

## Notes to Consider...

Current Events: *Russia, Russia, Russia*

By G.S. Morris — 19 March 2018



Months have passed since Special Counsel Robert Mueller was given carte blanche authority to search for any evidence of “collusion” between the Trump 2016 Presidential Campaign and agents of the Russian Government. Set aside the fact such authority is contrary to DOJ procedures (clearly, the search for a *specific crime* is required in the rules governing the appointment of a special counsel), not a single shred of evidence has been uncovered to reveal any collusion between the Russians and the Trump campaign.

On the other hand, ample evidence exists the “collusion” story was hatched behind the closed doors of the humiliated Hillary Clinton campaign within twenty-four hours after conceding after her stinging loss. In Democrats Jonathan Allen and Amie Parns’ book, *Shattered: Inside Hillary Clinton’s Doomed Campaign*, we learned: “Within 24 hours of her concession speech, [campaign chair [sic] John Podesta and manager Robby Mook] assembled her communications team at the Brooklyn headquarters to engineer the case that the election wasn’t entirely on the up-and-up. For a couple of hours, with Shake Shake Shack containers littering the room, they went over the script they would pitch to the press and public. Already, Russian hacking was the centerpiece of the argument.”

A greater scam has never been pulled on the American public. Week after next, we’ll take a look at the picture which has begun to emerge of a much larger scheme hatched at a much higher level than the hipster doofus loft of the failed Clinton HQ.

Next Week: State Legislature Report

Just prior to this article going to press, former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe was fired after the FBI Office of Professional Responsibility recommended his termination. McCabe leaked investigation related materials to the press, and then lied to the FBI when questioned about those activities. Developing.

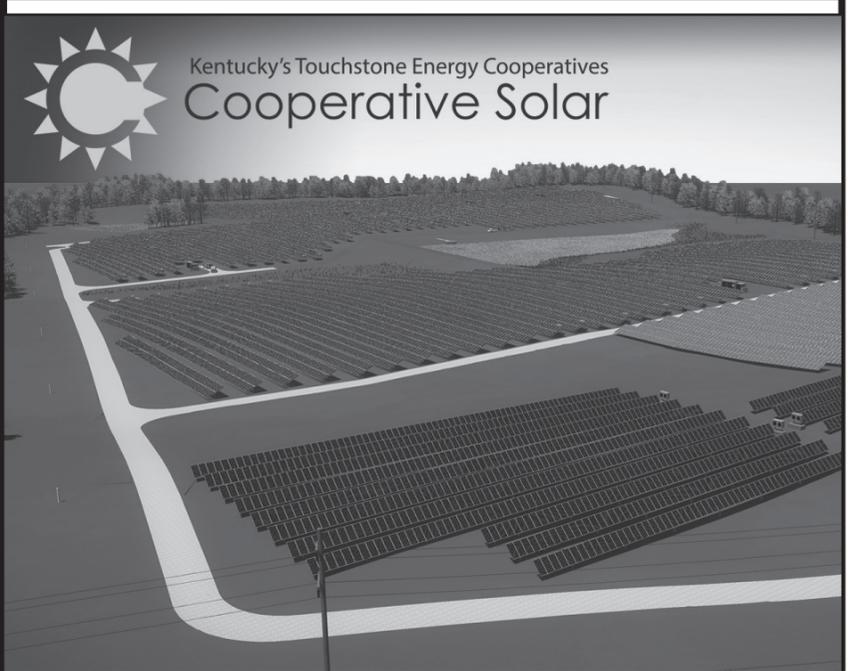
## State Unemployment Data for January 2018

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 15, 2018) - Unemployment rates fell in 119 Kentucky counties and rose in one county (Carter County) between January 2017 and January 2018, according to the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics (KCEWS), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 2.9 percent. It was followed by Fayette County, 3 percent; Oldham County, 3.1 percent; Marion and Scott counties, 3.2 percent each; Campbell and Shelby counties, 3.3 percent each; and Allen, Jessamine and Monroe counties, 3.4 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state’s highest unemployment rate at 15.2 percent. It was followed by Carter County, 13 percent; Elliott County, 11.5 percent; Lewis County, 10.4 percent; Menifee County, 9.8 percent; Bath County, 8.6 percent; Lawrence County, 8.4 percent; Wolfe County, 8.1 percent; Greenup County, 7.9 percent; and Morgan County, 7.7 percent.

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## Inspirational Thoughts Into God’s Word

By Lynetta Hunter

It would be interesting to know the thoughts and words of the people from the time of Jesus’ arrest to His ascension. Even without media, the news of His arrest probably got around quick. Of course, there were those who mocked and wanted Him dead, but more than likely the majority of the people had something good to say about Him.

As they hear the nails being hammered in, the hearts probably melted of those who were once deaf and mute, but now could hear and speak because of Jesus’ touch. The ones who understood, who once was not in their right mind because of demonic forces, must have been thankful to have known Jesus and been set free by Him. There might have been people on every side, far and near, who watched the whole thing, realizing that not too long ago they were blind and unable to see anything, but Jesus had mercy on them. The multitudes of people who were blessed to have been part of Jesus’ miraculous seaside feasts may have stood in awe, knowing their fulfillment came only from Him. Tears must have rolled down the face of the woman who now walked with a perfect posture, but once was bent over because of Satan’s affliction on her body, the woman who Jesus changed at the well, or the one who was alive and healed from a blood disorder. Can you picture Jarius and his daughter with their arms around each other as they look on and remember Jesus’ compassion He had for them?

Many people had a changed life because of Jesus, the Jewish world was turned upside down because of Him, and the entire scene, from arrest to ascension, was to ultimately create a better covenant between God and man. Their Savior, Healer, Provider, Deliverer, and Friend became the universal Redeemer, so now the whole world can know Him as they knew Him.

## Yards to Paradise Landscaping

Curves: Solving Awkward Angles in the Landscape

By Max Phelps

Working with an odd shaped space, rather than a traditional rectangular house on a rectangular lot, can have some challenges. Rather than living with a peculiar angled space, how about creating a unique yard using that odd element to advantage? There’s nothing special about mimicking everyone else’s yard, anyhow.

Plants are the simplest of solutions to this problem. Either a plant that is simply attention-getting gorgeous—or one that hangs over or hides the awkward corner or angle.

Adding circles and curves can be the solution. How about a circular patio, or a kidney shaped one, or even one like a piece of pie if that is what works with your yard. For that far corner of a yard that might have a point like the top of a pyramid, try some curved raised beds with trees and/or shrubs to completely obscure that bothersome corner. Changes in textures, adding height or excavating for a sunken garden are also ways of distracting from an odd layout.

Other instances can call for additional angles to make an eyesore blend in. The odd shaped pergola, or the look of modern art for a wall hanging trellis can duplicate crazy angles and make them look like they were part of the plan from the beginning.

A rolling hill can be terraced, or excavated for a flat spot and a retaining wall added at the point of transition.

Winding pathways can also help manage a steeper area.

Big empty spots where you don’t want a big tree can have some large unusual display that draws people out to look closer. Yard art, water features, firepits, archways, or a partition with plants creating a new “room” can help with solving for those awkward angles. Maybe a huge rock garden with the center being built up six feet or more so certain areas are “naturally” obscured. (Out of sight, out of mind.)

Curved benches, curved stacked stone walls, curved formal or informal hedges, a curved arbor with vines on it, are some of the ideas I have to make away with an odd angled drive, yard, fence, etc.

Sharp angles in walkways or paved areas can sometimes be softened with stones. Rather than square paving stones, how about a masonry patio with random flagstone in a mosaic pattern? Concrete corners at 60 or 110 degree angles can be abrasive to the psyche. Perhaps un-patterned or rounded pieces of stones worked into a usable patio or walk area can take the eye from seeing the harsh angle so much.

Stacked stone retaining walls, filled with good soil for flowers, gardening, herbs, etc. can be built in lots of shapes, especially utilizing curves. I find they work wonders, especially for the informal landscape.

While we are on the topic of a new raised bed, I’d like to make a plain suggestion. You can grow about anything in a raised bed, even if the rest of your yard won’t grow anything much. All by filling the raised area with the right type of dirt for the things you intend to plant.

One more idea is a specimen plant. A tall skinny tree, a weeping tree, or one trained to a wall or as an espalier.

Plants can be art, either through shearing or selecting the perfect tree or shrub for the job. That perfectly pyramidal tree may not be the one you should buy if your house and yard don’t have much symmetry

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