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## LATEST NEWS

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We have just completed updating our Columns regarding History, Natural Health and Language Nuances. Under Historical Bits, we began with insights into the mythology of American History with Historian and Prof. Rick Shenkman of George Mason University providing some very interesting facts that have been left out of the textbooks. Have you ever wondered....?

- Why Americans refused to eat tomatoes until 1830 ?
- Why the cities were polluted before the advent of the auto?
- Did Robert Fulton really invent the steamboat?
- Was Lincoln as honest as he has been made out to be?
- If Ben Franklin was opposed to the eagle, what did he favor?
- Was George Washington honest?
- What politicians and Presidents lied to Congress?
- Did Eli Whitney really invent the Cotton Gin?
- Did Magellan really circumnavigate the globe?
- Did Henry Ford single handedly invent the assembly line?
- What does the Boston Tea Party have in common with American smugglers?
- Were the Washington's soldiers really freezing and starving at Valley Forge?
- Were the broadcasts of Tokyo Rose really demoralizing to the American soldiers?
- Was Charles Lindberg the first to fly across the Atlantic?
- Were Puritans really pure in matters of sex?

- When did Americans lose respect for the elderly?
- Was the Revolution fought with guerilla tactics?
- Did Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders really charge on horseback up San Juan Hill?
- Did Hitler and the German audience snub Jesse Owens?
- Was Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation the first issued?
- Did the Pilgrims really land on Plymouth Rock?
- Did Pilgrims really live in log cabins?
- Was the Town Meeting an early brand of democracy in Colonial America?

This piece is followed by *10 Myths about Thanksgiving* which questions the dates of the first Thanksgiving among other things. Did they really eat turkey? Another topic of current interest is immigration here under the title of *Top 10 Immigration Myths and Facts*. It begins with the question; Is it true that immigrants do not pay taxes? There are some very important facts here that you need to know. This leads us to another current topic of interest: Terrorism. Under the title of *Terror Myths* we begin to understand how governments and the media manipulate information...an insightful piece by Prof. Caryl Rivers of Boston University. Prof. Shenkman is again featured on a short comparative selection between lawyers and politicians, each of which use the tactics of manipulation and the use of myths and misinformation to gain control of their respective audiences. This is followed by the religious views of George Washington; Was he really a Diest? (*The Religious affiliation of First U.S. President George Washington*). There appear even today some ambiguous notions about America. *The Top 5 Myths about America* dispels some of these notions. It addresses the following areas: Religious Foundation, Liberals vs. Conservatives, U.S. Ranking Worldwide, and Humanitarian Ranking Worldwide. This column ends with *Food for Thought*, a short excerpt from a multi-disciplinary work concerned here with some insights into Conservatives and Liberals in relation to change and the makeup of Life.

**(For a description of the content featured in our columns entitled *Natural Health* and *Language Nuances*, See our August and September Newsletters.)**

Happy and insightful reading,

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