

Notes to Consider...

Current Events: *Bigger Than Watergate*
By G.S. Morris — 02 April 2018



Soon after Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's abandonment of US citizens at the American diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya on 11 September 2012, we learned of the existence of a private email server utilized by Mrs. Clinton. Those who have handled classified information in the service of this country knew immediately she had violated the Espionage Act simply by operating such an unsecure system. The failure to prosecute Clinton for such an egregious violation of the law ("intent" is not an element of the crime), was the first indicator of a deep rooted

plot within the Obama Administration to put political ideology above national well-being.

The fact the Obama Department of Justice did not utilize a grand jury to compel testimony and evidence concerning the clear Clinton violations of the Espionage Act was astounding. It has recently been revealed FBI Special Agent Peter Strzok was made aware of the compromising by foreign intelligence services of Clinton's bootleg server and did not report that fact. One may reasonably assume an FBI agent in charge of foreign intelligence surveillance might have thought such a discovery was worthy of reporting. Unless of course, the agency under President Obama was actively subverting the law to further the career of their political ally.

As discussed week before last, it has been documented by Democrat reporters the Russian "collusion" lie was floated by the failed Clinton campaign within twenty-four hours of her defeat. However, we now know well before that point, a Democrat investigative organization (Fusion GPS), using funding from the Clinton campaign put together the scurrilous "Trump Dossier." What merits further investigation is the connection between Fusion GPS, the Clinton campaign, and the Obama Administration. Specifically, to what degree was the politically motivated Trump Dossier used to gain permission to surveil Trump campaign members through the secretive FISA Court? Who else was involved in former FBI Director Comey's leaking to the media to (as he has admitted to in open testimony) guarantee the appointment of a special counsel? The plot thickens.

Next Week: Man-at-Arms
Matthew 28:6

KSP Post 7 Traffic Safety Checkpoint Announcement

RICHMOND, Ky. (April 3, 2018) – The Kentucky State Police, Richmond Post, which provides coverage for Madison, Clark, Estill, Lee, Owsley, Jackson, Mercer, Boyle, Lincoln, Garrard and Jessamine counties, will be conducting periodic traffic safety checkpoints at locations approved by the Kentucky State Police Policy and Procedures Manual.

These checkpoints will be conducted in an effort to enforce the traffic laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Special attention will be paid to occupant protection (seatbelt adherence), sobriety, insurance, and registration violations

Inspirational Thoughts Into God's Word

By Lynetta Hunter

Passion Week, as it is called, may have been an interesting experience to be part of, depending on what part was played in the scenario. Lazarus' part is sort of enviable, the only man ever mentioned of whom Jesus spoke life into after being dead for four days. But then again, that miracle is what caused him to be a "marked man" for the chief priests who wanted him dead, for good this time.

Every woman envies Mary, who had the unique opportunity to anoint Jesus' head and feet, wiping His feet with her hair, preparing Him for the day of His burial. On the other hand, no one envies Judas Iscariot, who sold Jesus out for a measly thirty pieces of silver. The role of Peter seems to be exciting, he was the first Apostle to be called, one of the leading disciples, and the first Apostle to recognize Jesus as Messiah. Nevertheless, he did deny Jesus three times before He was crucified, which left Peter to struggle with the guilt of rejection, while he watched Him die on the cross.

The character of being a high priest as Caiaphas, a prefect as Pontius Pilate, or a tetrarch as Herod, must have been exhilarating in those days. Seemingly they used their authority to their advantage, but then again, the thought of being responsible for Jesus' fate as He stood before them, makes chills of fear go up ones back.

Though many more were personally involved in this final week of Jesus' time on earth, these testaments are enough to teach that they were not really that different from people today, who also play a role in the purpose of the spiritual body of Jesus.

Yards to Paradise Landscaping

Fast Growing Trees
By Max Phelps

Wanting trees fast for a new home with a bare lawn is a common request to the landscaper or garden center.

Quite often the question comes up; What tree will give me shade in a hurry? And the comment; This two story house sure needs some bigger trees in a hurry! Let's discuss a few trees that might work in these situations and solve the problem for you.

Maples are the first choice in many yards. The silver maple tree will often average six feet per year the first half dozen years, which puts it in a rare class. But, the wood is more brittle in windstorms, and the roots grow at the surface of the yard and will be a problem for mowers, and also for sidewalks, foundations and driveways.

Some of the crosses between silver maples and the slower growing red maple, such as "Autumn Blaze" are what I suggest. Growth rate may be four feet or more per year, in good soils. Fewer problems with roots, and excellent fall color.

Bradford pears have become rather ubiquitous. Fast growth, little attention. Pretty blooms. But, the pretty symmetry is gone with the wind (in a storm that is). Plus, the callery pears are becoming invasive, taking over native stands of trees.

The fastest evergreen tree is generally the Eastern White Pine. It can grow three to six feet per year in ideal situations. It is easy to identify a white pine; all the limbs will be in a circle around the trunk, and then there will be a section of bare tree trunk with no limbs. This also easily allows anyone to tell the age of the white pine tree.

The drawback with white pine is that after thirty or forty years, they are a real threat to blow down and hit a house or garage—they become so huge and also top heavy and because they are evergreen they are a threat to blow over in high winds all months of the year.

Green Giant arborvitae are also fast growing. So are the Japanese cedars, the cryptomeria.

I rather like the catalpa tree for shade. It can often grow six feet in a year. Old trees become very sturdy, with wood that is very durable (like black locust or cypress). The tree can become larger than a 55 gallon drum, and be very healthy. They bloom with nice white blooms in May. Their main problem that causes some to rule out catalpa, is the seed pods hanging down like beans or cigars. But, they are no more messy than honeylocust, which is often recommended by landscape architects (and also fast growing).

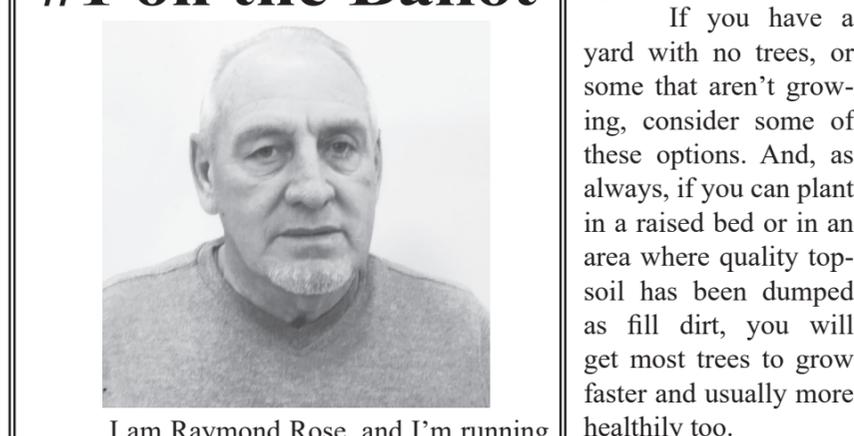
Other trees I consider to have above-average growth rates would include the following:

The honeylocust, Empress tree, Lombardy popular, river birch, leyland cypress, weeping willow, zelkova, sweet gum, basswood or linden, and in the right soils, Canadian hemlock.

Some more exotic options might include the dogwood species, cornus controversa, the igiri tree, idesia polycarpa, the beebie tree, tetradium danielli, sycamore, and the dove tree.

Not every home needs a giant tree. And not every homeowner is in a hurry. Some love to diversify from what everyone else tends to plant. And some are more inclined to wait for slower trees to grow; they often make the most magnificent ones after forty or fifty years. I was amazed to find a serviceberry (amelanchier) a few days ago that had a trunk over 21

inches in diameter (it probably witnessed the Civil War, and perhaps saw Daniel Boone). Sometimes the slow ones are among the most awesome in old age.



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