALES

WINTER GARAGE SALE 1443 Duncan St., Everyday 'til end of Jan, 10am-2pm. priced to sell

LN FLEA MARKET Sundays, 10am-3pm, Lower Nicola Hall in cold months, and at the Lower Park in warm months. FMI check the Facebook page for Lower Nicola Flea Market or 378-3481.

PERSONAL

FOUND: set keys, nr Planet Fitness. Txt 280-0543

HANDICAPPED man in his 50s seeks a female companion 378-9577

FOUND: sngl vehicle key on key ring

outside office yesterday, pick up at CF

office 2185B Voght St., bottom flr of City

Hall by identifying

LOST: grey cat Dec 24 by Rotary Prk

adult comm. living area, yellow collar

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WILL DO housework 315-6617 Suzanne

NEED housekeeper? 378-0466 avail.

anytime

LOOKING FOR student for yard work

& chores 378-8326

LOOKING FOR student to help w/

housework, aft schl 280-1576

LOST: Canon Powershop Camera near

Shell Station, Thurs., Nov. 4. Memory

chip family photos have grt personal

value. Keep the camera, pls return memory

chip 378-9456

LOST: ladies' wallet, 'Guess' on it, ap-

preciate its return 315-7771

LOST: half of king sz bx spring on Mam-

mit Lk Rd, Nov 29, wrapped in plastic.

Deb (250)299-3851

LITTLE Brother and Big Brothers looking

to do yr wrk, help w/ moving, snow

shovelling, dump rns ect., have truck.

Levi or Elijah 378-6740 leave msg

FOUND: change purse, Nov 4 at the post

office, call to ID 280-1017

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