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Mid-Month Notes from Your COA

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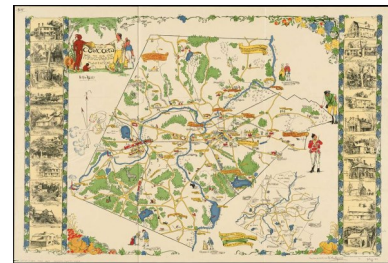
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“ I've got sunshine on a cloudy day. When it's cold outside, I got the month of **May** “ Smokey Robinson
Among other things MAY is Older Americans Month! A few weeks ago some energetic hikers muddied-up at the Emerson Thoreau Amble and it was a pleasure to salute Bernie Jenkins at a Wednesday Lunch. Berni was the first director of the COA then worked tirelessly to raise funds for just about all you see here at HWCC. Pictured with Berni is her better-half, Bob Andrews, who leads our hearing group and lends his photo skills to our online Gift Shop.



**The Indigenous People of
Musketaquid & Concord**

Tuesday, May 16 at 2:30 PM



Joe Palumbo and Amy Cole are Concord licensed guides who will explore the history of the first people of Musketaquid — “the land between the grassy rivers” over 10,000 years ago. The people lived in abundance and balance with the natural world then collided with European fur traders which forever shaped the world of the indigenous people of Massachusetts today. No charge/call 978-318-3020 to reserve your seat.



TV CORNER

Around 300 million people worldwide watched the coronation of Charles III on May 6. Among this number are 20 million from the U.K. In September 2022, 29 million U.K. viewers watched Queen Elizabeth I's funeral. It is estimated that in 1997, 2.2 billion people world wide watch the funeral of Princess Diana.



Your Top 4 Facts About Hypersonic vs Supersonic

You might have seen news reports about the development of “hypersonic” weapons by the US, China, Russia and other nations, and you might be aware that Russia actually used its hypersonic Kinzhal missile in the Ukraine war. What does “hypersonic” mean?

4. Hypersonic aircraft can fly at Mach 5 – five times the speed of sound – and faster. Aeronautics have come a long way since October 14, 1947, when Charles Elwood “Chuck” Yeager became the first person to fly faster than Mach 1 -- the speed of sound (around 767 miles per hour at sea level; 660 miles per hour at 40,000 feet.) There have been constant innovations in crewed and non-crewed aircraft over the decades since Yeager’s feat. In 2004, NASA’s X-43 missile reached Mach 9.6 – *7,310 miles per hour* at 110,000 feet.

3. As weapons, hypersonic “glide vehicles” and cruise missiles are game-changers not only because of their speed but also because – unlike conventional ballistic missiles – they are maneuverable enough to evade existing defense systems. But setting aside the destructive potential for now, how could traveling at hypersonic speed change your own life?

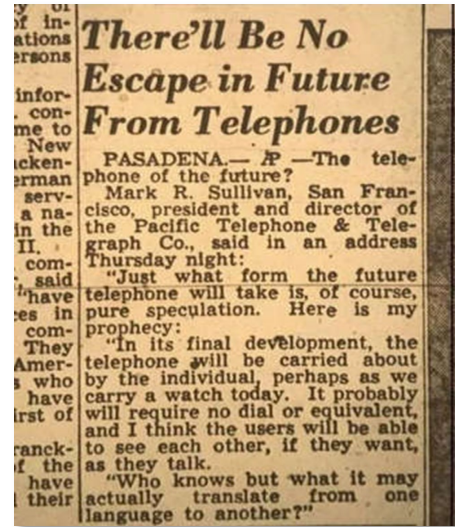
2. You could get where you’re going a lot faster! For example... a nonstop commercial flight from **Miami to Seattle** takes about 6 hours and 40 minutes to cover the 2,724 miles. You could get there **in 26-50 minutes** hypersonically, depending on the aircraft.

1. The world’s longest nonstop commercial flight currently is **Dubai to New Zealand** – 16 hours and 40 minutes to cover the 8,824 miles. (Better get up and walk around occasionally to prevent blood clots!) In the fastest existing hypersonic aircraft, you could complete the trip **in a tidy 1 hour and 24 minutes**. Now that’s fast!



Come to the **CABARET!**
 Broadway Musical Series
Tues., May 23, 12:30 PM
 Just drop in to enjoy the
 movie!

Tech (old) News



Cellphones were predicted in 1953, but smart watches? This guy was either a time traveler or had the ability to think about the future. Mark R. Sullivan of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company recognized the changing of technology and understood that these things are in a constant state of flux. Amazing that he guesses the invention of smart phones right down to the advent of video chat and translation apps.



Comedy Corner



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