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 Mid-Month Notes from Your COA

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Fore! Even groups of men and women teamed up at Maynard Country Club this month to swing thru the links on a colorful autumn day - it was a blast! And the Concord Players Traveling Troupe bowed in to share some skits and jokes. So who doesn't love candy? Halloween is in the air, the moon is full, beware beware!"



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TV Corner

King Charles III will be crowned on May 6, 2023 in Westminster Abbey. The Coronation will be broadcast around the world. Over 4 billions viewers watched Queen Elizabeth's funeral this past September.



Veteran's Day Breakfast

Thurs. | Nov. 10 | 9:30 AM

For All Concord Veterans and for Concord Senior Residents Who Want to Honor Our Veterans

*** Emceed by Bob Marquis *
 Speakers from Hanscom Air Force Base * Free Delicious Catered Breakfast**

Your Top 10 Mount Rushmore Facts on it's Oct. 1927 Start Anniversary

10. Each of the four Presidents symbolizes something significant about the first 150 years of the U.S.: **Washington**, the nation's **birth**; **Jefferson**, its **growth**; **Lincoln**, its **preservation**; and **T. Roosevelt**, its **development & conservation**.

9. The sculpture is 250 feet across. **Each head is 60 feet high.**

8. Senator Peter Norbeck (R-SD) was primarily responsible for securing the federal building funds.

7. The memorial was designed by **sculptor Gutzon Borglum** and his son Lincoln. The lead carver was Luigi Del Bianco, an Italian immigrant from Port Chester, NY.

6. Some 450,000 tons of stone, mostly granite, was removed from the face of the mountain during the carving. The fragments are still where they fell, at the base of the mountain.

5. Borglum used dynamite and pneumatic hammers to remove the rock from the face of the mountain. Then used a technique called "**honeycombing**" – drilling holes close together for the hand-detailed work.

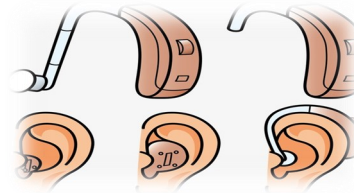
4. Some 400 men, and a few women, worked on the project. **There were no fatalities,**

3. The U. S. Board of Geographic Names named the mountain after **Charles E. Rushmore**, a New York attorney and investor who had visited the Black Hills. **The Lakota Sioux name for the mountain was "The Six Grandfathers."**

2. Thru treaty, the U.S. allowed the Lakota Sioux to live in the Black Hills, their ancestral homeland, in perpetuity. **But then gold was discovered and mining companies moved in.** This has remained a source of conflict between the U. S. government and Native American tribes.

1. The memorial, whose 1,278 acres includes a visitors center, attracts more than two million visitors a year.

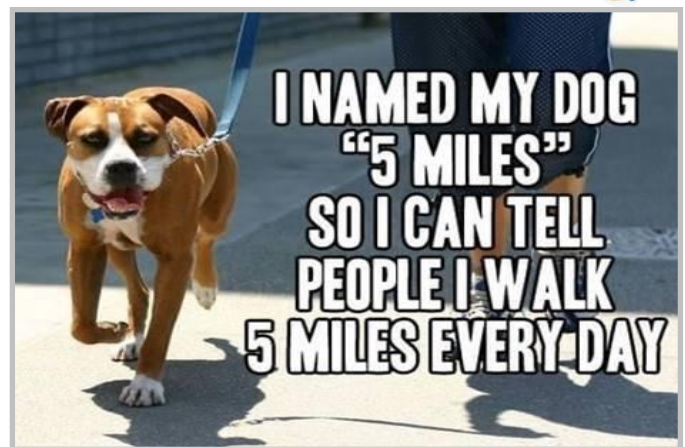
Tech Corner



On Aug. 16, 2022 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a final rule to improve access to hearing aids which may in turn lower costs for millions of Americans. This action establishes a new category of over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aids, enabling consumers with perceived mild to moderate hearing impairment to purchase hearing aids directly from stores or online retailers without the need for a medical exam, prescription or a fitting adjustment by an audiologist.

The rule is expected to lower the cost of hearing aids, furthering the Biden-Harris Administration's goal of expanding access to high-quality health care and lowering health care costs for the American public. It is designed to assure the safety and effectiveness of OTC hearing aids, while fostering innovation and competition in the hearing aid technology marketplace. Sen. Elizabeth Warren was an important sponsor the bill.

Comedy Corner



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