

Notes to Consider...

Current Events: The Cultural Marxist Revolutionaries
By G.S. Morris — 02 October 2017



Whether or not the murderer in Charlottesville, VA was a Neo-National Socialist or member of the old Democrat guerilla group the Ku Klux Klan, his actions should not result in creepy efforts to erase history. I fail to remember the previous presidents' condemnations of racist alt-left groups such as Black Lives Matter or the Marxist Antifa after similar taking of innocent lives (to include Kentucky State Trooper Joseph Ponder). Not only are such ethnic cleansing efforts repugnant on their face, they should give all Americans regardless of political stripe serious

pause. Those who would use the re-writing of history for political gain are capable of anything. Anything.

In the heart of Lexington's downtown neighborhood of Gratz Park, the Hunt-Morgan House is a prime example of an actual opportunity to step back into time. Shaded by a canopy of white oaks, the Hunt-Morgan House seems not only cut off from the hectic downtown traffic noise but from our own time entirely. Standing in the Hunt-Morgan House garden, it would not seem implausible to see the sight of a plumed hatted John Hunt Morgan emerging (on horseback) through the home's back door after bidding his mother a final farewell, just one step ahead of Yankee troops.

Inside the home, you'll find a knowledgeable staff who provide the right mix of guided and self-guided tour. In recent years, items have been on display at the home detailing Morgan nephew and Nobel Prize in Medicine winner Garrett Augustus Morgan. A crowded home, indeed.

According to legend, on the morning of 27 November 1863, a disguised John Hunt Morgan sat next to a Union field grade officer on a train bound for Cincinnati after Morgan and his lieutenants' daring escape from the Ohio State Penitentiary near Columbus. Story goes as the railcar rumbled past the newly constructed penitentiary, the Union officer leaned in to Morgan and observed, "See there...That's where that scoundrel Morgan is being held." As Morgan leaned over to see the passing scene he replied, "May he always remain as secure as he is today."

As a member of a family who have been proud Republicans since the party's founding in opposition to slavery in the 1850s and among whom were counted Union Army veterans, I can still doff my hat to such a brave, quick witted ConfeDemocrat as Gen. John Hunt Morgan. Take your kids to visit the Hunt-Morgan House; while you still can.

Next Week: State Pension Realities

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Manchester Memorial Hospital CEO Appointed to the Governor's Telehealth Board

Frankfurt, KY – Erika Skula, CEO/President of Manchester Memorial Hospital has been appointed to the Telehealth Board by Governor Matt Bevin, where she will represent third parties and serve for a term expiring July 15th, 2020.

The Telehealth Board is composed of 10 members consisting professionals in health care, technology and government. The Board oversees the Telehealth Network which was created to provide better access to medical specialists not available in some communities.



Yards to Paradise Landscaping A Fir Tree for Your Yard?

By Max Phelps

Where I grew up a fir tree was never heard of, unless it was from reading a colorful book for children about trees. Still is rare, except at Christmas time, when all the tree sales lots and big box stores have Frazier firs everywhere they can find to prop one up and hang a price on it. When I was a kid we collected a pine or red cedar from the pasture or fence row about mid December and decorated it. Times change. (And fir trees do grow here, even if they may be a bit rare.)

I've heard the UK (University of Kentucky) Agriculture Extension Agents advise for planting spruce trees and pine trees, but never fir trees. You'll find fir trees in the higher elevations of North Carolina, West Virginia and Pennsylvania in the wild. (And, if you happen to be from somewhere besides the ME or SE United States you may have your own locations with fir trees growing in the forests.)

Some fir trees require cool nights (which you won't find in the lowlands of Georgia or South Carolina in the summer). Some can't tolerate the cold. Some can't handle dry desiccating winds. Some need high humidity like in a temperate rain forest. And most need well drained soil. Planting on the east or north side of a home can be helpful and planting on a slope might be a good idea, but planting in a spot that always ponds after a rain wouldn't be good.

So, what can you grow in the way of a fir? If you are on a north slope higher up than 1500 feet in Eastern Kentucky, you probably can grow Frazier fir trees just fine, and Balsam fir too. The rest of us might ought to search for ones that are proven for our area. Still, there's a case to be made for experimenting!

I have successfully planted both the Abies concolor (white or concolor fir) as well as the Abies balsamea, subspecies phanerolepis, (Canaan fir) in Laurel, Madison and Clark Counties in Kentucky, and tried planting straight Balsam fir in Cleveland County, North Carolina unsuccessfully. I have observed large Douglass fir trees in central Kentucky. And I know of some tree farms growing Nordmann, Ernest, Turkish, Korean and a few others on experimental basis.

The Canaan fir is a fairly narrow and upright symmetrical tree with lovely green appearance. Not as wide spreading as a Norway Spruce. I planted three on Supreme Court in Berea, KY several years ago that are looking better all the time. The Canaan fir is a native of West Virginia.

The Concolor fir, also called white fir, makes a tree that grows from 30 to 180 feet tall in the wild. Seldom see one fifty feet tall in any landscape setting. Makes a pyramidal tree somewhat like a blue spruce, but more upright, and with much softer needles. This fir is native from northern Arizona to Canada in the mountains, and can tolerate alkaline soils (like most other blue or gray colored plants).

If you desire a conifer in your yard, but don't want a huge pine or spruce tree, you don't want a Leyland cypress or deodar cedar due to concerns of loss during a really cold winter like 2014, or maybe an arborvitae isn't your thing—then how about trying a fir tree. Your home could be the only one with a fir tree for miles. And besides the trim, lush appearance, you'll love the smell if you brush against it.

Is there a fir tree in your future?

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Inspirational Thoughts Into God's Word

By Lynetta Hunter

At the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus began teaching the new disciples a new way. They were Jews who had only known religious law, here Jesus taught them about Christian grace and how to live with the characteristics of Jesus and grow into the image of God (Eph.4:24).

The Beatitudes weren't commandments. They were statements that prepared His followers for the changes that would take place during their spiritual rebirth. Jesus wanted them to know it was alright to be humble instead of arrogant in their religion, for then will they receive things from heaven. Instead of lawfully receiving justification, now they would feel remorse which leads to repentance and ultimately God removing the burden of sin and comforting the soul. The love of God that was developing inside of them made them want to be merciful to others, walk with meekness and integrity, and live in peace, which in turn led to the honor of being called the children of God.

Apostle Paul continued the teaching in Philippians to continue learning and receiving knowledge of Jesus, to let their love for each other abound in judgment, to be filled with fruits of righteousness, and to rejoice in the Lord always. He taught them how to conduct themselves in conversation; stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, and let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem the other better than themselves.

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