

**Notes to Consider...**

Current Events: A Failed Coup Attempt

By G.S. Morris — -01 April 2019



You must first note, all the “smart” people just “knew” it was impossible for Donald Trump to defeat Hillary Clinton. Given such a certainty, it then becomes much easier to understand the audacious steps confidently taken by the Obama Administration and Clinton Campaign to sabotage the Trump 2016 Presidential Campaign; and subsequent attempt to overturn the results of the 2016 Presidential Election (drive the President’s public support low enough to impeach and then remove him). They did not believe any of their actions would ever see the light of day.

So, what were the steps taken by career Democrat and establishment Republicans to thwart the will of the American people? First, the Obama Administration used the cover of an FBI “national security” investigation to place spies within the Trump Campaign. When those operatives were unable to entrap candidate Trump, Obama Administration intelligence heads James Comey (FBI Director), James Clapper (DNI), and John Brennan (CIA Director) knowingly used Clinton Campaign purchased, bogus foreign counterintelligence in the form of the so-called “Trump Dossier” to get official investigation authorization under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (aka, FISA Court). Laughably fabricated, the dossier was nonetheless briefed as a legitimate intelligence report by Clapper to candidate Trump; they then used the fact the briefing had taken place to feed complicit liberal media organs the contents of the sham dossier. As an aside, the FBI whitewash just days prior to the 2016 Election of clear violations of the Espionage Act by then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton concerning the handling of highly classified information could fill an entire month’s worth of Notes to Consider articles.

Once Donald Trump shocked the world by defeating Hillary Clinton, the need to cover up the illegal measures taken by Obama and Clinton to undermine the Trump Campaign necessitated bringing into the circle one RINO Sen. John McCain. McCain’s top advisor was put to work peddling around Washington, DC the details of the fictitious dossier in an attempt to tank public support for the new administration. Regrettably, Attorney General Jeff Sessions was swept away as a result of his being buffaloed into recusing himself from investigating the alleged “collusion” with Russia and millions of taxpayer dollars were subsequently squandered and personal fortunes lost (never, ever, ever, ever, agree to speak with an agent of the government) on the wild goose chase which was Special Counsel Mueller’s investigation.

With the Russian Collusion/Obstruction of Justice hoax revealed, we now wait to see if US Attorney General Barr will defend the principle of equal protection under the law by investigating and prosecuting those responsible for this brazen political espionage operation and subsequent attempt at overthrowing a duly elected American President? We shall see.

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**Inspirational Thoughts Into God’s Word**

By Lynetta Hunter

Rarely does a story involve so many perfectly timing events, but the book of Esther is nothing but that. In a short amount of time, a quiet, humble, and simple Jewish family became the nation’s queen and high rank chief minister.

Mortdecai’s great grandfather was one of the many Israelites who had been taken from Jerusalem during the Babylon exile. This family’s account proves that the ways of God and His righteousness can be carried on and deeply implanted through generations, even in the midst of paganism and spiritual darkness. It shows that God maintains His purpose in people until the time for it to be fulfilled (Pro. 22:6).

Esther surely never expected to be a savior for her Jewish people, yet there she stood in front of the King. If she ever had to get it right, it had to be now. A death sentence had been set, paid for, and ready to be carried out to end the Jewish race.

Someone reading this may be an “Esther”, someone whom many other lives depend on. What if Satan has plotted an execution day for your loved ones and you’re the only one who can reach King Jesus to request that it be reversed? His saving power is found at the end of His golden scepter, so to speak, as His presence is entered into and His grace and favor is received.

Mortdecai and Esther didn’t seek after or have a prideful desire for their high-standing positions, fame, or influential and important status, they simply submitted to their God and let Him exalt them for a purpose (Lk. 14:11).

**Yards to Paradise**

**Growing Sassafras**

By Max Phelps

The sassafras tree is often one of the first trees to take up home in an abandoned field if the soil is acidic. Sumac, too, but that’s not our topic. You also find sassafras along little streams and in overgrown fencerows. I’ve noticed sassafras in bottomlands in North Carolina, but it is common in Kentucky on slopes and higher elevations. It could also be a nice, fairly compact, native shade tree for the yard. Seldom does it grow big enough to create a log for lumber; but given the right conditions it will get taller than a dogwood or redbud tree, but is more upright in appearance.

This tree makes a nice yard tree, is a native useful to wildlife and also has numerous parts edible to humans, for use as tea, spice or even salad greens. Glorious orange fall color is one way to notice a sassafras. Interesting leaves in three different shapes also are noticeable. Possible sprouts coming up from shallow growing roots is the only down side I can think of. If you have the right conditions at your place, why not plant a sassafras. It prefers sun or part shade, and needs little care after the first year or two of establishment.

Sassafras likes sandy, well-drained soils. It’s drought tolerant after it gets rooted in well. If your home was constructed as part of a tract of homes or subdivision where the good soil was mostly dozed off and you hit clay subsoil with the first scoop of a shovel, then you may have to bring in soil suitable for growing sassafras and create a raised bed or berm.

If moss, hemlock, rhododendron, mountain laurel, and sourwood trees are numerous in your neighborhood, then probably you’ll be able to grow sassafras, too. If you need to create or modify the soil at your place, you can mix half sand with half topsoil and add a little powdered sulfur or aluminum sulfate to the soil and create a spot which the sassafras will love.

Digging up a good sized tree from the woods will often result in losing all the dirt and a larger bare root sassafras may not live. Finding a nursery that has them for sale in containers would be the best way to find a landscape specimen. (If you wish for them to bear fruit, you’ll need to plant two or more as they are like ginkgo, black gum, persimmons, and a number of other trees—a whole tree is male or female, and both are needed for pollination.) Alternatively, dig up a small one up from a field or roadside that’s maybe one or two feet tall, and pot it up until winter and plant it where you want to.

If you can keep a chunk or the original dirt on the roots you will improve the chances for success.

This isn’t a common tree in most city yards, but is pretty common in rural areas. With extra emphasis in recent years on planting native things, you are more apt to find sassafras at a nursery for sale than was the case in decades past, but you still won’t find it at the big-box stores. I believe you’ll enjoy having a sassafras at your place.

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**Jackson County 2019 Spring Cleanup  
March 18 through April 30**



The Jackson County Fiscal Court will be sponsoring our Annual PRIDE Spring Cleanup starting March 18 and ending April 30. For the citizens of Jackson County only, there will be one free drop off day on Saturday, April 13, beginning at 8:00 am and ending

at 1:00 pm. This is the second Saturday in April. All Jackson County citizens participating in this event must provide their names, addresses and the name of their permitted hauler, in Jackson County, that hauls their trash. I would like to remind everyone that Jackson County has a mandatory ordinance that requires every household to be on trash service with a permitted hauler. Citizens can also register with the Jackson County Transfer Station and haul their own trash.

The cost for a permitted hauler is \$15.00 per month for five-33.5 gallon bags per week or \$13.00 per month for 300 lbs. at the transfer station. If you need information about the hauler serving your area, you can call the Transfer Station at 287-7688. On the free drop off day, each household will be limited to one load of trash, junk, etc...pickup truck with trailer both loaded will be considered one load. No dump trucks loaded with trash will be accepted. There will be a charge on all tires brought in on free Saturday.

Also, we are recruiting volunteers for roadside cleanup starting on March 12 through April 30. Before a volunteer group can participate, they must contact the Solid Waste Coordinator’s office to set a date for their cleanup and to pick up the proper paperwork. As always, the Jackson County Road Departments will not be hauling any trash unless it is roadside litter picked up by a registered volunteer group. If you have any questions concerning the free Saturday, volunteer groups, or our recycling program call the Jackson County Transfer Station at 287-7688.

REMEMBER METAL APPLIANCES ARE ALWAYS FREE AT THE TRANSFER STATION. TIRES ARE NOT FREE UNLESS A REGISTERED VOLUNTEER GROUP HAS PICKED THEM UP FROM A ROADSIDE CLEAN UP!!!

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