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Michael Cox Appointed 44th Commissioner of Boston Police Department



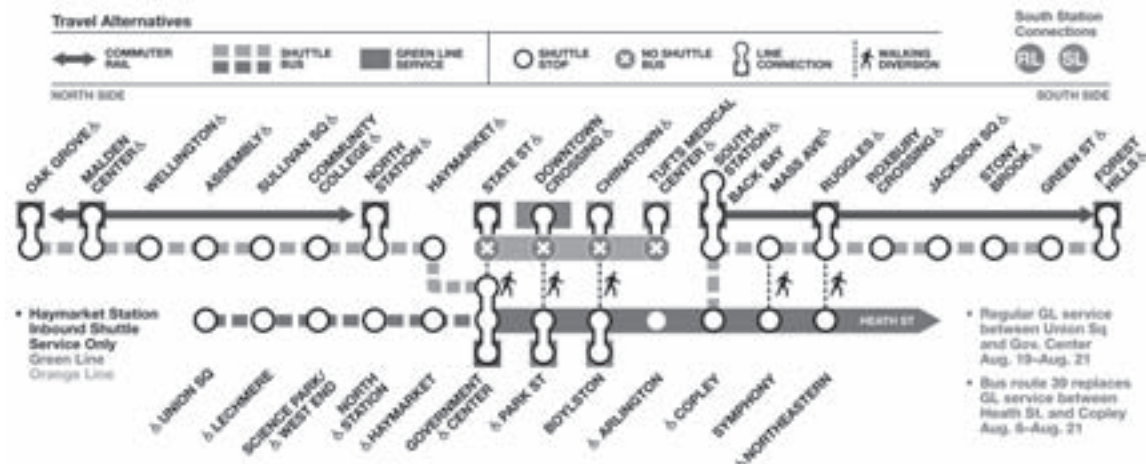
Mayor Michelle Wu announced the appointment of Roxbury native and former Dorchester resident Michael Cox as the 44th Commissioner of the Boston Police Department. Cox served as the Chief of Police of the Ann Arbor Police Department in Michigan. Prior to his appointment to that position in 2019, Cox was a 30-year veteran of the Boston Police Department. He began serving in his new role on August 15, 2022. “Having grown up here, having served in many roles within the Boston Police Department and

roles elsewhere, Chief Cox is uniquely positioned to build the public safety infrastructure that Boston deserves,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “He will continue building on the community trust and community policing that our city has led on for decades.” “I want to thank Mayor Wu for the opportunity to come back home and serve the citizens of Boston,” said Michael Cox, incoming Boston Police Department Commissioner. “The Boston Police Department

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Orange Line Shutdown Begins

*The City of Boston Taking Steps to Mitigate the Impacts of
The MBTA’s Upcoming Orange Line Shutdown*



Beginning **August 19, 2022**, the Orange Line will shut down for a month for safety repair work. The City of Boston is taking a cross-departmental approach while working closely with the MBTA, regional partners, and commuters. Our goal is to support immediate planning and ongoing monitoring of alternative shuttles and diversions.

*The Orange Line is an essential service for Boston residents. The City of Boston is finalizing shuttle routes with the MBTA to replace service along Orange Line stops. **This shuttle service will be at no cost to riders, ADA compliant, and help connect riders to Green Line service to fill-in service gaps.***

ONGOING WORK

Transportation Department officials are planning bus priority lanes in key areas. The City of Boston is also working on pop-up transit mobility hubs at Government Center and Copley Square. These locations

will have extensive dedicated curb space and clear signage. Our goal is to help commuters navigate transfers to the Green Line and bus connections, and access to Bluebikes.

On the first day of the shutdown, Neighborhood Services liaisons will be present at impacted stops along the Orange Line to help travelers navigate alternative routes. We’re using a cross-departmental approach to put together and distribute neighborhood-specific user guides on alternative routes. We’re also prioritizing translating materials into the City of Boston’s most used languages.

ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF TRAVEL

In addition to the shuttle bus routes, the City of Boston is helping residents access other modes of accessible, affordable travel. We strongly encourage residents not to drive in downtown Boston at peak times.

COMMUTER RAIL:

During the 30-day shutdown, riders can use the Commuter

Rail within the City of Boston at no charge simply by showing a CharlieCard or CharlieTicket on board. This encompasses Zones 1A, 1, and 2 on all Commuter Rail lines.

The CharlieCard does not need to be loaded with funds to access the Commuter Rail. Simply show your CharlieCard to the conductor. The City of Boston distributes CharlieCards at Boston Public Libraries through its CharlieCard Access Initiative.

BLUEBIKES:

To keep everyone moving during the Orange Line shutdown, the City of Boston is offering free 30-day passes to Bluebikes, the City of Boston’s public bike share, during the upcoming MBTA Orange Line shutdown. Starting on August 19, passes will be available at bluebikes.com/join and in the mobile app. We have links to more information about this program, as well as tips for riding bikes in the city below.

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

ROAR Holding Next Meeting August 25th

Rescue Our American Republic will be ROARing again on Thursday, August 25th at the Crystal Community Club, 77 Preston Street, Wakefield. For information on registration, go to rescueouramericanrepublic.org.

Pressley Backs Sullivan Campaign

Recently, Tanisha Sullivan was in Mattapan Square firing up volunteers ready to go door knocking in support of her run for secretary of state. The morning of door knocking took place during the recent heat wave with U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley and State Rep. Russell Holmes at her side.

Sullivan is taking on 28-year incumbent William Galvin in what many view as a long-shot bid. However, Pressley said “Tanisha will be a bold, inclusive, collaborative secretary of state” and reminded everyone that a week before her own 2018 campaign, she too was a long-shot. She was polling 13 points behind Capuano before beating the incumbent congressman by 18 points in that year’s primary.

Don’t Say “Slavery”

Second graders in Texas would use the term “involuntary relocation” to describe slavery under a new proposed social studies standard leading to outrage from both parents and education experts alike.

A group of nine educators advised the Texas State Board of Education to make the change as Texas develops a new curriculum for students in roughly 8,800 public schools in the Lone Star State.

Starbucks: Dems Not Doing Their Jobs

Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz said Democratic mayors and city councils have “abdicated their responsibility” in fighting crime and addressing mental illness

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102nd Madonna Della Cava Feast



Members of the Madonna Della Cava Society



(Photos by Gerri Palladino)

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• Madonna Della Cava (Continued from Page 1)

The 102nd Madonna Della Cava feast honoring Maria SS Della Cava, took place August 12-14, 2022 in Boston's North End. The three-day celebration culminated in a grand procession carrying the image of the Madonna through the streets accompanied by society members and marching bands.

On the second week of each August, the North End celebrates the Feast of Madonna Della Cava, which coincides with the festival held in honor of the Principal Patron of Pietraperzia, Sicily.

The traditional use of a cloth banner of the saint – rather than a statue – is based on the belief that a statue will fall and crack, just like the stone bearing the image of the Madonna once did so many centuries ago.

For over a century, the Feast of the Madonna Della Cava has been celebrated in Boston's North End, initially by members who were all first-generation Italian-Americans. Today, the Feast is celebrated by loyal members, family, friends, and tourist.

The Madonna Della Cava Society's membership now includes people from several of Boston's neighborhoods and the surrounding suburbs, many of whose relatives first settled in the North End.

The events held by the Society during the year sponsor several community children and religious organizations.



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L’Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Celebrating the Season Cycle

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



The photos begin to inundate social media around this time of year: coffee shops advertising their wares with well-lit shots of cardboard cups stacked high with a frothy cloud of whipped cream and sprinkled with the reddish glitter of cinnamon, surrounded by the seasonal trappings of orange gourds. After all, the end of August means a plethora of announcements concerning the release dates of pumpkin spice lattes, the *ne plus ultra* of spicy fall drinks for java lovers. Pumpkin season is still fairly far-off, but these ads serve as yet another reminder that autumn, my favorite season, was quickly approaching. Indeed, I have lately been paying attention to the signs of the changing season all around me, from the prevalence of apples in the supermarket to the ever-so-slight hues of red and orange appearing on some leaves. When the days get too humid and sticky — which I am fine with at the beginning of summer but find unbearable when crafting lesson plans or setting up my classroom for the next school year — I think of the harvest decorations I continually see in stores, and shiver with excitement over the crisp days of fall. Observing the signs of the changing seasons not only helps me live in the moment by concentrating on the natural phenomena currently unfolding around me, but it links me in a powerful way to the actions and lives of my ancestors.

Tracking the seasons has been a passion of mine long before I started this column. While clearing out a drawer in my old room, my mother found an old notebook of mine in which I had been charting the natural signs of the changing seasons. For the shift from summer to autumn, I wrote about witnessing my uncle and

grandmother planting the bulbs of a daisy, called a *margherita* in Italian, which would bloom in late September. I mentioned a gnarled tree whose leaves always turned a kaleidoscope of yellow and red a month early and floated to the ground well before the calendar turned to autumn. Baking an apple desert, cool mornings, the color of the early twilight — all of these observations made it into that little notebook. Doing so helped me become a better observer of nature and of the excitement of life around me, and I hope to resume this sort of project again soon. Noticing and recording the shifting tide of the seasons actually has a scientific name. It is known as phenology, and naturalists often encourage people to sketch or write down their observations and then submit them in order to help scientists track climate data. Therefore, this hobby is both romantic and functional!

This pastime is apparently quite timeless as well. Our ancestors have been discerning the seasonal changes since time immemorial — not because they were eager for pumpkin spice lattes or photographing falling leaves, but rather because they operated in a primarily agricultural society where determining the right time to plant or harvest crops was invaluable to the survival of the community. In Italy, August functions as the month of the grain and hay harvest, and tightly rolled bundles of hay baking under the sun serve as one of the surest signs that autumn will soon descend upon the lovely Italian countryside. Italian farmers also examine their grapes during this month, ensuring they are getting the right amount of sunshine, water and shade to make them perfect for the *vendemmia*, or harvest, in September.

After all, grapes stand as an important cultural symbol in Italy, for the grapes gathered in September will be processed into wine in November, ready to serve as the steadfast staple of Italian hospitality during the holidays and beyond. Finally, Italian farmers of yore frequently used saints’ days as milestones for seasonal changes, a trait which is reflected in the proverbs still ubiquitous in Italian society to this day. August 24th is St. Bartholomew’s Day, and the Italians repeat a proverb which declares: “*A San Bartolomeo montagna mia bella ti abbandono.*” Translated, this dictum says that one should abandon the beautiful mountains after the Feast of St. Bartholomew, perhaps a reference to the cooler weather and the end of the vacation period. When we notice even the simplest transitions from one season to another, therefore, we are actually repeating the actions our forebears performed in order to carve out a living from the Earth.

As the bright days of summer give way to the cool nights of fall, I encourage everyone to keep track of the unfolding seasonal changes. These transitions do not have to be major, as even the tiniest details like a sip of apple cider or a yellow school bus can signal the start of an exciting new season. Let us become seasonal detectives, paying close attention to the evidence of nature’s eternal cycle. By doing this, we become closely attuned to Mother Earth which has nourished us and our ancestors for so long, and we learn to live in the moment by understanding the natural beauty of the here and now. If we welcome every season with optimism and a healthy dose of respect, then the bounty of the Earth will love us in kind, no matter which latte we drink!

Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz is a high school history teacher. She appreciates any comments and suggestions about Italian holidays and folklore at adicens89@gmail.com.

LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. SU22P1686EA

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Debra L. Yates of Gilbertville, PA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Run date: 08/19/2022

THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



Is This What Takes Down Trump?

It appears until we find a vaccine for the Anti-Trump Derangement Disorder, the pathetic craziness will just continue on. Shortly after the RAID, and that is what it was, on former President Trump’s private residence at Mar-a-Lago early on the morning of Monday, August 8th the anti-Trump forces both on Capitol Hill and within their lapdog media allies all started speculating, “Is this what takes Trump down?” Can I tell you, it was all of them, *Morning Joe*, wife what’s-her-name, everyone at CNN and MSNBC looked happier than a pile of pigs eating their own slop.

First, they all called the action against Trump a RAID but when they realized no one likes to be raided, they all on cue started calling it a mere SEARCH. Hey, when the FBI shows up at your door before the rooster crows and barges in with a warrant in hand, it’s called a RAID.

We have seen the warrant but as of August 14th, we have yet to see the affidavit that led to the issuing of the search warrant. What was the justification for the warrant issued

on a former president’s private home? What was the probable cause for such an action, never before taken in U.S. history?

Both U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland and FBI Director Christopher Wray have a lot of ‘splaing to do on this one.

I assume now the shoe is on the other foot. Donald Trump looks like the victim of just another sting in a long line of stings that was used to take him down. They couldn’t get him on the Russia hoax and they couldn’t get him with two fake impeachments. Their TV show the “Incredible January 6th House Inquisition” is failing in the ratings faster than CNN Plus, and now raiding his home for boxes of papers is going to take him out? What’s next? Can he be charged with stealing White House napkins or not returning a book to the White House library?

This is like a vendetta against Trump. How dare he try to upend the bureaucratic state and ruling class? None of them saw Trump coming in 2016, went into shock over Hillary’s

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Please note: Only tables of ten (10) may be reserved.

We look forward to seeing all the “girl” friends of the North End once again on September 24th.

The Committee:

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Attorney General Maura Healey has a comfortable lead over either of her Republican challengers. The race is hers to lose.

Remember the last Democratic Attorney General (Martha Coakley) who also had an early commanding lead, but was then beat by the Republican candidate.

This is when the apple *does* fall far from the tree. Disgraced former CNN host Chris Cuomo and his brother Andrew Cuomo, the former Governor of New York readily mentions their father, the late former Governor Mario Cuomo in their comments. Mario Cuomo was honorable and a compassionate person caring for all New Yorkers. I am sure if he was living today he would be disgraced by his deceiving sons.

DOMINO'S PIZZA IN ITALY?

Italians in Italy are turning their nose up at Domino's Pizza! Domino's is shutting all their locations in Italy. How could Domino's American pizza compete with their real Italian product. It was a foolish venture by Domino's to plan on opening 800 locations in Italy.

The State Auditor Democratic Primary pits former Director of Transportation Chris Dempsey against State Senator Diana DiZoglio. Dempsey's proposal for a 25 cent tax increase should lessen his chances to victory. DiZoglio from Methuen will implement her Social Justice plan and will launch a full audit of the MBTA. Senator DiZoglio will benefit from these proposals bringing her to victory.

INSURANCE TIPS

Most people are not taking advantage of the many discounts available on the auto and homeowners insurance. For example, you have to request a low-mileage discount on your car

insurance, which could be a sufficient amount. Also, if you insure both auto and homeowners insurance with the same company a discount is also available. There are other discounts and benefits upon request by an experienced agent.

For all your insurance questions and low quotes, contact SETTIPANE INSURANCE SERVICES at 781-284-1100.



Richard Settipane with Sons of Sicily owner Rob Bulla and his mother Mama Maria

The Sons of Sicily restaurant recently opened in Saugus, is an authentic Sicilian eatery. Rob Bulla and his mother Maria create the Sicilian recipes only found in Sicily. It is the closest thing to eating in Sicily. Sons of Sicily only opened for a few months is already a great success. You must try it as I have, being a first generation Sicilian American.

Introducing a new book by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari, lifelong residents of the North End, entitled:

Four Women “Quattro Donne”

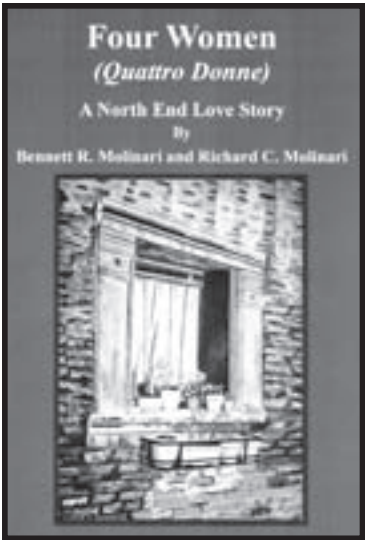
subtitle, A North End Love Story

This column features excerpts from the book

CHAPTER 83
The Procession
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We left Grandma's flat and headed toward the church. Saint Theresa's procession was just minutes away. "Angie, here comes Saint Theresa," Grandma announced. Her voice tinged with a sense of anxiety and expectation. "Ma, let's stand near the entrance of the church. I want to see Father Francesco greet Saint Theresa," Auntie Angie responded. "Angie, keep an eye out for Pietro. I want to get to him before he does something foolish. Remind Stella and Carmela to keep an eye out for him," Grandma warned.

The procession was now entering North Square; the familiar strands of "Mama", played by the band, heralded the coming of the Saint to the faithful gathered in the square. Saint Theresa was hoisted high on the shoulders of the litter bearers. Blue silk streamers pinned with money, donations from the faithful, each streamer held by a Society member, radiated out from the front, sides and back of the Saint. It was a sight from Southern Italy recreated in America. Carla walked to the right of the Saint, gracefully holding one of the streamers in her left hand. She was wearing a white dress with a tiny yellow floral pattern,



contrasting beautifully with her tanned skin. The dress had a scooped neckline and flared at the hips, and as usual, draped gracefully just beneath her knees. Her auburn hair was being gently tossed in the early evening breeze, blowing across her face then brushed back by a sweep of her hand, as she gracefully swayed to the movement of the procession. Suddenly, the bells of the church began to peal, welcoming the Saint into the square. A roar came up from the crowd waiting at the church, followed by applause of the faithful. Father Francesco majestically emerged from the interior of the church, resplendent in his robes, with Pietro at his side.

He stopped at the entrance of the church, waiting for the Saint to be set down in front of him. Pietro was still dressed in civilian clothes, not in the cassock and surplus that an assistant to Father Francesco would normally be wearing. He was carrying a small gold metal urn filled with holy water, to be used by Father Francesco to bless the members of the Saint Theresa Society, as well as the faithful gathered. Finally, the procession stopped, and the Saint's litter was set down upon legs attached to the underside. Suddenly, a silence fell over the crowd, shouts and applause turning to silent reverence. There were people standing with their heads bowed, and others kneeling on the pavement in front of the church. It was time for Father Francesco to pay homage to Saint Theresa by blessing the statue, then the litter bearers, and finally the crowd beyond. He motioned to Pietro to come closer, dipped the aspergil in the urn of holy water and began sprinkling profusely. He then lifted his hand and blessed the crowd. With the final motion of his blessing, the crowd erupted into applause, spontaneously, the band struck up "Mama", as the crowd sang the words of the beloved song. It was as if they were serenading the Saint.

Four Women "Quattro Donne" A North End Love Story, is available at R. Del Gaudio Gift Shop, 17 North Square North End (617-227-5915), adjoining Paul Revere House; Post-Gazette; Saint Francis Book Store and Gift Shop at Saint Leonard Peace Garden; lulu.com; molinaridesign.net; Amazon.com; and Barnes and Noble.com. Bookshop.org; Greetings from Boston, Faneuil Hall.

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• **Commissioner Cox** (Continued from Page 1)

needs to look like the communities which we serve and include every resident to hear what is important so we can serve better. I took on public service because I wanted to help the public and give back to the communities in which I lived."

Cox's appointment follows a six month search spear-headed by the Boston Police Commissioner Search Committee chaired by retired Justice Geraldine Hines of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

After a series of interviews, the Committee recommended finalists to the Mayor, who made the final selection of Michael Cox to be the Commissioner of the Boston Police Department.

"I am confident that Michael Cox is the right person for the moment in our city's history and that he will serve with the utmost integrity," said Justice Geraldine Hines.

Cox last served in BPD as the Bureau Chief and Superintendent of the Bureau of Professional Development, overseeing the Boston Police Academy, the Firearms Training Unit, the Police Cadet Unit, Recruit training and in-service training for all sworn Boston Police personnel.

He served a total of 15 years on the Command Staff in a variety of positions.

Before his Command Staff assignments at the Boston Police Department, Cox worked as a Sergeant Detective in the Intelligence Unit where he performed Dignitary Protection duties, served as the liaison to the U.S. Secret Service, and as a supervisor assigned to the Joint Terrorist Task Force. At this rank, he also served assignments in the Internal Affairs, Recruit Investigations, and Audit & Review Units. As a Police Officer, Cox worked in Area B-3 until joining the Citywide Anti-Gang Violence Unit. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1995. Cox is a two-time Medal of Honor recipient and received numerous other Commendations and awards while serving in the Boston Police Department.

Cox is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Police Executive Research Forum and holds degrees from Providence College in Business Management, Curry College where he obtained a Master's in Criminal Justice, and Boston University's Questrom School of Business where he obtained an MBA.

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It's that time of year again when the streets of East Cambridge will come alive for the 97th Annual Italian Feast of Saints Cosmas & Damian on September 9th-11th on Warren, Cambridge, and Porter Streets in East Cambridge. The three-day fun family event features a wide variety of sweet and savory food, a beer garden, amusement rides, games, parades and music that spans four decades of dance, pop, and rock. Festivities begin on Friday at 6:00 p.m. when **Saints Cosmas & Damian** accompa-



permeate the air around Cambridge, Porter, and Warren Streets, along with continuous entertainment, including crooner **Gian Faraone** from New York City and New England's favorite party group, **Vinyl Groove**.

Beginning at 7:00 p.m., the Feast area expands to include the Cambridge Street Stage igniting an evening of song and dance as festival attendees rock through the decades as they twist the night away with the legendary **Chubby Checker & The Wildcats** "Twist," "Let's Twist Again," "Limbo Rock," "The Hucklebuck," followed by rock and roll sensation **Starship featuring Mickey Thomas**, jamming to their mega hits that include "We Built This City," "Nothings Gonna Stop Us," "Sara," "It's Not Over." Between Checker and Starship, they'll be a special surprise Rock & Roll Hall of Fame performance taking concertgoers on a musical journey through the decades of music from the '50s to today.

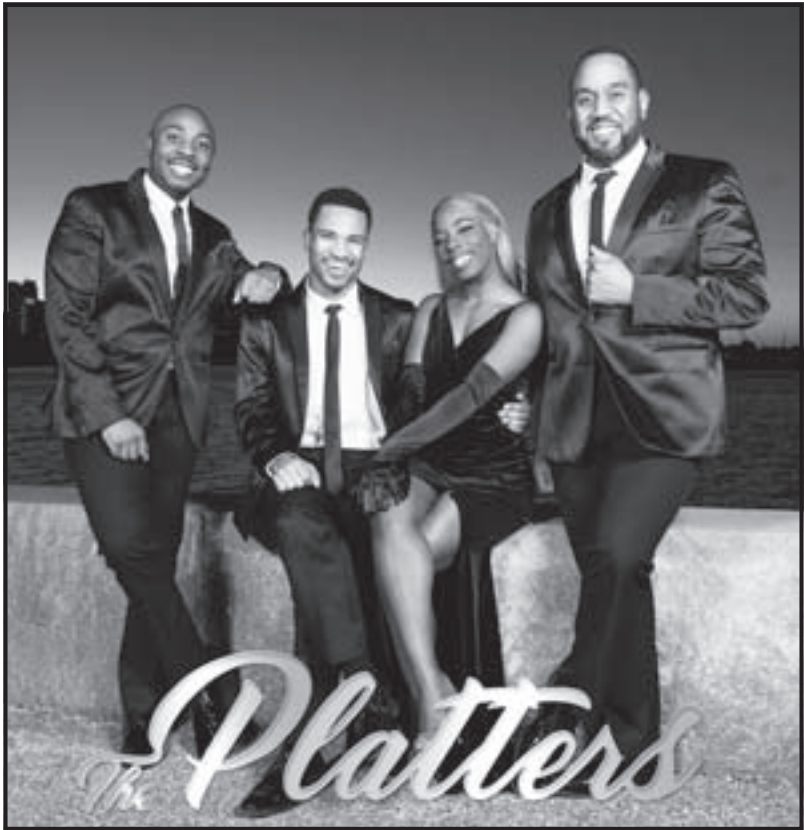
The grand finale of the Feast on Sunday begins at 10:30 a.m. with **Boston Auxiliary Bishop Peter Uglietto** as the principal celebrant of a Mass in honor of the Healing Saints Cosmas & Damian on the Warren Street Stage. At 1:30 p.m. the grand procession with the Saints, accompanied by the North End Marching Band, St. Alfio's Marching Band, and the award-winning Everett High School Marching Band under

the direction of Gene O'Brien, winds through the streets of East Cambridge and Somerville.



Local favorites **Stephen Savio and Seabreeze** as well as **Smokin' Joe** and his band entertain throughout the day as the food and fun flow through the streets. The parade arrives back on Warren Street at 7:00 p.m. for a welcome back confetti celebration followed by a LIVE performance by Rock and Roll Hall of Famers **The Platters** "Only You", "Great Pretender", "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes", "Twilight Time" performing their classic hits, some old Italian classics selected and arranged specifically for this celebration including a sneak preview of new music being added to the Great American soundtrack. In addition, parking is available in Twin City Plaza next to the feast all weekend. See you at the Feast!

For Feast and vendor info, call **617-407-1256** or visit **www.cosmas-and-damian.org**.



nied by members of the Society, the North End Marching Band, and the faithful process from their permanent home at 17 Porter Street in East Cambridge to the outdoor chapel overlooking the festival concourse on Warren Street. At 7:00 p.m., a special healing service with the holy relics of Saints Cosmas & Damian and led by Monsignor Anthony Spinosa (formerly from East Cambridge) from the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon will take place at the outdoor chapel. At 7:30 p.m. Morning Magic co-host David O'Leary (MAGIC 106.7 FM) and Club Classic DJ Ricky P. (former STAR FM) come together on the Warren Street Stage to host a dance party under the stars with the hottest club classics along with a special live performance by international disco greats **The Trammps** ("Disco Inferno," "Hold Back the Night," "That's Where the Happy People Go." On Friday, be "where all the happy people go" at the outdoor "Warren Street Disco," where partiers can also take a shot at walking away with a \$500.00 grand cash prize at a *Throwback Disco Dance Contest*.

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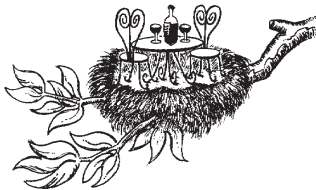
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NEW Health Announces Appointment of
VINCENZO SCIBELLI

Chief Executive Officer

North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) announced the appointment of **Vincenzo Scibelli**, M.P.H., M.S.W., as Chief Executive Officer. Scibelli had been serving as Interim CEO since Jim Luisi retired after 34 years in the role, effective June 1, 2022.

Previous to this appointment, Scibelli was the health center's Chief Operations Officer, where he oversaw daily operations and compliance matters in all departments, including a staff of over 160, while maintaining a clinical caseload of behavioral health patients. He has been with NEW Health since 1992 in a variety of roles. He began as a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) in the Behavioral Health Department and then served as Director of Behavioral Health, Patient Privacy and Security Officer, and Chief Compliance Officer.

"NEW Health has been an integral part of my life for the past 30 years and I am honored to continue my journey with the community health center in this leadership position," said Scibelli. "The last three years of the global pandemic reinforced the critical need for community health centers, and we will continue to provide vital services like COVID-19 testing and vaccinations, food insecurity programs, an HIV Prevention Program, support for the elderly in our neighborhoods, and more."

Scibelli has led the charge on many of the health center's most significant clinical programs, including a Community Outreach and Health Education Program, a comprehensive Outpatient Opioid Dependency Program and 340B in-house pharmacy.

"The board is impressed with Vin's record of accomplishment at NEW Health, where he has served in several positions throughout his long tenure," said Jason Aluia, Chair of the NEW Health Board of Directors. "Vin has the experience and institutional knowledge to provide the leadership to ensure continued clinical excellence and patient care for the communities we serve."



Scibelli also holds a Clinical Associate position with Simmons College of Social Work and has served on many senior leadership and strategic planning groups at Massachusetts General Hospital. In addition, he serves on the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) Clinical Practice Committee. During his tenure with NEW Health, he has received several awards for leadership roles with The Joint Commission, which accredits U.S. health care organizations and programs, and the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). Since 2014, he has taught the Community Health Center Compliance and Grant Writing Course for the Suffolk University Health Care Management Program with the Mass League of Community Health Centers.

Scibelli is a Boston University graduate, receiving both his Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, and dual Masters' Degree in Clinical Social Work and Public Health with a concentration in Healthcare Administration. In 2009, he graduated the UCLA/Johnson and Johnson Health Care Executive Program where he engaged in intensive executive leadership training with other health center leaders throughout the country. He currently resides in the North End, on the Waterfront.

For more information on NEW Health and its services in both Charlestown and the North End, visit www.newhealthcenter.org.



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Professor Philip J. DiNovo is the Founder and President of the esteemed American Italian Heritage Association and the American Italian Heritage Museum in Albany, New York. He has also been knighted by the Italian Government and is a respected figure in America's Italian community.

ITALIANS: Our Origins

Without a doubt, all people who have come to Italy have left their mark. Their blood has mingled with the original inhabitants of the Italian peninsula for more than 200,000 years before the founding of Rome in 753 B.C. The Villanovan culture (c. 900–700 B.C.), regarded as the earliest phase of the Etruscan civilization, was the earliest Iron Age culture of Central Italy and Northern Italy. Other inhabitants who lived in Italy thousands of years ago were the Sicans, Sicets, Elymians, and Romans.

Many groups entered Italy as invaders and/or settlers. The list below represents some of these groups but does not include others who have immigrated to Italy in modern times including Ethiopians, various nationalities from North Africa and other refugees from around the world. The island of Sicily was particularly attractive to some of these groups.

Normans – French from Normandy who are descended from the Vikings

Greeks, Saracens – Arabs

Phoenicians – modern Africa

Spanish, Carthaginians – northern Africa

Byzantines – Turkey

Aragonese – Spain

Spartans – Greece

Austrians, Vandals, Goths, Croats, Slovenes,

Ostrogoths, Swabians – Germany

Angevines – western France

Jews, Albanians, Etruscans – Middle East

Serbs, Franks – Germany

Many Italians that you meet do not necessarily fit the Italian stereotype. Some Italians have blonde, red, brown, or black hair. If you travel to Italy you encounter some Italians with a light complexion while others are on the dark side. I often hear, "you don't look Italian." How could we "look Italian" when our ancestors came from all over the world!

An Italian is a citizen of Italy who shares a common cultural heritage. Italians have a certain common way of viewing the world and of handling social interactions. For example, the building block of all Italian society is primarily

the family. Italians are a people in possession of a common standard language, heritage, traditions and customs.

A majority of Italians look to the cities and urban life for models of behavior. Religion, education and migration have all had an effect on the degree to which Italians evidence a national consciousness. Italy is a mosaic of different peoples and customs on the surface; but Italy is divided to a greater degree on a socio-economic level rather than cultural-linguistic influences.

Contrary to most views, Italians relish their uniqueness as a people. It is still possible to state that Italians have many shared characteristics while at the same time acknowledging the existence of so much diversity. In fact, the Romans ruled a large part of the known world for around 500 years, mingling their blood with the French, Germans, Spanish, English, North Africans, Middle Easterners, etc. Italians have married into many other ethnic groups across the continents resulting in a vast amount of humanity around the world that have legitimate claim to "roots in the boot." Even though Italians are related to people spanning the globe, a much larger number of them have adopted Italian food, fashion, music, art, architecture, etc. Italy has the fifth largest economy in the world and thus carries a commanding influence. Italians to this day continue to have an effect on the whole of society through their great contributions to the entire world.

While today's Italians come from many origins, they have more in common than most believe. You see and feel a thread that unites a people when you travel throughout Italy's many regions. You know you're in Italy no matter what part you choose to visit. Today, 96% of the Italians speak the standard Italian language. A common language, education and modern media and communication have helped to unite the Italian people. The diversity that exists in Italy doesn't bother the average Italian. Italy and the Italians have become true models for *unity in diversity*!

Saint Donatus of Arezzo

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

According to the account of Bishop Severinus, as a child Donatus came to Rome with his family from Nicomedia. He was orphaned, during a persecution, and named by the bishop of Arezzo. The Latin name Donatus translates into English as donated. Donatus was educated by a Christian priest named Pymenius, his friend and companion in these religious studies was a boy named Julian — who would later become Emperor Julian the Apostate. Julian rose to the position of sub deacon; Donatus became a lector. Saint Peter Damian would later write in his Sermons that "in the field of the Lord two sprigs, Donatus and Julian, grow together, but one will become a cedar of Paradise, the other coal for the eternal flames of Hell."

On February 4, 362, Julian issued an edict to guarantee freedom of religion. This edict proclaimed that all the religions were equal before the law, and that the Roman Empire had to return to its original religious eclecticism, according to which the Roman State did not impose any religion on its provinces. Christian historians considered that it had as its purpose the restoration of paganism at the expense of Christianity. Catholic tradition states that Julian also persecuted individual Christians, and that



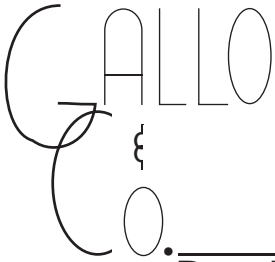
Donatus' parents, as well as his teacher Pymenius, would die during these persecutions. Donatus escaped to Arezzo and would work with a monk named Hilarinus to preach the Christian faith, as well as perform penances and miracles.

Donatus was ordained a deacon and priest by Saint Satyrus of Arezzo, bishop of that city. Donatus continued to preach in the city and in the surrounding region. At the death of Satyrus, Donatus was appointed a bishop by Pope Julius I.

During a celebration of Mass, at the moment of the giving of Communion,

in which a glass chalice was being administered, some pagans entered the church and shattered the chalice in question. Donatus, after intense prayer, collected all of the fragments and joined them together. There was a piece missing from the bottom of the cup; miraculously, however, nothing spilled from the cup. Astounded, seventy-nine pagans converted to Christianity.

A month after this episode, the prefect of Arezzo, Quadratian, arrested Hilarinus the Monk and Donatus. Hilarinus was martyred on July 16, 362 and Donatus was beheaded on August 7th at Arezzo. The Feast Day of Saint Donatus of Arezzo is August 7th.



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SOUTH PARK: THE COMPLETE TWENTY-FOURTH SEASON (Blu-ray) / Paramount Home Ent.

On August 13, 1997, Comedy Central debuted Trey Parker and Matt Stone’s *South Park* to massive acclaims and outrage. 25 years later, the bitingly satirical and brilliantly funny show continues to delight and offend viewers around the world. *South Park: The Complete Twenty-fourth Season* includes the Pandemic episode, which was the highest rated and most-watched cable comedy telecast of 2020, followed by the Vaccination episode, which was the highest rated original cable comedy telecast of 2021. In the latest must-own season, Randy comes to terms with his role in the COVID-19 outbreak as the on-going pandemic presents continued challenges to the citizens of South Park. The kids happily head back to school, but nothing resembles the normal that they once knew; not their teachers, not their home-room, not even Eric Cartman.

SAMIRA’S DREAM (DVD) / IndiePix Films

Samira is a Zanzibari woman who aspires to have a family like all of her friends, but is also determined to pursue higher education and a career. Amidst social pressures and the ever-present need to respect traditions, she ultimately is forced to choose one life over the other. Following his subject over the course of seven years, filmmaker Nino Tropiano presents a poignant look at the inspiring of a modern, young African woman who strives to achieve her goals. *Samira’s Dream* began in 2009, when Tropiano collaborated with Ireland’s Simon Cumbers Film Fund to conduct research education on women’s education in Zanzibar and film a short documentary. After he met Samira from Nungwi, his perspective changed and he decided to capture the journey of a girl becoming a woman that could have the capacity to tackle pressing global issues such as education, Africa, women and youth.

DESPERATE HOURS (Blu-ray) / MVD Rewind Collection

From Academy Award-winning director Michael Cimino comes this taut psychological thriller about a family held hostage in their own home. Starring Mickey Rourke, Oscar® winner Anthony Hopkins, Mimi Rogers and Kelly Lynch, this nail-biting action film grabs you by the throat and leaves you gasping in terror. Prepare yourself. The *Desperate Hours* have begun. In dire need of a hideout, escaped convict Michael Bosworth (Rourke) uses his charming smile to gain entry into the posh home of Nora and Tim Cornell (Rogers and Hopkins) and their two children. While waiting for his beautiful lawyer-turned-accomplice (Lynch) to arrive, Bosworth’s smile soon explodes into homicidal rage when the Cornells desperately try to fight back. Holding the family at gunpoint and ruthlessly pitting husband against wife, Bosworth’s fury escalates into a shocking night of terror and

cold-blooded murder. Finally, the family is forced to take a stand that will either destroy them ... or unite them as never before.

VAN DUREN – WAITING: THE VAN DUREN STORY (DVD) / MVD Visual

Award winning documentary on the lost Memphis powerpop artist, Van Duren. From the ashes of Big Star in Memphis, Duren played in bands with Jody Stephens and Chris Bell, before being led to New Haven by manager Andrew Loog Oldham of the Rolling Stones. Forty years later, two Australians discover his music and on a drunken promise, embark on an amazing journey to make a film about the artist touted as ‘the next Paul McCartney’. There’s only one catch — Wade and Greg have never made a movie before, so it’s learn as they go. Their quest leads them to con men, rock stars and Scientologists, as they uncover the dark secrets that kept Duren’s second album from ever being released. Despite one setback after another, they soldier on, until they realize he doesn’t own the rights to his music. Without the music, how will they complete the film? After meeting Van Duren at Ardent Studios in Memphis, they realize that they are now part of the story, and must help Duren get his music rights back. This is a real-life Searching for Sugarman with a feel-good approach as two Aussies venture across the globe to discover the driving passion of music, and the commitment to fulfill a promise.

YELLOWBRICKROAD: UPDATED SPECIAL EDITION (Blu-ray) / Lightyear Ent.

Ten years after its heralded release, Lightyear Entertainment will unleash *Yellowbrickroad* for a new generation of horror fans. Meticulously remastered in 2K High Definition, the ‘Updated Special Edition,’ boasts more blood and bigger scares with enhanced visual effects. The special collector’s edition will also be available on extras-loaded Blu-ray for the very first time containing a treasure-trove of specially-created bonus features never before available including two behind-the-scenes featurettes, “Practical Blood FX on an Indie Budget” and “Walking the YellowBrickRoad”, new interviews with cast and crew and more! The story of *Yellowbrickroad* begins in 1940 when, after a viewing of *The Wizard of Oz*, the residents of the small town of Friar, New Hampshire, walked up a mountain trail and mysteriously disappeared into the wilderness. There was one lone survivor who recounted stories of chaos and death before going insane. Seventy years later, a group of intrepid researchers made up of history buffs, filmmakers and psychologists, find the long-forgotten trail marker and proceed on an expedition to discover what happened to that long ago town and its inhabitants. Unfortunately, what they uncover lurking in those still New England woods is certainly not what they expected.

The time has come, the walrus said,
TO TALK OF MANY THINGS
of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

THE ULTIMATE BREAKUP SONG

If you ask me for the saddest breakup song of all times, I’d say it’s Ray Price’s “For the Good Times” from 1970. This sad melody is now 52 years old and still can elicit tears from lots of guys, myself included.

FIRST PRIORITY BLOCK PARTY

Join First Priority Credit Union on Swift Street in East Boston for a family fun day on Saturday, September 10th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be face painting, hot dogs, drinks, fun activities, and more. Stop by and bring the kiddoes.

THIS PAST MONDAY I WAS STUCK IN THE MIDDLE

I live in Jeffries Point near Piers Park in East Boston with a great view of the Boston skyline. Currently, they are digging up my street to lay new sewer pipes.

The house next door to me on the left is being completely gutted to be rebuilt into several new luxury residences. The second house away from me on the right has been demolished and is now in the process of being built upward from scratch. Lots of noise, noise, and more noise!

Does anyone remember that Stealers Wheel back in 1972 doing “Stuck in the Middle”? This hit song was written by Gerry Rafferty. All I am doing lately is singing that song out loud. I truly feel stuck in the middle over and over again.

PUERTO RICAN FESTIVAL AND PARADE A BLAST



Sandy Zamor Calixte with Jackie Ramos during the parade

Everywhere I go, I see Sandy Zamor Calixte out there campaigning for Suffolk County Sheriff. Sandy has served in the Suffolk County Sheriff Department for the last 16 years and says she knows firsthand what has to be done to make Suffolk County safer, fairer, and more just.

I met up with her at the Puerto Rican Festival & Parade on July 31st. I always attend this festival and this year marched in the parade with



Elizabeth Hoffman, Princess of the Puerto Rican Festival sitting in a beautiful float with her proud parents nearby during the parade of their own real princess.

GRAND RE-OPENING AT CARMELLA’S MARKET



In mid-July, Carmella’s Market in East Boston held a grand re-opening. Clark Moulaison has retired and his brother Nick has taken over operations of this neighborhood gem. People still think Gloria’s every time they talk about this place.

A large crowd of family, friends, and customers showed up to cheer on Clark, thanking him for all his years serving the Jeffries Point neighborhood and wishing Nick every success following in his brother’s footsteps. Great family the Moulaisons!

Chris Doughty, a Republican candidate for governor in the upcoming September 6th state primary election. He may in fact be the first Republican candidate to ever march in this parade.

REVERE BLOCK PARTY AT SUFFOLK DOWNS

Don’t forget the date Sunday, August 28th from noon until 7:00 p.m. For more information, go to tourism@revere.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Actor Michael Cole from the *Mod Squad* just turned 82 years old. Time flies, I watched this TV show every week religiously. I remember the great 1950 Ford woody station wagon he drove on the show. Built like a tank like cars all were once.

On a sad note, July 3rd was also Judith Durham’s 79th birthday. Remember her from the group The Seekers, which had several top 10 hits, passed away August 5th.

THE BANDS PLAY ON

Can’t believe it but two big groups celebrated another anniversary. Chicago just passed by its 50th anniversary, and the Rolling Stones, an amazing 60th anniversary. Another sign you know you’re aging, huh?

Meanwhile, Chicago keeps the band playing and has recorded a new hit recently entitled “If This is Goodbye.” Once I heard it, I liked it. One line of lyrics is so true, especially as someone with baby boomer ears, “Living fast by dancing slow,” how true, how true!

KIM DRISCOLL SEEMS EVERYWHERE RUNNING FOR LT. GOVERNOR

Last week, while over in the City of Quincy having breakfast at Cucina Mia on Washington Street next to the public



Kim Driscoll and Sal Giarratani talking politics, of course, met up shortly after she toured Quincy’s booming downtown area with Quincy’s Mayor Tom Koch.

(Photo by Jack Stern)

library, I bumped into Mayor Kim Driscoll of Salem out on the campaign trail in her bid for lieutenant governor in the upcoming Tuesday, September 6th primary election.

I seem to be bumping into her in many different places. As an un-enrolled voter, I wanted to let folks know I am supporting her candidacy. She’s a good friend and well qualified for the job.

WHY MICE DIE IN MOUSE TRAPS

Mice have a bad habit of dying in mouse traps because they do not understand why the cheese is free. Same thing happens with socialism.

“THE SUN AIN’T GONNA SHINE (ANYMORE)”

Did you know there are three versions of this hit song. Jerry Butler sang it in 1962. Dionne Warwick was the last to do it back in 1970. However, the Walker Brothers in 1966, took this song the highest on the hit list.

Which version is your favorite and why? Let me know right here at sal.giarratani@gmail.com

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Son Michael and daughter-in-law Kathy recently hosted a baby shower. In September, Loretta and I will become grandparents once again. Their first baby will be named Dante, and he will be our third grandchild and second grandson. Son John, our oldest, and his wife Beth, have two children, Lina and Nathan.

Anyway, Mike and Kathy recently hosted a baby shower that included their friends from my generation. Some of their friends from their generation came all the way from Florida to the south and Hollywood to the west, but considering our ages and health conditions, the only old folks from Boston who could attend were Loretta’s brother, Mike ... who my son Michael is named after, his wife, my sister-in-law, Lin, and my closest friends: Dean Saluti and his wife, Margie Cahn. Kathy’s parents and a few cousins came in from California and Nevada, so the gang from Boston decided to stay at a nearby motel rather than crowding in at Mike and Kathy’s place.

For a couple of days before we left for the event, Loretta began cooking her Italian specialties for the entire crowd. Kathy’s mother did the same thing only her specialties are Korean. My sister-in-law, Lin made rigatoni Sicilian style (There was enough food to feed the entire crowd for several days.) I found it difficult to eat Loretta’s Chicken Parmigiana and Lin’s pasta with chop sticks and switched to a knife and fork when the Italian food was served.

I spent a lot of time with Dean and Margie. Dean and I have been “hanging out” together since Labor Day weekend in 1973, when I met him vacationing on the Cape. That was almost 49 years ago, but considering what’s been going on the past couple of years with COVID, we’ve been apart from each other to a great degree. It felt like old times for the few days we were together. I was extremely happy.

After we returned home, I needed something from a Walgreen’s. I headed to the one nearest me, and accidently ran into a second cousin of mine, Elizabeth Beatrice. Her mother and mine were first cousins due to her grandmother and Nanna being sisters. I hadn’t seen her since my mother’s funeral a few years back and we blocked an isle at the drug store, just standing around reminiscing. Elizabeth mentioned that she had a bowl that belonged to Nanna. It was either loaned or given to her mother by

Nanna and it was only used on Christmas Eve in the old days. She added that she wanted to return it to me seeing it was my grandmother’s. The next morning, I headed to her house for coffee and a peek at the bowl. When I saw it, it looked familiar and I remembered it being used only on Christmas Eve when Nanna was alive and well.

I brought the bowl home and stared at it for quite a bit, my memory banks going full blast. Finally, it came to me ... It wasn’t Nanna’s originally, it was her mother’s. In retirement, Nanna’s parents came to the U.S. and settled in with Nanna and Babbononno. I don’t remember my great-grandmother as she passed away before I was born.

But, I do vaguely remember Nanna’s father, my great-grandfather, a short bald headed man. They had all of their belongings with them when they arrived and the bowl was part of the shipment. So, I am the 4th generation in my family to have the bowl, and maybe someday, one of my sons will inherit it to make it 5 generations in a row. The one thing that puzzles me is what it was used for ... eggnog or food ... I’m not sure.

Unfortunately, there is no one to ask as no one from my grandparent’s or parent’s generation is left, they’ve all passed on.

The important thing for me is reconnecting with cousin Elizabeth. She doesn’t know this, but when I first started out as a musician and needed a ride to a job, her father would either drive me or loan me his car. Before they moved to the suburbs, Al Beatrice, (her father) would drive from Jefferies Point to Eutaw Street in the Eagle Hill section of East Boston, pick me up and drive me to wherever I was playing. If he had something cooking, I would drive him to his hangout, the Progressive Club located (I think) on Cottage Street in the First Section (another name for East Boston’s Jefferies Point).

If Al had something cooking at the club, I would borrow the car and return to find him at 1:00 or 2:00 a.m. When I would arrive at that hour, it would seem like 1:00 or 2:00 in the afternoon with all that was going on. I wonder if the club still exists ... back then, it was just a storefront like many that existed in East Boston and the North End.

I remember one night when Al gave me the car; I had a problem when I finished the job I was playing. I packed up and planned to head back to Eastie and the Progressive Club. I

turned the key to start the car and the battery was dead. It was 2:00 in the morning, and luckily, I had the phone number for the club in my wallet. Before the function facility closed, I went back inside and called the club and asked for Al. When he picked up the phone, I explained my predicament. Al didn’t have an AAA card and told me not to move from my location. A half hour later he and another man showed up with a new battery. They installed it and the car started, making us all happy. Once back in East Boston, Al insisted we head for the Progressive Club before he brought me home. I don’t remember if he wanted to finish a card game or a drink he had left behind. Thinking back, those were fun days in spite of any problems.

While visiting with second cousin Elizabeth, I gave her my condolences. A while back her younger brother, Allen, passed away due to coming down with Leukemia. Loretta and I were in Florida when he passed on and I didn’t find out until a bit later when I had a conversation with my late Aunt Ninna, Uncle Gino’s widow and the last member of my family from that generation.

Somewhere in the cellar, I have pictures of everyone I’ve mentioned and many more family members. What I plan to do is sort them out, identify everyone and make copies, either hard copies or electronic copies for each one of my sons. For years, they’ve heard the stories about the Christoforo and Contini families and I want them to know where their roots came from. Neither of my boys has married an Italian and the cultures of my daughters-in-law might be different. Not having any brothers and sisters, I guess it’s up to me to make sure my boys know who their ancestors were. I kiddingly once told my sons when they were children, “I can go back to Roman days; our ancestors sold used chariots in downtown Rome.” You know something, this could be true.

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A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Kaylee Ann Smith of Billerica, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Rowan Lee Ignacio.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of August 31, 2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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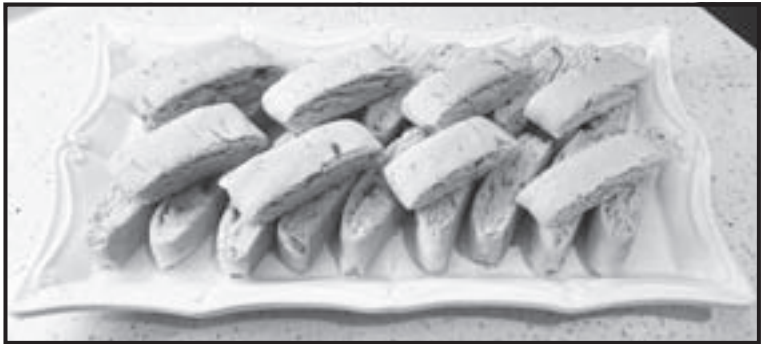
by
**Marianna
Bisignano**



One of Italy’s most famous confections are “*biscotti*”. *Biscotti*, plural for *biscotto*, translates to biscuit or cookie. Named “bis” and “cotto” or twice baked, after their original method of baking; the second bake draws moisture out of the dough and increases shelf life. Food historians credit Tuscany, specifically Antonio Mattei for creating the first biscotti, *Cantuccini* (made with almonds). The *biscotti* you find in this country range from soft and crunchy to dry and hard; and plain to flavored. The varieties are endless, and there isn’t an Italian coffee bar that doesn’t serve them. Italy’s preferred method of eating hard, dry *biscotti* has always been to “dunk” them in a glass of Vin Santo. Today, “dunking” them in coffee is also widely accepted. Those on the softer side tend to go well with an espresso or cappuccino.

My Nonna has countless recipes for *biscotti*, and because most of my family preferred a soft crispy over a hard dry version, many she made reflected this preference. She used numerous recipes that included various ingredients. It was hard to choose a specific dough recipe or flavor to share, because one is honestly more delicious than the next. So, when a reader reached out and asked if I had a good recipe for “Almond Biscotti”, I knew immediately which one I would share. “Nonna’s Almond Biscotti” are crisp, crumbly and full of flavor. Firm enough to dunk in a Vin Santo, and an even better the perfect accompaniment to a Caffè Freddo or a Shakerato. Enjoy!

NONNA’S ALMOND BISCOTTI
Biscottio alle Mandorle della Nonna



- 1 stick butter, softened
¾ cup sugar
3 eggs
2 ½ teaspoons almond extract
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
2 ½ teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
¾ cup sliced almonds

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside. Preheat the oven to 350°.

In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and extracts and beat together well.

Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Gradually add this dry mixture to the wet, mix together and then fold in the almonds.

Split dough in half and roll each section into a log the length of the cookie sheet. Place two logs, spread apart, on each of the prepared cookie sheets. Pat down so they are even in height and width. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes. Slice and place slices face down on the baking sheet and second bake for about 8 to 10 minutes on each side. Store in a cookie tin to retain crispness.

Marianna Bisignano is a psychologist for the Boston Public Schools and can be reached at nonnasrecipebox@gmail.com



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Docket No. MI22P4009EA

**Estate of
ERMA KRANZ
Also Known As
ERMA BERGMAN**

Date of Death: May 13, 2022

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **David A. Kranz of Arlington, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

David A. Kranz of Arlington, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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**DENVER PROBATE COURT
DENVER COUNTY, COLORADO
1437 BANNOCK STREET, ROOM 230
DENVER, CO 80202**

Case Number: 2022 PR 394

**In the Matter of the Estate of:
LAURENCE HERBIE HOLMES
aka LAURENCE H. HOLMES
aka LAURENCE HOLMES
Deceased**

Attorney or Party Without Attorney:

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**NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION
PURSUANT TO § 15-10-401, C.R.S.**

To: Laurence Holmes, Jr.
Last Known Address, if any: Boston, MA

A hearing on Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative (title of pleading) for Laurence Herbie Holmes will be held at the following time and location or at a later date to which the hearing may be continued:

Date: 09/02/2022

Time: 8:00am

Courtroom or Division: Denver Probate Court
Address: 1437 Bannock Street, Room 230, Denver, CO 80202

The hearing will take approximately 2 hours.

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Lowell, MA 01852
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Docket No. MI22P4143EA

**Estate of
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and LUCILLE CARPENTER**

Date of Death: May 20, 2022

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John E. Carpenter of Reading, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Alex Cora Still Thinks the Sox Have a Shot

All I want to say is a shot of what? What's he been drinking lately? Whatever it is, barkeep give me whatever he's been guzzling down. Yeah, the Sox took a series from the Yankees this past weekend. Lately, the Bronx Bombers haven't been playing good baseball. However, we are still four games back of the Orioles. Forget catching the Yankees, and a wild card spot still seems pretty far-fetched.

Cora was never my choice as manager, especially not the second time around. Whatever magic he had, has pretty much eluded him. The Red Sox may actually finish a .500 ball club. Many think they'll finish worse than that. In many ways, the 2022 Red Sox are a reminder of the 1962 season, which I remember well. They stunk up Fenway Park that year. I know, I sat many times that summer watching the Sox stink to high heaven out in what once were cheap bleacher planks they called seats.

Mickey Mantle Card Could Net \$10 Million

A 1952 Mickey Mantle card in mint condition after 69 years, is widely regarded as one of a handful in near-perfect condition. This collector's item is up for auction, which ends August 27th could exceed \$10 million. Last year, a 1909 Honus Wagner card, said to be one of the most famous and rarest card sold for \$6.6 million at auction. Another 70-year-old Mantle card fetched \$5.2 million months before the Wagner card was auctioned in 2021.

Satchel Paige First Complete Game

Back on August 13, 1948, in his rookie season with the Indians, he threw his first Major League complete game at age 42. He shut out the White Sox

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on five hits. Can any of us even imagine if the color barrier hadn't existed and he came up to the Majors at 22 years old?

Speaking of Satchel

On August 6, 1952, Satchel Paige at age 46 became the oldest pitcher in the Majors to pitch a complete game shutout when he beat the Tigers 1-0 in 12 innings. Yes, I said 12 innings.

Go Mancini

Trey Mancini hit two home runs, including his first grand slam and drove in 5 runs in a game over Cleveland last week. Mancini was acquired from the Orioles early last week, and in short order has bolstered the already strong Astros lineup. In his first four games with Houston, he homered three times.

Mancini missed all of 2020 while he was battling stage 3 Colon Cancer. He returned last season and was named AL Player of the Year. This season before the trade to Houston, he was batting .268 with 10 home runs and 41 RBIs as an Oriole. I can only wish him the best going forward.

More Baseball Songs

Well, it didn't take long for readers to respond to baseball songs, one reader wrote, "Centerfield" by John Fogerty, "Oh put me in coach; I'm ready to play today."

How about "Playing the Field"? I came up with this big Tony C., hit from back in 1965, or how about "We Are Family" by Sister Sledge. This was the anthem for the 1979 Pittsburgh Pirates.

Anymore baseball songs still out there in the metaverse?

Chris Sale See Him Next Year is That Good or Bad News

After his first season in Boston, Chris Sale has not been so good. He's always getting hurt and is too fragile! His latest; a broken wrist while riding his bike is just more needless bad news. Can he ever be an ace in Boston or anywhere else? I am not too sure about him.

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Docket No. NO21P1854EA

**Estate of
RAMANLAL H. KHIROYA
Also Known As
RAMANLAL KHIROYA**

Date of Death: September 01, 2020

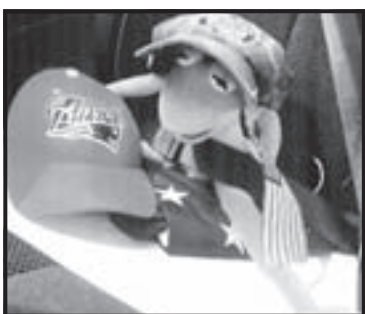
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**Even my backseat driver
Kermit the Frog has already
switched his attention to the
upcoming Patriots season.**

(Photo by Sal Giaratani)

He's getting angry and breaking flat screen TVs, but he's being paid to win games not break televisions. In Boston we've seen this rodeo before and it never ends well for us. He's signed a five-year \$145 million contract extension in 2019. Big waste of money if you ask me or Kermit in my car's back seat!

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Docket No. MI22P4113EA

**Estate of
KEITH E. HOXIE**

Date of Death: June 02, 2022

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**Estate of
HENRY J. GRADY**

Date of Death: May 19, 2022

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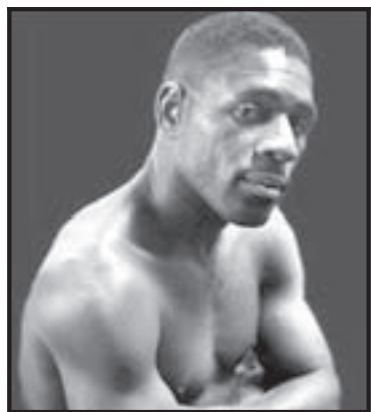
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Looking for the Knockout A Lesson from Watching George Benton in Action



George Benton

Recently, I wrote about the fight between Holly Mims and Ruben Hurricane Carter. In it I explained how this fight was a great learning experience for the up and coming Carter in that he found that he could not rely solely on his awesome punching power as he moved up against more experienced opposition. Many fighters with a big punch became overconfident in the belief that because they had been able to kayo a lot of opponents they could fight their way to the top by flattening all those they face. These boxers became headhunters and were always in for a rude awakening when faced with talented fighters who could neutralize their power.

It wasn't usual to hear good fighters respond when asked about whether or not they would knock out an upcoming opponent with the answer "I'm prepared to go the distance, if the opportunity for a knockout presents itself I will take advantage of it". Good trainers always taught their charges to be prepared for whatever distance the fight is scheduled for; to not go out there looking for a knockout. To focus on winning the fight by boxing smartly and that a win by a decision is just as good as a win by a knockout.

A fighter looking to flatten his opponent from the opening bell would become frustrated and tired out when he couldn't deliver the coup de grace and found himself swinging at air. One shining example of that was the Ali/Foreman fight where Big George thought he could do to Muhammad what he had done to Ken Norton and Joe Roman. By the seventh round Foreman was sucking wind from throwing so many punches that missed their mark. In the eighth he went down as much from exhaustion as from the punches Ali landed on him. He was on the canvas unable to get up while gasping for air.

This would not happen to Ruben Carter as he moved along in his career. While never winning a title, and still scoring a large number of knockouts, he was always able to go the distance because he was prepared mentally to do so. I credit the Mims fight with setting him on the path of developing the mental toughness to adapt his style.

Now, let's look at another fighter: George Benton. George had a solid punch but was also a cagey boxer. While knocking out almost half his opponents, Benton was never a headhunter. He was methodical and was content with going the distance, but if Benton saw an opening he knew how to take advantage of it. I would also argue that while he was a solid puncher, a lot of his kayo wins came because of his accuracy in delivering punches. George didn't just throw a lot of punches hoping to land the big one. No, he would set his opponent up. A perfect example of this was his fight against Johnny Smith at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles on August 31, 1963.



George Benton (Right) Crouches in Front of Johnny Smith.

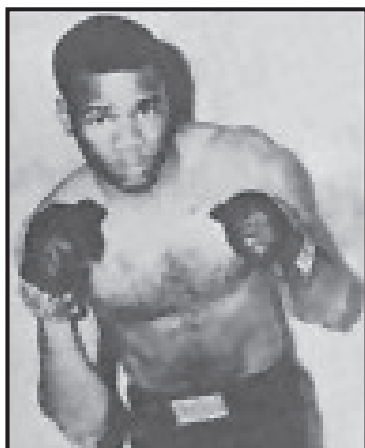
Smith was a hard punching middleweight who was on a roll having just scored four straight knockouts and was looking to break into the big time. A win over Benton would assure him of the notoriety he was seeking.

The fight is a perfect example of a great boxer seeing an opening and taking his time while making the moves to set his opponent up and score the knockout.

When the bell rang for the first round the rangy and taller Smith came out boxing smartly and moving forward behind a sharp jab. Benton fought out of a half crouch. Benton parried some of the jabs but was more focused on slipping them by leaning to his right, getting to the outside of the straight shots. He was being patient but you can see that he was picking up on a flaw in Smith's attack.

As Benton kept leaning away and making himself a smaller target, Smith began to reach with his jab. Benton using a mental ruler was working to place himself in a good position to throw a counter right hand in response to the jab. He was also making himself a smaller target for Smith by getting down lower in his crouch.

In the second round Benton's moves were working. Smith continued to throw the jab, but was now starting to punch down at George, a very bad move for a fighter. Watching Benton you can see how he was now getting ready to counter with the right hand. What is surprising and what really caught Smith off guard, is Benton did not counter over the jab. Instead, he slipped inside of it and landed the right hand



Johnny Smith

straight on Smith's jaw. It was a short, perfectly timed punch that put the young Smith down for the count.

It is very interesting to watch this fight. Pay close attention to what Benton is doing and it is almost as if you can read his mind. He is patient and methodical. He doesn't get hit with even one decent punch, yet he is staying just within range of the taller Smith. That final punch was really a great move in that it appeared George was going to throw a counter right over the jab, instead slipped inside with that short right. He very well may have done this as insurance just in case Smith was expecting the overhand right and had a plan to counteract that, though I doubt Smith did.

This fight ended with a solid knockout in less than two rounds, yet it was still a display of brilliant boxing. Benton picked up on a flaw in Smith's style early on. He took his time, if needed he would have taken a few more rounds to set up the counter, but he didn't have to. Smith took the bait by reaching down right away. Benton could have started throwing right hand counters from the onset, but if he did before getting his range, the punches may have missed the mark and Smith would have had a warning to watch out for them. By biding his time, Benton was able to put himself into just the right spot to be successful when throwing the punch.

Instead of reaching down in his attempts to reach the crouching Benton, Smith should have bent his legs and gotten on the same plane as George. This would have made it much more difficult for Benton to move in. Johnny would have been much better protected and his punches would not have had to travel as far, thus keeping him from reaching and leaving his chin vulnerable.

George Benton went on to become one of the great boxing teachers. He and Eddie Futch were in the corner with Joe Frazier for the third Ali fight. He also worked with Wille Monroe and accompanied him to Boston for his second fight with Joe Frazier. George died in 2011 at the age of 78.

This fight is on YouTube and is worth watching. It's another display of just how much boxing is a game of mental chess.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



It sure is nice to have Patrice Bergeron back in the fold on Causeway Street. The veteran center will begin his 20th season when the Bruins face the Capitals on opening night in Washington. It will be the 1, 237th NHL game for the all-star who was born and raised in Quebec.

His story has been well-chronicled in Boston media over the years. It is a bit surprising to recall that he was drafted a bit low — being selected in the second round (45th overall) in the 2003 NHL Entry Draft.

Perhaps more surprising, however, is that the Bruins also had a first-round pick in that draft — and did not use it to select Bergeron. Instead, they chose to go with Mark Stuart, making him the 21st selection overall in the draft.

We all know what happened to Bergeron. The stellar center is still with us, at least for another year. But whatever happened to Stuart, the one selected some 24 places ahead of Bergeron? After all, Bergy has turned out to be one of the best players in the history of the franchise. Whither went Stuart?

The answer is that Stuart's selection started him down a path of what has become a long and somewhat winding road, one that did include a significant NHL career of his own that comprised 12 seasons, six of them with the Bruins. That made Stuart and Bergeron teammates for a half dozen seasons early in the 21st century, a time when the Bruins were still searching for that Stanley Cup title that had eluded them since 1972.

By the time it was captured in 2011 Bergeron would be there to experience the euphoria with all his teammates. Stuart, however, would be gone, missing out on the big moment by only a few months. He had been traded, along with Blake Wheeler, to the Atlanta Thrashers (now Winnipeg Jets) in a February trade deadline deal.

Before the move he had played in 283 regular season games for the Black and Gold, dating back to the start of the 2005-2006 season. Following his selection in the 2003 draft, Stuart had chosen to delay moving on to the National Hockey League, opting instead to remain with Colorado College.

That turned out to be a productive decision in its own way. First, because by remaining in the college ranks, he missed the 2004-2005 NHL lockout. In addition, he was elected team captain and proceeded to lead Colorado College to a berth in the 2005 NCAA Frozen Four. There the Tigers were beaten by the University of Denver and finished with a 31-9-3 record.

A defenseman who had offseason knee surgery during the summer of 2005, Stuart split his first two seasons with the Bruins and their American Hockey League affiliate in Providence. In the following two seasons (2007-2008 and 2008-2009) Stuart played in all 82 games for the Big B's on Causeway Street, collecting nine goals and 20 assists in the process.

During the 2009-2010 campaign he saw action in 56 games. He then played in 31 games during the 2010-2011 season prior to his being dealt to Atlanta. While not being with the Bruins when they raised the Cup in triumph that June had to be a major disappointment, there was a silver lining. Less than two weeks after the trade, the Thrashers (who became the Jets later in 2011) signed him to a three-year \$5.1 million contract. Then in 2014 came the real bonanza: a four-year \$10.5 contract extension.

Those two financial windfalls essentially set up Stuart for the time that would follow the conclusion of his playing days, a career that included 673 regular season games, 26 goals and 67 assists for 93 points.

Free from the financial concerns that many have, he could turn to a career behind the bench, even though at first he would have to do so on a voluntary basis.

So, after playing in Europe during the 2017-2018 season, he took some time to attend to some unfinished business. He completed his college degree and was able to spend more time with his wife Christina and children.

During Stuart's final year in Winnipeg, Todd Woodcroft had been an assistant coach with the Jets. Woodcroft would move across North America to become the head coach at Vermont. In the fall of 2020, Stuart became the coaching rookie on Woodcroft's staff, a volunteer assistant with the Catamounts. The new coach was also able to learn from another experienced NHL mentor. Serving as a volunteer advisor to the UVM coaching staff that season was Mike Babcock, who had been dismissed by the Toronto Maple Leafs four years after signing a reported eight-year, \$50 million contract.

Following a year in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, Stuart was hired by his alma mater (Colorado College) for the 2021-2022 season. That was also a one-year stop. This spring the phone rang once again and Stuart was back in the NHL — this time as an assistant with the Edmonton Oilers.

And how did that happen? Well, we think the fact that Jay Woodcroft, the current head coach of the Oilers, who also happens to be the brother of Vermont coach Todd Woodcroft, had a bit to do with it.

Jay Woodcroft said he wanted "a former NHL player, someone not too far removed from playing at the highest level." He added that he was "looking for someone who spoke the language of today's players. Someone who can relate to the pressures that today's players go through."

He added that Stuart "had a very good perspective on the game. He was a first-round draft pick, played for different organizations in different cities and is hard working and very intelligent."

Quite a career for the man who was picked higher than Patrice Bergeron by the B's in the 2003 NHL Draft. Bergeron has the glory and the fame. And Stuart, like his former teammate, is still in the game. Truly a positive outcome for both after all these years.