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Crys Matthews Performs at Belleville Roots

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter



Photo by Stewart Lytle

Crys Matthews

REGIONAL -- Nashville resident Crys Matthews, who performs on June 16 at the Belleville Roots Juneteenth concert, is already being compared to Woody Guthrie.

She stands out as one of the most promising talents in the new wave of social justice musicians.

"Crys is a wonderful singer, songwriter," said Ken Irwin, a renowned music producer and one of the founders of the Roots concert series.

Irwin said Crys does not take the lofty comparison to Guthrie seriously, but is a great communicator and makes her audiences feel good.

Matthews uses her personal experiences to create songs that speak out against injustice. Justin Hiltner from Bluegrass Situation praised her ability to bring people together through music, calling her a beacon of hope.

In her latest album Changemakers, Matthews continues the legacy of social justice music icons similar to Sweet Honey in the Rock and Holly Near.

Eric Philbrook, the vice president and creative director for the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), praises Matthews for "infusing her socially conscious messages with genuine emotions and delivering them with a powerful voice and warm heart, uplifting our

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Sculptor Chosen for Signature Waterfront Art

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

NEWBURYPORT WATERFRONT – Aaron T Stephan has a studio two blocks from the working Portland, ME, docks and has long been interested in the men and women who labor there building ships.

Last week, Stephan attributed his walks around the docks to his inspiration to create a tall clipper ship sculpture for the new Market Landing Park on the Merrimack Waterfront. Stephan was awarded the commission by the newly formed Public Art Commission, beating out 20 other artists.

Born in Springville, NY, Stephan works in sculpture and mixed media. He often uses humor and wit to look at everyday objects "not as metaphors,... but [as] facts," stated his web site, aaronstephan.com.

He said his sculpture of the sails of a clipper ship will take eight months and be erected in one of the park's most prominent spots off the new bike trail that links the two sections of the rail trail.

"I am really excited about this project," he said.

The committee, which made the decision after interviewing the five finalists last week, is made up of Peter Carzasty, Paula Estey, Katherine Moran, Shanna Sartori, Cynthia Schartman, Kim Turner and Nichole Whelan. City Planning Director Andy Port, who oversees the entire park development, is coordinating the project.

Given that the Newburyport High School mascot is the clippers, having the signature sculpture depicting a clipper ship would seem to be appropriate. Some committee members wanted Stephan to include some reference to the role clipper ships played in the slave trade.

Stephan agreed, but noted that



Image provided by city planner Andy Port
Aaron T Stephan's submission *Clipper Trace*

clipper ships played a minimal role in the slave trade. The sleek, fast ships were developed in the mid-1800s, decades after the U.S. prohibited Africans being brought as slaves in 1808.

Clipper ships were lightweight with narrow hulls and limited cargo space. They were built to carry time sensitive, high value cargo such as tea from China. The large crews required to manage the clipper ships' massive sails reduced the number of passengers they carried.

Slave ships were typically slow, bulky freighters, designed to maximize the amount of human cargo.

Some clipper ships, particularly the Baltimore clippers, smuggled slaves after the 1808 embargo, but that was not their primary function.

The size of Stephan's sculpture will likely be 12 to 15 feet tall, which will stand out on the flat park space. The city hopes that it will attract visitors and residents to the waterfront.

Entitled "Sail Trace," the sculpture will have eight life-sized masts, holding a series of billowing sails made from perforated aluminum, with stainless steel cables as rigging. It will have in-ground uplighting.

The sculpture will be sited on a paved space between the new bike trail through the park and the waterfront boardwalk. The space will have bike racks to the east and benches to the west of the sculpture.

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Forgotten Souls No More

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

NEWBURYPORT – At least 18 African-American, former residents of this port city were buried a century ago in the Oak Hill Burying Ground without headstones, but last week they were no forgotten no more.

Almost 100 current residents gathered at the bottom of the hill near Auburn Street where they are buried to pray over them and install granite markers and a bronze plaque so future residents will know they are buried there.

While local historian Ghlee Woodworth read aloud the names of black businessmen and servants, authors and activists and their families who may be buried there, the dozens of attendees placed the 6-inch by 6-inch markers, labeled "Once Known," into small holes on the graves.

Near the top of the hill under trees that provides deep shade on a warm day now stands a bronze 12- by 24-inch plaque, with the title HISTORIC AFRICAN AMERICAN SECTION.

It states: "THIS AREA HAS A CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES AND STONE MARKERS FOR BLACK MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN BURIED IN THE 18TH AND 19TH CENTURIES. THERE ARE ALSO MANY UNIDENTIFIED GRAVES HERE, FOUND BY GROUND PENETRATING RADAR, WHICH ARE NOW MARKED 'ONCE KNOWN' - ALL WERE INDIVIDUALS KNOWN IN THEIR DAY EVEN IF WE NO LONGER KNOW THEIR NAMES TODAY. THIS SECTION OF THE CEMETERY IS ACROSS THE STREET FROM AN HISTORIC BLACK NEIGHBORHOOD CALLED 'GUINEA VILLAGE' DURING THAT ERA."

Senior Planning Director Geordie



Photo by Stewart Lytle

Historian Ghlee Woodworth in front of the stones and plaque

Vining, a driving force in the Newburyport Black Initiative, wrote of the event, "All these men, women, and children were distinct individuals who were recognized during their lifetime, even if their names have been forgotten today. These granite markers will serve as a means to locate their burial sites."

Standing in for Mayor Sean Reardon, who was called away for a meeting at Whittier Tech, Vining said a lot of black cemeteries have been wiped off the map and are now under golf courses, commercial sites and parking lots.

State Rep. Dawne Shand, D-Newburyport, read a poem entitled, The African Burial Ground by Yusef Komunyakaa. Although the poem was written about a New York City cemetery, Shand said she thought it was appropriate for the black section of the Old Hill Cemetery.

The Rev. Rebecca Bryan, minister for the First Religious Society, Unitarian Universalist Church, said, "There are so many acts and steps that we can do to make this a welcoming place, a place where everyone is known and seen."

Bryan pointed out that Newburyport with more than 19,000 residents has only 107 black residents. That is about the number that Woodworth said was the black population in Newburyport at its height in the early 19th century.

The minister told the crowd with only one black

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Marc Maravalli, B.S., R.Ph. Publisher/Editor, The Town Common

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Letters selected for publication may be edited for length and clarity. Some letters may serve as a catalyst for other articles or coverage, and community leaders and agencies will be offered an opportunity to respond to letters concerning their areas of responsibility.

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or preferably via e-mail to:
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING Project File No. 608029

A Live Virtual Public Informational Meeting will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Intersection Improvements at the Intersection of Route 1 and Merrimac Street project in Newburyport, MA.

WHEN: 6:00PM, Thursday, June 13th, 2024

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Improvements at the Intersection of Route 1 and Merrimac Street. All views and comments submitted in response to the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The purpose of this project is for the installation of two traffic signal systems on Merrimac Street at the Route 1 on and off-ramps in Newburyport, MA. The project limits extend along Merrimac Street from Strong Street to Market Street and to Pleasant Street to the south. The Project shall improve the functionality of the Route 1 ramps at Merrimac Street by incorporating adequate sight distance, roadway micro resurfacing and restriping, inclusion of complete street elements including ADA accessibility, pedestrian curb ramps and bicycle accommodations, pavement markings and signage, and associated utility adjustments. Work on the minor streets will be limited to approach work unless drainage or utility elements require further improvements or adjustments.

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the meeting.

This meeting will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

JONATHAN GULLIVER CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.
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In accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. G.L. 131, Section 40, as amended, and the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, a remote public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 8:00 pm to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability application filed by Vernon Bell III for proposed soil evaluations for stormwater management and possible design of a subsurface sewage disposal system within the 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 308 Wethersfield St (Map 18, Parcel 5, Lot 13-9) and at 312 Wethersfield Street (Map 18, Parcel 5, Lot 14-8) in Rowley, MA.
Daniel Shinnick, Chairman, Rowley Conservation Commission

LEGAL NOTICE ROWLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. G.L. 131, Section 40, as amended, and the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, a remote public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 7:45 pm to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability application filed by Dennis and Pamela Gaspar for proposed soil evaluations and installation of a replacement subsurface sewage disposal system within the 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 153 Wethersfield Street (Map 17, Parcel/Lot 31) in Rowley, MA.
Daniel Shinnick, Chairman, Rowley Conservation Commission

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Daniel Shinnick, Chairman, Rowley Conservation Commission

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In accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. G.L. 131, Section 40, as amended, and the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, a remote public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 8:30 pm to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability application filed by Nicholas Meninno of Meninno Construction for proposed soil evaluations for possible future stormwater management and design of a subsurface sewage disposal system within 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and DEP Approved Groundwater Protection Area Zone II at 45 Newbury Road (Map 5, Parcel/Lot 62) and 47 Newbury Road (Map 5, Parcel 62, Lot 1) in Rowley, MA.
Daniel Shinnick, Chairman, Rowley Conservation Commission

LEGAL NOTICE ROWLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. G.L. 131, Section 40, as amended, and the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, a remote public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 9:00 pm to consider a Notice of Intent application filed by Theodore Speros of Danielsville LLC for proposed construction of a single family residence, subsurface sewage disposal system, driveway, utilities, and associated grading possibly within the 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at land off Emily Lane (Map 9, Parcel 23, Lot 30) in Rowley, MA.
Daniel Shinnick, Chairman, Rowley Conservation Commission

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In accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. G.L. 131, Section 40, as amended, and the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, a remote public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 8:15 pm to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability application filed by Elayne Georgoulakos for proposed removal of seven (7) high risk and hazardous mature trees from the 25' No Cut/ No Disturbance Zone within the 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 34 Cindy Lane (Map 6, Parcel 10, Lot 8) in Rowley, MA.
Daniel Shinnick, Chairman, Rowley Conservation Commission

Correction

Regarding last week's article 'Local

Crys Matthews

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spirits during these challenging times.” Her album, *Changemakers*, effectively addresses issues such as immigration, the opioid crisis, Black Lives Matter and gun safety.

She aims to instill hope and encourage her listeners through her music and hopes that her songs will serve as a time capsule, documenting the country's experiences of the past four years.

The upcoming concert is the second year Belleville Roots has staged a Juneteenth event.

Crys began performing in 2010, but cemented her acclaim at Lincoln Center in Washington, D.C., as the 2017 New Song Music and Performance Competition grand prize winner.

Born and raised in a small town in southeastern North Carolina by an A.M.E. church preacher, she witnessed the power of music from an early age. In high school she was a former drum major and classically-trained clarinetist who now uses her voice to answer Dr. Martin Luther King's call to be “a drum major for justice.”

“I believe in hope,” she said. “As a social-justice songwriter, it is my duty to keep breathing that hope and encouragement into the people who listen to my music.”

The Belleville Roots Concert will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 16. For more information and to buy tickets, visit bellevilleroots.org or email the event at bellevilletoots@gmail.com. The Belleville Congregational Church is at 300 High St. Newburyport.

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person in it that too often Newburyport is referred to as a white community.

“Every time we say that, we're erasing not only the people who have died who are not white people, but the people that are here today and all of their diversity,” she said. “Remembering is part of reparations.”

Bryan offered a prayer to those who are buried under the “Once Known” granite markings, and Woodworth had the attendees kneel to touch the stones.

After the prayer, the attendees pushed the markers into the holes.

Nearby were a handful of marked graves for black residents, including a “faithful servant” named Fortune, Susan Cogswell and a Union Street barbershop owner, John C.H. Young, all of whom died in the 1800s.

Woodworth said the people who were buried in the unmarked graves may have been their relatives.

“Is it possible their family members are buried around them? Yes,” she said.

The cemetery project cost about \$7,700, of which \$5,250 were donated by the Unitarian Universalist Church, the Newburyport Lions Club and individual donors. The remaining \$2,450 was allocated from the city's property taxpayers through the Community Preservation Act.

Expenses included \$1,450 for the ground-penetrating radar work, \$2,250 for the plaque and \$4,000 for the “Once Known” markers.

Waterfront Art

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process of selecting the sculptor was rushed because the city has until the end of June to award the commission when the grant of \$75,000 must be awarded. And that is the total budget, including installation.

In response to its Call to Artists, the committee received 21 submissions by artists/sculptors that range from local artists, a few who already have pieces erected in the city and others who work in studios as far away as southern California, Key West and the Dakota tribal lands in Minnesota.

The finalists were James Dinh of Cerritos, CA; Mark Faverman from Boston; Scott Goss from Shaker Heights, OH; Erin Genia, a member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota native American tribe, and Stephan.

Obituary - Frederick E. (Fred) Hoyt



Frederick E. (Fred) Hoyt, age 76, Rowley, MA; passed away on 5/19/2024 at home with his family by his side. He was born on November 29, 1947, in Towanda, PA to H. Dean and Sarah C. Hoyt. Fred grew up on the family farm in New Albany, PA and graduated from Wyalusing Valley

High School class of 1965, and the Pennsylvania State Police Academy in 1971. Trooper Hoyt retired from the PA State Police in 1981 where among other duties, he was a stunt rider on the police rodeo team. After moving to Massachusetts in 1982, Fred entered the construction field and retired from the IUOE Local 4 in 2018. Fred enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf, “puttering around” the family property, and watching sports on TV in his man cave. He was preceded in death by parents Dean and Sarah, brothers David Hoyt and Terry Hoyt, and sister Gwen Durante.

Fred is survived by his wife of 42 years, Judy, son Bret (Diane) of Carlisle, PA, daughter Corinne of Mt. Holly Springs, PA, son David of Rowley, MA, granddaughters, Kacey (Josh) and Kara, great-grandsons Ace and Jonny, ex-wife Gail (PA), siblings Ed (FL), Susan (MD), Reese (NC), and Roger (PA), brother-in-law Gus (PA), sister-in-law Marlea (PA), and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. To light a memorial candle or to leave a message of condolence, please visit www.fsrobertsandson.com. Arrangements entrusted to F. S. Roberts & Son Funeral Home of Rowley.

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Mock Crash at Georgetown Middle High School

GEORGETOWN — Police Chief David Sedgwick and Fire Chief Matthew McKay are pleased to report that the Georgetown Police and Fire Departments participated in a mock crash at Georgetown Middle High School to reach young people about the dangers of driving under the influence.

On Wed, May 15, Georgetown Middle High School juniors and seniors experienced a mock crash and drunk driving presentation as they prepare for prom and graduation season.

School Resource Officer Taylor Ford worked with other members of the Georgetown Police Department, Georgetown Fire Department, Georgetown Public Schools, Conte-Giamberardino Funeral Home and Trombly Brothers Towing to facilitate the presentation.

The presentation simulated a fatal car accident as a result of drunk driving. Officer Ford coordinated with Kerry Lee from the GMHS drama club, who facilitated having students play the roles of victims. At the end of the presentation, The Georgetown Police Department informed students of what can happen if they get caught behind the wheel while intoxicated.

The following students played a vital role in making this presentation a success: Nayla Anderson, Jaqueline Carter, Michael Clancy, Carter Lucido, Izabella Markovic, Dylan Prime, and Caroline Swensen.

To view a video of the mock crash made by the Georgetown Fire Department, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnUnT48u6R8>.



Students actors role play finding an injured fellow student during a mock crash that was held at Georgetown Middle High School on Wednesday. (Courtesy Georgetown Police Department)

Following the presentation, Officer Ford coordinated having therapy dogs for the students who viewed the presentation to visit with. Middle School students were also welcome to visit with the therapy dogs as a part of their Mental Health Awareness Month activities. Golden Opportunities For Independence (GOFI) brought multiple Golden Retrievers for the students to visit with. Officer Brian Lewis from the Reading Police Department and his Community Resource Dog Cooper came to visit as well.

“We have found that these realistic drills make a profound impression on students about the consequences of making a decision that will have a lifetime affect on them and others,” said Chief Sedgwick. “We hope that this mock crash will help save lives this year by reinforcing the importance of students making good decisions.”

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Ipswich Police Department Supports Students During Project "Sticker Shock"

IPSWICH — Last week, Ipswich Police Department officers supported Ipswich Public School students during a project to raise awareness about the dangers of underage drinking.

Project Sticker Shock involved students and officers attending partnering liquor stores and applying stickers on cases and cartons of alcoholic beverages stating that, "If they can't buy it, don't supply it."

The stickers warn that supplying alcohol to persons under 21 can lead to a fine of \$2,000 or a term of imprisonment of one year.

"All praise goes to the students, our officers simply provided escort," Ipswich Police Department Chief Paul Nikas said. "I couldn't be prouder of the up-and-coming generation of young leaders in Essex County. They've shown themselves to be both

active and responsible citizens."

The project is organized by the Ipswich Aware Youth Group (IAYC), an independent affiliate of the North Shore YMCA.

"If these stickers could help just one person make the right choice then it is beyond worth it," Ipswich High School student

Hannah Queen said. "We care about our

peers and don't want to see anyone getting hurt by these substances."

Project Sticker Shock takes place during the ongoing prom and graduation season. In Massachusetts and under Social Host Laws, supplying alcohol to minors is not only dangerous, but illegal.

"We know that alcohol is the



Left to right, Ipswich PD Det. and School Resource Officer Joe Perna, and Ipswich High School (IHS) students Hayden Lucey and Hannah Queen. (Photo Courtesy Ipswich PD)

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Market Street Baptist Grief Care Breakfast June 1st

AMESBURY – Grief Care Breakfast is for those dealing with death of a loved one and will be held on Saturday, June 1 from 9:30 – 11:00 am hosted by the Market Street Baptist Church, 37 Market Street, Amesbury. The program is free.

Speakers: Cindy & Mike Veatch of Free Christian Church, Andover where they are GriefShare facilitators. Cindy works for Pediatric Mental Health at Mass General Hospital for Children at NSMC and a lecturer at Merrimack College. Mike is a Professor of Mathematics at Gordon College.

All are welcome. Come to meet and connect. Parking is available behind the church and in the BankProv lot next door. Please RSVP: Dianne at 978-388-0930, mbscsec@verizon.net

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Health & Wellness



By J. PETER ST. CLAIR, DMD

Brighter Smiles... DOES SNORING KEEP YOU AWAKE?

oxygenated properly?

A restricted airway can be caused by numerous different factors. Many times, it is developmental and starts early in life. As we age, this risk for developing a restricted airway increases with things like gaining weight, muscle tone laxity, and even sleep position. Snoring is a fluttering of soft tissue in the back of throat due to there not being enough space for air to pass through. Not only does snoring have the potential to affect your brain and the way you feel on a day-to-day basis, it also disturbs the sleep of the person sleeping next to you...and in some cases, people in other rooms.

Snoring does not mean you have sleep apnea (a serious disorder measured by a sleep test,) but is a significant risk factor. If you do have sleep apnea, you need to know this so that it can be treated and you can live a better quality of life. If you don't have sleep apnea and just snore, this can also be treated, and you may be able to make it back into your own bedroom.

Aside from snoring, if you have any of the following: familial history of sleep apnea, history of daytime drowsiness, history of clenching/grinding, history of TMJ disorder, history of mood disorders/depression, witnessed apnea

events (gasping at night), large tongue with ridges on the sides, tooth wear, high blood pressure, gastric reflux, large neck (Males >17 / Females >16) – you should discuss this with your physician and/or your dentist.

There are different ways to treat snoring and/or sleep apnea including positional therapy (sometimes a wedge pillow strapped to your back so you can't roll onto your back), a CPAP device (positive air pressure through the nose to keep the airway open), or a dental device (to keep the jaw and tongue from falling back).

Just like exercising and good eating habits are good for the body, quality sleep vital to good health. Just because you get 7-8 hours of sleep doesn't mean it is good sleep. Don't hesitate to talk with your doctors about your sleep issues.... and encourage the loud person sleeping next to you to do the same.

Dr. St. Clair maintains a private dental practice in Rowley dedicated to health-centered family dentistry. He has a special interest in treating snoring, sleep apnea and TMJ problems. If there are certain topics you would like to see written about or questions you have please email them to him at jpstclair@stclairdmd.com

It is not uncommon for me to get a strange look when I ask a patient about snoring in the dental office. After an explanation about some of the reasons I include this on my medical history form, the patient will often say, "Well, I don't snore but my spouse (usually husband) does. In fact, we sleep in separate bedrooms."

A better way to ask someone about snoring is to ask, "Have you been told you snore?" Snoring can be a huge nuisance to the bed partner and is actually very detrimental to both people. For those without a bed partner, snoring can be assessed with apps such as Snore Lab, which measures snoring levels throughout the night.

Snoring is a sign of a restricted airway, which means that there is a possible depletion of air getting into the lungs and thus the brain. You spend approximately one third of your life sleeping, which means if you live to 90 years old, you may have spent 30 years sleeping. Oxygen depletion during sleep has both short-term and long-term consequences. I have read multiple studies which suggest a reduction of oxygen to the body can take 6-10 years off of your life. Sleep is one of the most mysterious states of being – we don't know a lot about what is going on during sleep without it being recorded. Wouldn't you want to know if your body wasn't being



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in various cells.

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: Moderate Challenging HOO BOY!

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The cautious side of your usually adventurous nature stands you in good stead this week.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Planetary alignment still causes unsettling situations. Consider delaying matters that aren't a priority until the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family matters take precedence. Spend more time with those close to you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your watchword this week is "tact!" While honesty is, of course, the best policy, it's best to temper your tendency toward bluntness with discretion.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Nothing pleases our Leos and Leonas more than knowing they're admired, and this week, you'll be overwhelmed with compliments.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're making progress in your dealings with a troubled loved one. Continue to offer understanding and support.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Change is favored this week. You might want to reassess a situation that has become too demanding.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A loved one returns after a long separation. At work, a decision is made that could lead to the changes you hoped for.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to set things straight in your personal relationships. Some decisions might be difficult but necessary if you're to turn things around.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Cupid rules the Capricorn Goat's heart this week. It's a good time to start a new romance or reaffirm your commitment to your current beloved.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel and entertainment are favored for the rest of the month. You earned this good time.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone you've been close to reveals a secret that could put this relationship at risk. Consider the full impact of the admission before making a decision.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sense of justice that sometimes makes you a mite too judgmental, but it also makes you a trusted and loyal friend.

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



PUZZLE ANSWERS

Grid of puzzle answers for the crossword.

Grid of puzzle answers for the crossword.

Super Crossword

INITIAL CONDITIONS

- ACROSS: 1 Nineveh's empire, 8 Its capital is Kampala, 14 12-step affiliate group, 20 New Guinea natives, 21 Renovates Ketchup ingredient, 23 It's used for outlining designs in embroidery, 25 Internet newsgroup troublemaker, 26 Alloy that's mostly tin, 27 1990s Toyota model, 28 Grills in stoves, 30 Take a stroll, 32 Cheerful disposition, 34 Carrying of a boat, 38 View anew, 39 Nonsense song syllable, 40 American bird with all-white plumage, 42 "So there!", 44 Feels unwell, 48 Lawyers: Abbr., 49 Dental floss coating, 50 Difficult matter to deal with, 54 Saw or sickle, 55 Implore, 56 Olympic skater Midori, 57 Enumerating, 58 Oman locale, 60 One trapping, 62 Shrink back, 63 They may have jingles, 66 Passionate love affair, 69 Hairstyling goop, 70 "C'mon, help me out", 72 "Finally finished!", 73 St. Louis' Bridge, 75 Artifacts of Angola, e.g., 77 Ares or Eros, 78 Greyhound vehicle, 79 Misfortunes, 83 The U.S. State Department, informally, 85 Sultry, 86 Pilfer, 87 Casual tops, 88 Fancy playing marble, 89 Even break, 91 "... do say so myself", 93 "In all probability ...", 96 Warned, 97 Bird that flies near the ocean's surface, 102 Utter failure, 103 Military base, 104 "The best is — come", 106 Ancient rival of Athens, 111 Became inseparable, 112 Apt question for this puzzle, 115 Northern Spanish city, 116 Actress de Ravin of "Roswell" and "Lost", 117 Pain greatly, 118 Person ripping things, 119 Key in anew, 120 Dwellers around Peru's peaks, 12 Yuletide mo., 13 "Harold and Maude" director Hal, 14 When it's 1600 hours, 15 "Blaze" actress Davidovich, 16 "Scenes From —" (Bette Midler film), 17 "And Bingo was his —", 18 New Mexico county, 19 From Oslo's country, to its natives, 24 Toll rd., 29 "Number 10" painter Mark, 31 Stockings, say, 33 Classic soda, 34 Jr.-year exam, 35 Savvy about, 36 — -Rooter, 37 Tharp of choreography, 38 Dinosaur in "Toy Story", 41 Dusting cloth, 43 Capital of Ghana, 44 Fizzy wine, in brief, 45 Walt Whitman's "— the Body Electric", 46 Fencer's attack, 47 Jason of "Bad Teacher", 50 Celebrity status, 51 Doughnut or bagel's shape, 52 New Mexican succulents, 53 Common way to mark losses, 55 Place to dissect a frog, 56 Blue shade, 59 Actor Keach of "Mike Hammer", 60 Caesar of old comedy, 61 CPR pro, 63 Toward a ship's stern, 64 Crusoe creator Daniel, 65 Platoon VIP, 67 Rodeo lasso, 68 Idling position, 71 Oinkers, 74 Indian lute, 76 Gratuity-prohibiting policy, 78 Young guy, in hip-hop, 80 Pre-Easter time, 81 Shoe securer, 82 Yukon vehicle, 84 Tease in fun, 85 Head cover, 86 Mark of TV's "Supernatural", 89 Certain penpoint feature, 90 Seal, as a house-buying deal, 91 Hinder, 92 Novelist Dostoyevsky, 94 Deadpan humor, 95 "The Office" character Pam, 97 Wood shoe, 98 Treasure pile, 99 "— vincit amor", 100 Winona of "Black Swan", 101 Once-popular anesthetic, 102 Rival, 105 You, of yore, 107 "Stop staring —!", 108 Ostrich kin, 109 Ky. neighbor, 110 Part of B.A., 113 Kipling's "Follow Me —", 114 Org. founded by Billie Jean King

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