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## The voice of a sports generation

By R. Scott Reedy  
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CAPE COD -Cape Cod's Fred Cusick called more Boston Bruins games in his half-century as a radio and television announcer than anyone else. So what does "The Voice of the Bruins" consider to be the greatest moment in his long career?

"No question, it has to be Bobby Orr's spectacular overtime goal in the Bruins' 1970 Stanley Cup win over St. Louis at Boston Garden. It was electric. Bobby Orr is the greatest hockey player of all time and it was a privilege to watch him play.

Broadcasting from the old Garden was great – the noise, the fans – it was just exhilarating," says Cusick, whose loud, exuberant shout of "Score!" accompanied the most famous goal in hockey history which gave Boston its first Stanley Cup in 29 years. Cusick says it never occurred to him that his enthusiastic proclamation would become legendary.

"I was just happy to be broadcasting the Bruins. I certainly didn't expect it to become a signature. Even today, I'm still asked to say 'Scoooooore!' It's also great to watch some of the clips the fans have put on YouTube. "Scoooooore...Bobby Orr" still has a very nice sound to it."

Born and brought up in Boston's Brighton neighborhood, Cusick played hockey while a student at Northeastern University, and, in a harbinger of his career to come, was a two-time winner of the school's public speaking contest. After interrupting his early radio career for World War II

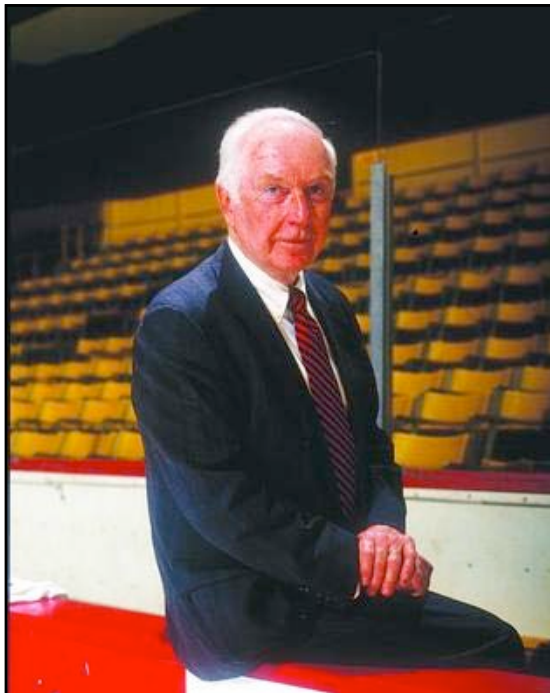
Navy service, Cusick returned to broadcasting with a job on Cape Cod Radio.

"I joined WOCB after the war in 1947. The studio was on Main Street in Hyannis. I was the news and sports director. It was a great job – I had a chance to do it all. I broadcast tennis matches, featuring players like the then unknown Bobby Riggs, from the Oyster Harbors Club in Osterville. I also did wrestling matches from the Mill Hill Club in Yarmouth, and lots of baseball and other sports. I lived in Mrs. Bisbee's rooming house near the harbor.

"The best part of starting my career on Cape Cod was that I met my wife Barbara on Labor Day weekend, 1947. She was the hostess at Bill Cox's restaurant in Hyannis, and

taught school in Wellesley during the winter. We have been married for 62 years, with four children and three grandchildren. We've lived on the Cape since 1973 and we love it."

In addition to his many years covering the Bruins on WBZ-AM, WSBK-TV, Channel 38, and NESN on cable, Cusick has also covered the New England Patriots, the Boston Red Sox, and the Cape Cod



Baseball League.

In 1992, Cusick received the Governor's Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for his contributions to New England broadcasting.

His long and prominent career in local radio and television has earned Cusick a place in the Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

Most recently, Cusick has been seen at the Charles Moore Arena in Orleans calling local high school games.

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With 51 years covering sports, Cusick knows a thing or two about staying power.

"For play-by-play, accuracy and focus are key. You need to keep the play in the forefront and follow the action," says Cusick who retired from Bruins play-by-play in 1997. "In terms of overall longevity, versatility is essential. I've worked in all sports – hockey, Patriots football, PA announcer for the Red Sox, Cape Cod Baseball League, golf, America's Cup, boxing, tennis, you name it. I also created and produced sports and other shows. I try to keep current. When I started my career in radio, television didn't really even exist. Now I've worked on webcasts for the Cape Cod Baseball League and even tried a few YouTube interviews. You need to keep up with the times to last in this business."

The first American broadcaster named to the Hockey Hall of Fame and a recipient of the Lester Patrick Trophy from the National Hockey League, Cusick, 90, is pleased to be entering another Hall of Fame.

"I've spent my entire career here and I've worked with many of the people who are in the Hall of Fame. It is quite a prestigious group, and I am honored to be joining it."

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## Braintree native earns spot in Hall of Fame

By R.Scott Reedy, correspondent  
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RANDOLPH - Don Latulippe was just 7 years old when he earned his first recognition on local radio by entering a singing contest on the Laco Shampoo Hour.

My first appearance on a commercial radio station came on April 10, 1937, on WHDH when I sang 'Pennies from Heaven' and won first prize - a whole box of different Laco shampoo products which didn't interest me, but which my mother enjoyed very much," recalled

Latulippe by telephone from his home in Randolph last week.

"It was about 10 years after that when I really got my start in radio. I grew up in East Braintree and when I was a teenager I read in the paper that WJDA was going to broadcast Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve from St. John's Church in Quincy. This sounded like an ambitious project so I decided to see if I could be of help in some way. They ended up having difficulty with the wiring. I pitched in and they let me try and fix the radio wire. Ultimately, it couldn't be fixed but I brought in 78s of 'The Messiah,' which they played in place of the Mass. WJDA founder and owner James D. Asher was so pleased with the help that

he hired me at age 17 for an after-school job as a board operator and music librarian."

Fast forward to today and Latulippe's long and still active career in local radio and television has earned him a place in the Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame. At a Sept. 16 luncheon at the Dedham Hilton, hosted by WBZ 1030's Jordan Rich, Latulippe will be one of 20 of Massachusetts' best-known and most respected radio and television broadcasters inducted into the Hall of Fame, housed at Massasoit Community College in Brockton. "I must say I was very much surprised when I learned of my induction. I truly don't feel that I am equal to the others being inducted alongside me. I'm astonished, but also very pleased to be in such terrific company."

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Latulippe, a 1949 graduate of Braintree High School, has earned his latest honor in a career that began in Quincy with WJDA and soon took him to Boston radio as the morning man on WEZE, then operating out of a first-floor window of Boston's Statler Office Building with a format called "The Wonderful World of Music." In 1978, Latulippe moved to WROR-FM as Public Affairs Director and later News Director. During this period, he also served as booth announcer for WGBH-TV and WNAC-TV. He "retired" from WRKO in 1995, but also immediately went to work for WPLM in Plymouth and is now part-time with WEZE at its current home at Marina Bay in Quincy.

purchased on line at the MBHOF new website:  
[www.massbroadcastershof.org](http://www.massbroadcastershof.org).

Latulippe may have spent most of his career in radio, but some of the people who inspired him most made their names in television.

"I'm delighted that I'm being inducted along with Bill Hahn who is a great guy. Bill was my boss at WROR and he introduced to me to Louise Morgan. Louise was the first woman on Boston television and was known as 'Boston's First Lady of TV.' I idolized Louise Morgan. She was a total professional. We became friends late in her life after she moved to Florida. I used to visit her several times a year in Sarasota and, when she passed away in 1995, she left me the archives of her long career in Boston television."

In addition to preserving Morgan's archives, Latulippe is also working to ensure that more recent Boston television personalities will also never be forgotten through "Preview," a local cable arts television series produced in Walpole by another veteran of Boston television, Guy Giampapa, and seen in 38 Cape Cod and South Shore communities. With Giampapa and Latulippe as co-hosts, the show welcomes many local "celebrities" from the Boston media, past and present.

"We've interviewed people like Jess Cain, Bruce Schwoegler, Joyce Kulhawik and so many more. I'm making sure that these programs are preserved on DVD and then sent to Arthur Singer, President of the Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame, for the archives. The work they have done in this market has value and should always be remembered."

The Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame induction ceremony and luncheon will take place at the Dedham Hilton Hotel, 25 Allied Drive, Dedham, on Sept. 16, beginning at noon. Tickets may be purchased by calling 617-969-5678 or 617-763-0109. Tickets may also be

# The Boston Globe

## Radio days

By Joan Anderman

Globe Staff / September 12, 2009

Charles Laquidara was a big voice in Boston radio for more than three decades, starting in 1969, when he replaced a budding WBCN DJ named Peter Wolf (who wanted to spend more time practicing with his band) and later when he joined classic-rock station WZLX. In 2000 Laquidara moved to Maui, but he's back in town this month to be inducted (along with Fred Cusick, Emily Rooney, Gil Santos, and others) into the Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame. Laquidara called recently to chat about rock radio, political activism, and island life.

**Q.** With WBCN off the air in Boston, is it the end of an era?

**A.** I've been retired since 2000 and I really believe I got out just in time. I saw the end coming.

**Q.** What was your first clue?

**A.** Some people say it was Howard Stern. It really wasn't. The end came when they deregulated radio [in 1996].

**Q.** You were on the air during the so-called Golden Age at 'BCN. What made it great?

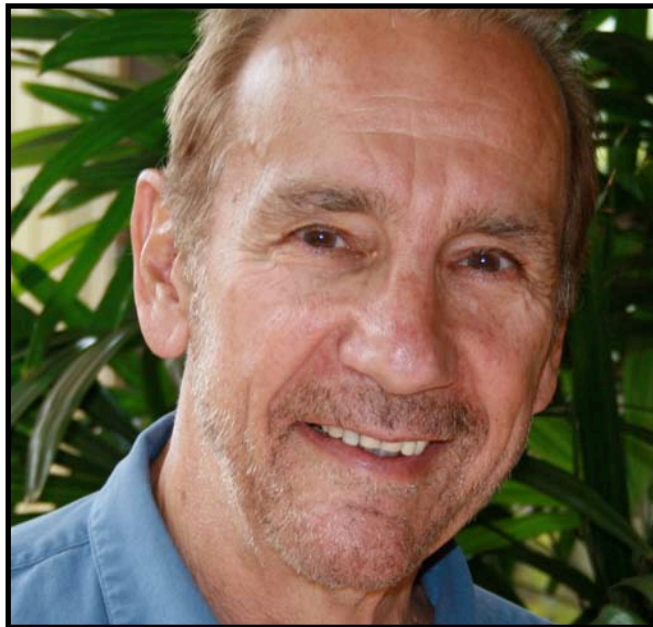
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**Q.** What are you doing now?



Recalling his days at WBCN, Charles Laquidara says, "We played Muddy Waters followed by Frank Zappa. People talk about the Golden Age, but the Golden Age did not have super high ratings."

**A.** I'm retired. I served my term. If there was a podcast that was live, and people could call in and talk live and I could play music like I did on the radio and stream it over the Internet, I would get back into radio. So would thousands of other announcers.

**Q.** What's your life like in Hawaii?

**A.** I get up every morning around 6:30, have a cup of coffee, and check to see what the waves are like. If the waves

are less than two feet I go swimming. In the afternoon I walk three miles. In Hawaii it's easy.

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Laquidara was a product of his time and reflected his time well. But he was on the radio long past his expiration date.

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I was a faithful listener when I came up here for college. I do miss Charles, he was a great personality. Funny story, when he was doing that show on WBOS, he played the Door's "The Soft Parade", a song I haven't even been able to download, and brought back my childhood hanging out with friends. I wrote him an email expressing my delight, and he wrote back and asked if he could call me. He called, and he tried to play a joke on me. He almost got me, but he did play it on the air for Mother's Day. It was fun. God Bless Charles. I do hope you find an internet outlet. I'd listen.

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[jazzwoman](#) wrote:

Mass. Broadcasters Hall of Fame is having their awards luncheon on Wednesday, September 16 at the Dedham Hilton Hotel. Full information is on their website: <http://www.massbroadcastershof.org/>. The event is open to the public but it might already be sold out.

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Helloo Rangoon!!!!!!!!!!!! I miss Chuck.

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[jeffgold](#) wrote:

I first "encountered" Charles when he substitute taught at Milford H.S. in 1968/1969. He had just gotten back from CA and his appearance on The Dating Game. Without question he was the funniest substitute teacher I ever had. His humorous storytelling, love of music, and most importantly, his honesty, served him and his radio audience well. I'll never forget the Saturday morning I tuned into the Duane Ingalls Glasscock show and heard him interviewing Debbie Harry. Blondie was a huge band at that time and he was "ragging" on them hilariously. Debbie Harry played along with the interview in appropriate fashion. Hope to hear from you again, in some format, Charles.

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'There's a rule in radio: If you want great ratings you can't do great radio.' -- which eventually became BCN's essence -- the last few broadcast days mostly served to show what an embarrassment BCN had turned into.....

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# The Boston Globe

## GLOBE SOUTH

### They talked the talk

Mass. Broadcasters Hall of Fame to induct 20 local personalities who helped shape industry

By [Emily Sweeney](#)

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To many people in Massachusetts, their voices sound familiar: Fred Cusick shouting “Scooooooore!” as the Boston Bruins put the puck in the net. The deep, booming voice of Gil Santos announcing play-by-play action at New England Patriots games. Charles Laquidara’s banter on “The Big Mattress” show on WBCN-FM. Emily Rooney posing questions to guests on WGBH-TV.

Their long careers in radio and TV made them local icons, and on Wednesday they will have the honor of being inducted into the Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame in a ceremony at noon in Dedham.

This is the third induction of Massachusetts broadcasters by the organization, based at Massasoit Community College in Brockton. Founded in 2006, the nonprofit is housed in the Anna P. Buckley Fine Arts Center, where plaques and photos of notable broadcasters are displayed on the wall.

Cusick, Santos, Laquidara, and Rooney will be in good company on Wednesday. Their fellow inductees include broadcasting pioneer Bill Hahn, TV host Sonya Hamlin, news anchor John Henning, former public affairs director and news director Don Latulippe, WBZ’s Dave Maynard,

radio station owner and manager Allan Roberts, broadcasting consultant and station owner Al Tanger, and classical music host Len Zola. Eight others, including Don Gillis, will be honored posthumously.

Anyone can nominate a broadcaster to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Over the past three years, the organization has received about 200 names of potential candidates. A six-member nominating committee reviews the list of names and presents its recommendations to the 19-member board of directors for a final vote. Inductees are approved by unanimous vote of the board.

Several of this year’s inductees have ties to Southeastern Massachusetts. Hahn lives in Quincy, Cusick in Barnstable. Gillis, known as the “Dean of Boston Sportscasters” who hosted candlepin bowling for years, grew up in New Bedford and started his career at WBSM, an AM radio station in his hometown.

Latulippe went to Braintree High School and got his first broadcasting job at WJDA, a Quincy radio station known for its coverage of local news.

“If you looked out your window and saw someone digging up a pipe from the street, you’d listen to WJDA to find out what was going on,” said Latulippe. “That’s how good they were.”

Latulippe worked at WJDA as a board operator and record librarian. “That was the beginning,” he said. “I knew what I wanted to do in life.”

He went on to become the public affairs director and news director of WROR-FM, then in Boston. He was a booth announcer for WGBH-TV and WNAC-TV, also in Boston, and he produced some of the Red Sox game coverage for Plymouth radio station WPLM.

Now 79, Latulippe lives in Randolph and works part time at WEZE-AM (590) at Marina Bay in Quincy and appears on the Walpole Community Television program “Preview,” which airs in 38 communities.

He is compiling archived interviews that will be donated to the Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame. He said that in his decades long career in broadcasting he got to meet many notable people: As a teenager working at WJDA, he attended Harry Truman's inauguration; later on, he interviewed celebrities such as Margaret Hamilton, best known for her role as the witch in "The Wizard of Oz."

Another hall-of-famer with local ties is Santos, the longtime voice of the New England Patriots. Born in Acushnet and raised in Fairhaven, Santos went to Southeastern Massachusetts University (now the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth) and New England Broadcast School. He got his first broadcasting job at WBSM in New Bedford, and made his on-air debut in 1959 during a basketball game between New Bedford High School and Brockton High. After working at WNBH Radio in New Bedford and WSAR and WALE in Fall River, he became the morning sportscaster for WBZ (1030).

He retired from his morning sports job at WBZ in January, and continues to announce Patriots games - something he's been doing for a total of more than 30 years.

"It's been a great ride," said Santos, who lives in Raynham with his wife of 48 years, Roberta, and their two Maine coon cats, Tiffany 2 and LP. His grandchildren live in Bridgewater.

Some listeners think broadcasting sports is easy work, but Santos says he takes at least four hours to prepare for every hour he's on the air. He reads about opposing teams, memorizes names and how they're pronounced. He learns the heights, weights, and other stats of players. The number of years they've played in the league. The schools they attended. How they were acquired by their team.

The research and preparation that goes into each broadcast, said Santos, "that's the hardest part."

"You can't just show up and start talking."

Santos is looking forward to Wednesday's ceremony. "It's quite an honor," he said. Broadcasting "is all I ever wanted to do in my life. I'm doing what I absolutely love to do."

With the addition of Santos and his fellow inductees, the Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame will have a total of 48 members. The organization says its goal is to develop the hall into a research center and repository of archived TV and radio shows, recordings, and scripts. For now, the institution is limited to the wall exhibit and a new website, [www.massbroadcastershof.org](http://www.massbroadcastershof.org), launched last month. There are plans to add more video, archive materials, and

interactive features to the website, said Art Singer, president of the hall's board of directors.

"We're very excited," Singer said. "We see this as a virtual museum."

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## Gil Santos to be inducted into Broadcasters Hall of Fame



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Gil Santos was guest play-by-play man at a Coyle and Cassidy High School football game last year, where he called the first half of the game before giving way to fellow Raynham resident and head of the Guidance Dept. at C-C Brian Dickinson, who called the second half. Santos's son and daughter both attended the school.

### **GateHouse News Service**

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As the longest tenured play-by-play announcer in the National Football League, Gil Santos has seen the New England Patriots through thick and thin.

"This is my 33rd season, so I've covered the Patriots from good, to not so good, to downright awful, to great. It's definitely best when things are great. When they're bad, it is difficult to keep people interested," Santos said when reached at his home in Raynham. "When things are going well, you're delivering more of a straight product without the shading that's needed during bad times."

Born in Acushnet and brought up in Fairhaven, Santos began his career covering high school sports on WBSM-AM before moving over to WNBH-AM as a DJ and play-by-play

man for New Bedford High School's teams. The 1956 graduate of Fairhaven High School, who also graduated from The New England Broadcast School, was later with WSAR and WALE Radio in Fall River before joining WBZ News Radio in 1966 as announcer for the New England Patriots and Boston College football. Long known as the voice of the New England Patriots, Santos was also WBZ Radio's morning sportscaster from 1971 until his retirement on Jan. 30.

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In his 38 years as part of the WBZ morning news team, Santos reported on all of sports, but it was the pigskin that always had his attention.

“I have the most fun with football,” said Santos who joined Bob Cousy to provide Boston Celtics play-by-play between 1981 and 1991 when Patriots broadcast rights moved away from WBZ for a time. “Basketball is much easier, of course, because you’re on top of the action and you only have 10 players, but I love football.”

Santos – who with his wife of 48 years, Roberta, has a daughter, Kathleen, son, Mark, and two grandchildren, Jacob and Hannah – is also loving his semi-retirement thanks to football.

“This year, I got to go to two sessions of Patriots training camps each day which I could never do when I was working full-time. Now, I get six months a year for vacationing with my wife, relaxing and just loafing, and then the rest of the year I get to do Patriots play-by-play on WBCN.”

A New England Emmy Award winner Santos’ honors already include membership in Halls of Fame at Fairhaven High School, the New England Sports Museum and WBZ Radio.

“To be honored for doing something you really love is a great thing. It’s also very gratifying to be going with colleagues like Dave Maynard and some rivals, too. What really makes this meaningful for me, however, is that my parents were immigrants from Portugal. I didn’t speak English until first grade and now I am being honored for my career as a broadcaster in the English language. I’m a first-generation American, whose parents and grandparents would be very proud.”



'The Sri Lankan media war continues' critically examines a controversial video broadcast by UK's Channel 4, the recent sentencing of journalist J.S. Tissainayagam and the continued violence against

# FOX NEWS TO TARGET ENVIRONMENTALISTS, CHARLES LIVES AND MAYBE WBCN, MORE

## FOX NEWS: NEXT TARGET IS ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT

### **LET'S GO TO THE BEACH**

SAN FRANCISCO – Scientists have found dangerous staph bacteria in sand and water samples from five beaches along the west coast of Washington state.

The germ, called MRSA, causes hard-to-treat skin infections and serious illnesses such as pneumonia. A previous study found it in ocean water along a South Florida beach.

Researchers say the germ is probably at other beaches as well. Doctors are not recommending that people avoid beaches, but say they should cover cuts or scrapes before digging in the sand, and shower afterward. The study was reported Saturday at a microbiology conference in California.

### **SINGER JOEL LANDY'S OF SINGFORFREEDOM.ORG'S "STRANGEST DREAM"**

*Last night I had the strangest dream, the strangest dream around.  
I dreamed Obama told them all to shut up and sit down.  
He told Joe Wilson "Kiss my ass!"  
He told the birthers too.  
He said that healthcare has to pass and we've got work to do.*

*He brought Chuck Grassley to a room and laid it to him straight  
There is no place for demagogues for ignorance and hate  
He called out all the operatives online and in the news  
Misquoting bills about our ills and hoping to confuse  
The people who watch on tv and hear the radio  
His words cut through the rhetoric and made clear the way to go*

*When he was done the work begun, we weren't played for fools  
Insurance companies understood they had to obey rules, and  
The healthcare fight is civil rights  
We've been down that road before  
History's on our side. We won't be denied.  
And it's what we're all here for.*

### **FROM A COLLEAGUE IN SRI LANKA**

On 11 September 2009, Al Jazeera's The Listening Post programme looked at enduring challenges facing media freedom in Sri Lanka.

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## Legends of airwaves to be honored in Mass.

By Associated Press

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Local legends of Massachusetts airwaves are being honored.

Among those to be inducted into the Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame on Wednesday are a pair of former morning radio hosts, Charles Laquidara of **WBCN** [\[website\]](#) and Dave Maynard of WBZ.

Longtime sportscasters Gil Santos — the voice of the New England **Patriots** [\[team stats\]](#) — and Fred Cusick — who broadcast Boston **Bruins** [\[team stats\]](#) games for more than four decades — will be honored as well.

The list of inductees also includes veteran TV journalists John Henning and Emily Rooney, host of WGBH-TV's Greater Boston.

Those being honored posthumously include pioneering TV news anchor Arch MacDonald, radio personality Norm Nathan, sportscasters Curt Gowdy and Don Gillis, and Ed McDonnell — better known to young TV viewers in the 1960s as Major Mudd.

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## Gil Santos to be inducted into Broadcasters Hall of Fame

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As the longest tenured play-by-play announcer in the National Football League, Gil Santos has seen the New England Patriots through thick and thin.

"This is my 33rd season, so I've covered the Patriots from good, to not so good, to downright awful, to great. It's definitely best when things are great. When they're bad, it is difficult to keep people interested," Santos said when reached at his home in Raynham. "When things are going well, you're delivering more of a straight product without the shading that's needed during bad times."

Born in Acushnet and brought up in Fairhaven, Santos began his career covering high school sports on WBSM-AM before moving over to WNBH-AM as a DJ and play-by-play man for New Bedford High School's teams. The 1956 graduate of Fairhaven High School, who also graduated from The New England Broadcast School, was later with WSAR and WALE Radio in Fall River before joining WBZ News Radio in 1966 as announcer for the New England Patriots and Boston College football. Long known as the voice of the New England Patriots, Santos was also WBZ Radio's morning sportscaster from 1971 until his retirement on Jan. 30.

His long and prominent career in local radio has earned Santos a place in the Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame. At a Sept. 16 luncheon at the Dedham Hilton, hosted by WBZ 1030's Jordan Rich, Santos is to be one of 20 of Massachusetts' best-known and most-respected radio and television broadcasters inducted into the Hall of Fame, housed at Massasoit Community College in Brockton.

This year's event honorees, along with Santos, include TV pioneer, host, interviewer and innovator Bill Hahn; the nation's first nightly news cultural reporter and women's movement trailblazer Sonya Hamlin; one of the most respected and distinguished television news journalists in New England, John Henning; legendary rock radio DJ and activist Charles Laquidara; 48-year WBZ personality Dave Maynard; radio manager and multi-station CEO Allan Roberts; host, newswoman and executive editor of WGBH TV's "Greater Boston," Emily Rooney; veteran radio and television public affairs and news director Don Latulippe;

renowned broadcast consultant and radio station owner Al Tanger; and revered classical, jazz and elevator music host Len Zola.

Posthumous honorees include legendary sportscasters Don Gillis and Curt Gowdy; TV personality Connie Jameson; WBZ-TV's first news anchor, respected newsman Arch MacDonald; the hilarious "Major Mudd Show" host Ed McDonnell; radio personality and "Boston Herald-Traveler" columnist Marjorie Mills; one of the great personalities of Boston radio for more than 50 years, Norm Nathan; and former general manager and executive vice president of radio station WHDH AM William McGrath. A Special Recognition Award was also given to Al Sprague in honor of his long service as president of the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association.

In his 38 years as part of the WBZ morning news team, Santos reported on all of sports, but it was the pigskin that always had his attention.

"I have the most fun with football," said Santos who joined Bob Cousy to provide Boston Celtics play-by-play between 1981 and 1991 when Patriots broadcast rights moved away from WBZ for a time. "Basketball is much easier, of course, because you're on top of the action and you only have 10 players, but I love football."

Santos – who with his wife of 48 years, Roberta, has a daughter, Kathleen, son, Mark, and two grandchildren, Jacob and Hannah – is also loving his semi-retirement thanks to football.

"This year, I got to go to two sessions of Patriots training camps each day which I could never do when I was working full-time. Now, I get six months a year for vacationing with my wife, relaxing and just loafing, and then the rest of the year I get to do Patriots play-by-play on WBCN."

A New England Emmy Award winner Santos' honors already include membership in Halls of Fame at Fairhaven High School, the New England Sports Museum and WBZ Radio.

"To be honored for doing something you really love is a great thing. It's also very gratifying to be going with colleagues like Dave Maynard and some rivals, too. What really makes this meaningful for me, however, is that my parents were immigrants from Portugal. I didn't speak English until first grade and now I am being honored for my career as a broadcaster in the English language. I'm a first-generation American, whose parents and grandparents would be very proud."

THE CANADIAN PRESS 

## Fred Cusick, longtime voice of Boston Bruins, dead at 90

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS (CP) – 1 hour ago

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In 1963, he led the push to get the Bruins on television, editing and voicing over tapes of Saturday night games, which would then air on Sundays. Those replays were popular enough that the games made it onto live TV within a couple of years.

"He actually started broadcasting Bruins games when radio stations would only carry the second and third periods," Edwards told the Boston Globe. "When the game went on TV, he not only set a standard but also created the template. His outstanding vocal range was one of his best qualities -- I think he did some singing in choirs as a kid, and he matured into an excellent tenor. His spiking "Scoores!" calls are a part of broadcasting lore."

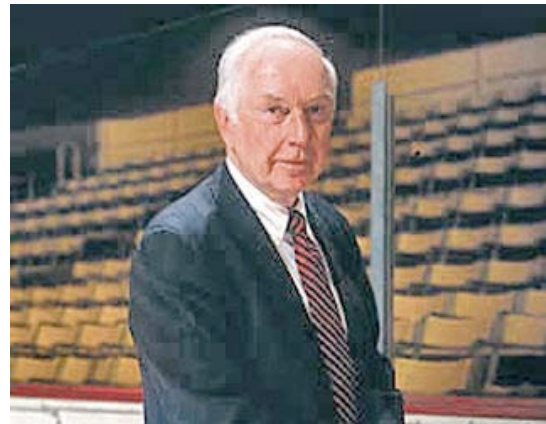
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**WBZ NEWS  
RADIO 1030**



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Word of his passing comes from his family.

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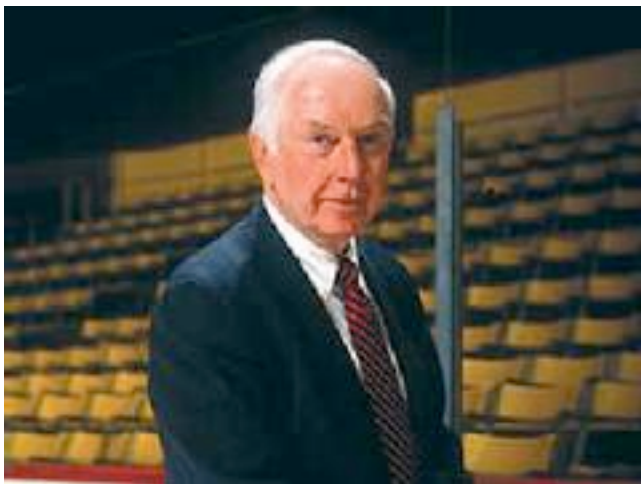
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## THE HUFFINGTON POST

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### VOICE OF THE BRUINS PASSES AWAY AT 90

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By [Joe Haggerty](#)

Fred Cusick, the radio and television play-by-play voice for generations of Bruins fans, passed away according to a Tuesday afternoon [report from the Boston Globe](#). Cusick was on tap to be inducted into the Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame on Wednesday night, and will be inducted posthumously.

The longtime announcer was perhaps best known for his trademark "Score!" call after Bruins goals throughout his 45-year association with the B's. Cusick was the radio voice of the B's from 1952-1970, and then moved over to the television side where he continued as play-by-play man until the conclusion of the 1997 season.

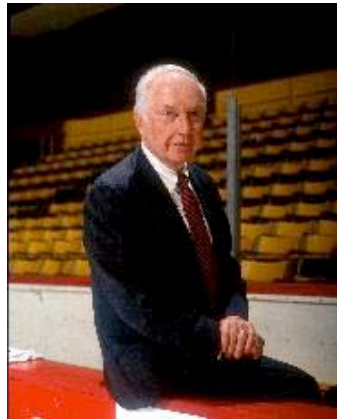
A large group of B's officials shared their feelings on a day of mourning and remembrance for Black and Gold fans everywhere:

**by Brian Keaney**

Many of the regions biggest names in radio and television descended on the Hilton Wednesday for the third annual Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame Gala Awards Ceremony. Twenty broadcasters were inducted into the Hall of Fame spanning decades and styles, but each having made a distinctive mark on the New England Media landscape.

In addition to the Hall of Fame inductees, a Special Recognition Award was given to Al Sprague in honor of his long service as president of the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association. The event was hosted by WBZ's Jordan Rich.

“Massachusetts has a long and distinguished history in the development of electronic communication,” said Arthur Singer, president of the Hall of Fame, in a statement. “Through these annual inductions, the permanent exhibit at Massasoit Community College in Brockton, our archives, and an active website now being launched with this announcement, the work of the people who have provided all of us with so much information and entertainment will be honored and made available to the public.”



Included among the inductees were Charles Laquidara, the legendary rock radio DJ and host of the Big Mattress on WBCN, host of WGBH's Greater Boston, Emily Rooney, and voice of the New England Patriots, Gil Santos.

“To be honored with a Hall of Fame induction for doing something I've loved my entire life if just gravy,” Santos said when receiving the award.

The day was marked with a tinge of sadness as one of the inductees, longtime Boston Bruins announcer Fred Cusick, passed away the day before the ceremony. The awards for

Cusick and several other deceased inductees were accepted by family members.

The inductees were:

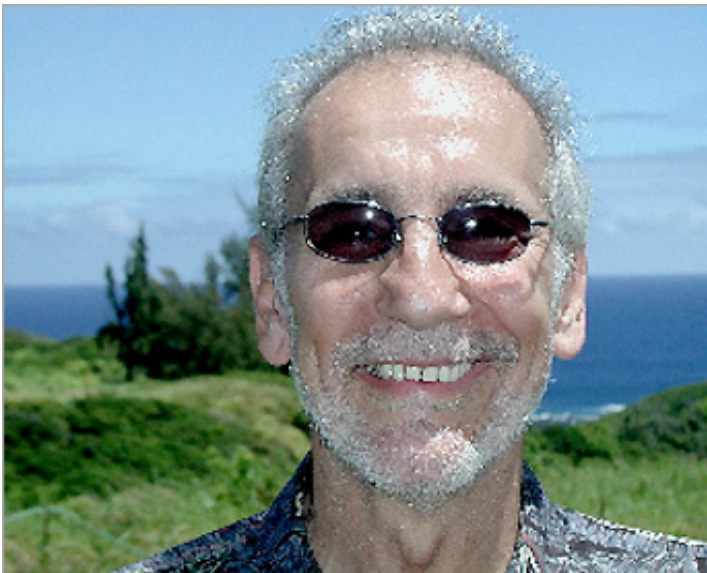
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# Laquidara, Rooney among those inducted into broadcasters hall

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Dave Morrison



Charles Laquidara: Courtesy of boston.com

The Massachusetts Hall of Fame held its third annual Awards Ceremony and Luncheon this past Wednesday in Dedham.

Among this year's nominees included a number of Boston radio and television luminaries, such as longtime WBCN morning drive host Charles Laquidara, the late play-by-play man for the Boston Bruins Fred Cusick, 'Greater Boston' host Emily Rooney, and the voice of the New England Patriots, Gil Santos.

"This covers the entire (broadcasting) gamut as far as what these broadcasters do," mentioned WBZ 1030 AM host and master of ceremonies, Jordan Rich. "This was an opportunity to say thanks to these people who are part of our lives. And everyone was as glib as the last one."

Charles Laquidara, host of WBCN's "Big Mattress," for thirty years, brought his trademark wit to the room by joking to the crowd that his speech had to be cut short because he "had to go to the bathroom." The tone became somewhat more somber, as Laquidara also reminded the crowd that a different era in both radio and television exists. He told the people in the room that "(Walter) Cronkite is no longer with us, and WBCN is no longer with us." But Laquidara also urged members of the media to come up with a new and inspiring format for people to enjoy.

Also, inducted into the Hall of Fame was Emily Rooney, former executive producer for ABC's World News Tonight and current host of WGBH's 'Greater Boston.' Rooney too spoke of the impact that Cronkite had on her career, who she accepted the award in his honor. But she also paid homage to her father, longtime 60 Minutes commentator, Andy Rooney. "The reason that I am here is because of Andy Rooney."

Fred Cusick, the longtime Bruins announcer, was posthumously honored with a plaque during the ceremony. Cusick passed away at the age of ninety, just one day before he was to have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. Gil Santos, the longtime voice of the Patriots, thanked fellow Hall inductees and WBZ radio colleagues Dave Maynard and Carl DeSuze.

Other inductees included Curt Gowdy, the late voice of the Boston Red Sox, trailblazing female broadcaster Marjorie Mills, longtime host of "Candlepins for Cash," Don Gillis, and former Boston news anchor John Henning.