

Notes to Consider...

History: Why Was Bill Clinton Impeached, You Ask?

By G.S. Morris — 17 July 2017



An entertaining experiment is posing to random individuals the old, “Why was Bill Clinton impeached?” question. Of course, the majority of those polled will give you the “intern affair” answer. They of course, would be wrong.

Besides the fact the nation’s chief executive was engaging in lewd conduct with a subordinate on taxpayer property, William Jefferson Blythe (his real name) Clinton was only the second president in US History to have been impeached (and no, the other wasn’t Nixon). Bill Clinton was impeached by the US House of Representatives

for lying under oath and encouraging others to do the same.

In keeping with this month’s theme of illustrating the fact “Fake News” is not a recent phenomenon, let all of us old enough to remember recall President Clinton’s audacious wagging of his finger into the camera and bald-faced lying about reports which internet news pioneer Matt Drudge had then just broken. Never forget the Clinton Administration cabinet members who paraded before the news cameras to denounce the dastardly “lies” swirling around their president. Enter that blue dress and all the water carrying for Clinton by the Leftist media was exposed. The rest is history.

As with any American, President Bill Clinton was faced with three choices when he was placed under oath in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case: remain silent, tell the truth, or lie. He chose the latter and for that (as well as coaching his personal secretary Betty Currie’s testimony), Bill Clinton was impeached by the US House of Representative in December 1998 joining fellow Democrat Andrew Johnson as the only US Presidents to have been impeached by the US House of Representatives. Given these facts, an even greater stain on this chapter in American History was the fact not a single member of Clinton’s party in his US Senate trial voted to remove him from office. Telling.

Next Week: Fast and Furious, IRS Targeting, and “More Flexible”

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Jackson County 4-H Youth Attend 4-H State Communications

On Saturday, July 8 the following youth were invited to participate in the 4-H State Communications Event; Leandra Doldop and Abby Townsley (Pictured) participated in the Junior Team Demonstration and received blue ribbons. These youth competed at the County and District level and won in their categories to go on to compete at the state level. Congratulations!!

For more information on the Jackson County 4-H Youth Development program please contact Verlene Congleton-Hacker, 4-H Agent at 287-7693.

Inspirational Thoughts Into God’s Word

By Lynetta Hunter

Phil. 2:5 “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus” Apostle Paul speaks about a certain characteristic that is liberal in society; worry. The advancement of social media makes it possible for everyone to know everything that goes on universally, and propaganda makes sure negativity doesn’t go unnoticed. Yet Paul gives a solution of how to overcome worry and negativity, which is to pray about everything, to be thankful for good and bad knowing God is working all things to good, and to continually fill the mind with the positivity of the nature of God.

Suppose a room is completely filled, from top to bottom, with boxes of junk that have no value, the door is shut and the junk sits there deteriorating and wasting space. Then something important, valuable, and necessary for growth and progression comes along and needs a place to dwell. At least a part of the junk will have to be removed to create a spot for the vital thing that will make a difference in the entire room. This is an analogy of a mind.

Phil 4:8 think on whatsoever things are true and honest; God is steadfast, loyal, and cannot lie. Whatsoever things are just; He is a righteous God who shows His people how to think on righteous judgment also. Whatsoever things are pure; the uncontaminated blood of Jesus cleanses sin as the Holy Spirit guides Christians into “being holy as He is holy, 1 Peter 1:16, Lev. 11:44”. Whatsoever things are lovely; the Earth is filled with the pleasantness of Gods beauty and divine works. Whatsoever things are of good report; because to the world you may be just one person, but to one person you may be the world. If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. The peace of God then becomes greater than the worries of the world.

Yards to Paradise Landscaping

Advantages of Gardening in Containers

By Max Phelps

Gardening in containers is done for differing reasons, often it has to do with showing off a lovely pot full of pretty flowers, or an unusual tropical looking tree, perhaps. But there are so many more ways to container garden. And there are various potential benefits to doing so.

It’s not too late (or too early) to plant in a container. Soils in a container warm faster in spring than regular gardens, so plants can begin growing sooner that they would in the cold ground. And if there’s a cold snap, the containers can be covered or moved indoors until danger is past. Similarly, in the fall, those flowers or vegetables that are not finished can be moved or covered to prolong the growing season. As we begin to come upon the end of planting season, putting seeds in a container might be the way to go.

One advantage of containers is they are child friendly. Getting the kids excited about seeds or plants is a good way to get them to try things, including eating vegetables “their little pot” grew. These are invaluable experiences they will not forget, and someday it may lead them into gardening in a major way.

Container gardens and also raised beds are easier for the elderly and handicapped to plant, tend and harvest. And not having to bend so far might be nice for the rest of us also.

Containers allow for planting many different things near each other, and putting just the right type of soil in each pot to go with each variety of flower or vegetable we may wish to grow in each one. This would be much more difficult in a traditional garden. Plus, we can rearrange the containers to our heart’s content.

Perhaps you want not just to rearrange pots, but maybe you live in a rental house or apartment and might actually need to move your garden during the growing season. (Can’t do that very well if the plants are growing in the ground in the backyard.) Portability is an advantage.

There is less chance wildlife will eat or destroy your garden. Especially if it’s on the porch or patio.

Treating for pests or isolating diseased plants will be significantly easier.

Nice decorative pots may be best at the front entry. But, there are lots of different containers and pots that can be reused or re-purposed to grow things in. Used pots from the garden center, five gallon buckets with a hole in the bottom, a broken bird bath, even cinder blocks filled with dirt. I suppose you could count “straw bale gardening” as container gardening, too.

Apartment balconies, the edge of the walk, windowsills—there are many places one can grow things, and this might be especially true if there is no yard or garden space you can otherwise use. Peppers, tomatoes, carrots, herbs, cucumbers can all look nice in pots, as can the herbs and any number of combination of flowers. And don’t forget some flowers are edible, not just pretty. Nasturtiums, daylilys, are just a couple to mention. I think I’ll try peanuts one of these days in containers—but they require a long growing season to bear nuts successfully.

I’ll conclude with the mention of indoor plants, and moving plants back and forth. Plants growing in the house add oxygen and remove pollutants from the indoor air, and are good for our health. You just have to consider the needs of the plant, some require some sunlight, others a cool place such as an unheated garage. Surely, we could add more advantages, but I’ll let you dream up some on your own. -0-

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