

America: A Monarchy or a Republic?

I learned Readin' and Writin' in the early years of grammar school. The basics of English included the alphabet, vowels, synonyms, antonyms, homonyms, spelling, sentence structure, sentence structure and more, but most importantly, the memorization of everything we were taught was a must.

There was test after quiz, quiz after test ad infinitum. Then came the almighty report card too many times in the year. Fortunately for me, my family began a monetary reward system for receiving good grades that lightened the load.

I received \$1 from each of 5 relatives for each report card having straight A's and all numeric marks above 90. I did not miss one, as \$5 was like a fortune during the 50s. It was a time when

chewing gum didn't lose its flavor overnight and a pack of gum was only 5 cents. There was however, one difficulty I struggled with that remained hidden until much later in life.

At 37 years it was discovered that dyslexia was my life-long partner. At times it made life a very interesting proposition. But it was also a gift!

When it came time to begin reading, I could not remember the names of characters in a book and in time I began to think I was stupid and very soon, panic set in. I kept quiet about it because at that time "children should be seen and not be heard."

The silence resulted in the development of a memorization process utilizing images to connect everything, and especially the names of

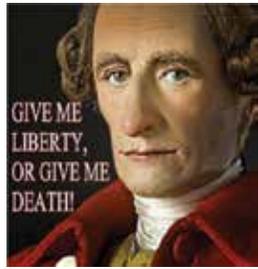
persons. It was amazing that although there was difficulty with reading comprehension, the results of the testing to measure it placed me in the 9th grade level when I was in the 6th grade. There was one lesson, however, I did not learn until much later in life and that is the use of a dictionary!

Since I was always spot-on with the use of the English language there was never a need for one until one day the dyslexia kicked in and caused me to reverse the meaning of a word. The embarrassment led me to use a dictionary for every word for which there is uncertainty.

Do you know the difference between a monarchy and a republic? Perhaps it's time to look up the words in a dictionary!



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Anniversary of the SS Patrick Henry

Starting with the One Year Anniversary we began to publish articles of historical value that occurred on the same date as the newspaper issue. The July 26, 2014 issue featured two events: The First Women's Rights Convention in the United States held at Seneca, New York and the Ratification of the United States Constitution by the State of New York. The August 30, 2014 issue featured the confirmation of Thurgood Marshall as the first Black to be appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by the U.S. Senate. The purpose of these articles is to present information about event in the past that are relative to the events of the present. What better a topic than the story of Patrick Henry who is best remembered for the statement "Give me Liberty or Give me Death", which is just a small part of his involvement with the America Revolution. Along with Samuel Adams and Thomas Paine, he is regarded as one of the most influential champions of Republicanism and an invested promoter of the American Revolution and its fight for independence. Henry was an attorney, planter and politician who became known as an orator during the movement for independence in Virginia in the 1770s. Although Henry opposed the U.S. Constitution fearing that it endangered individual and states rights, it proves the point that agreeing to disagree through debate is a very good thing.

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Wake Up America!

Although artist Jon McNaughton claims to be a conservative, he is also an American Patriot as he consciously decided to change the direction of painting from beautiful and heart warming landscapes to using his brush strokes to tell the story of today's troubles in America. The painting that appears on the front page of this issue shows actors, political pundits and comedians of who many of them are the hosts of their own shows. The one talk show host that stand heads above all the others is David Letterman who makes his points with the political establishment in a professional and appropriate manner. Bill Maher who is also depicted in the painting can go pound salt since he turned against the Carriage Horse Industry as a member of PeTA as the issue in Constitutional in nature. Since the change in the direction of McNaughton's art, he has been called a racist, which is so far from the truth it is laughable. We all know that the targets of comedic criticism are often directed at the sitting President and because the sitting President happens to be Black does not make him a racist.

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Who Won - Who Lost in Primaries?

The photo left depicts a homeless veteran sleeping on a bench so what does his sleeping on the bench have to do with the primaries? EVERYTHING because it is the Congress and the President that controls their future. How can their future stand a chance when in the New York the disgraced Congressman Charlie Rangel won again in the primary which almost guarantees that he will win another two years of feasting on the taxpayers's dime. All American citizens from any state reading this should be disturbed because as a member of Congress he also represents your interests. How can it be that good old Charlie Boy can have multiple regulated in New York City when there is a plague of homelessness amongst our veterans? And if you think about it, it is the Congress along with the President that programs members of the Armed Forces to be homeless because when they are trained for combat or any other mission, boots hit the ground at a moment's notice as they sleep under the stars until accommodations to put a roof over their heads.

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How We Are Protected from ISIS/ISIL

With the recent murder in the state of New Jersey of an American citizen by a jihadist, the question should be what are our elected officials doing about jihadists living in America. I discussed this issue with our techno-geek writer Evelyn Hammer who comes from a family who is described in her own words as modern orthodox. Ms. Hammer is also a woman and although the photo to the left depicts a scene that may from the Middle East, it is on the streets of New York City at the Annual Muslim Day Parade that is touted as the Pro-Terror March. The image to the left and the others shown with the article comes from the website of Pamela Geller, who under the guise of saying the issue should be talked about, in reality she is promoting jihadism. She should be stopped at all costs. Since I am too close to the issue of freedoms as a result of 4 Purple Hearts and Silver Star in my family from World War II, and am opposed the internment camps of the Japanese, and there are Muslims in my neighborhood with whom I am friendly, Hammer was asked to write the article.

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Crimes in Time

Michael Flynn takes us back in time with part five of a six-part series on the gang from Hell's Kitchen that was known as the Gophers.

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Happy New Year!

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