

MM Old Leelings in a New Year 2023

ART'S # 3

Art's # 3 brother Dave is on the mend after serious injuries...
two months after hospital time so far
with long-term physical therapy and nursing care
before he's fit to go again.
A wave of his good arm (from wife Jamie too!)
to let us know he's still smiling.

On the same day Damar Hamlin was able to go home... his # 3 was the best known number in America.

Dave slipped on ice and lay for 20 minutes before 911 responded...

Hamlin was on the ground for 10 seconds before trainers were at his side...

with a stadium-full of witnesses plus unknown millions on TV

stunned to silence by the life and death drama on the field
as swarming trainers and aides called in the ambulance.

I watched the January 2, 2023 action unfolding live on the field while on-the-air sports commentators had no script for such a situation admitted they had never witnessed such an event in years of broadcasting.

I had a strange feeling and a flash-back to last year January 6, 2022 when I was watching live TV as reporters were also unprepared for what was unfolding... as a crowd was leaving the White House where the President spoke... marching down Pennsylvania Avenue pushing through police barricades. as the United States Capitol was under attack.

Instead of seeing the traditional counting procedure we expected the camera showed the Vice President and Speaker of the House rushed by secret service out a side door.

TV reporters tried to describe chaotic scenes in underground hallways...
not sure themselves what was going on...orders to take shelter...
cameras moving from female Senate aides hurrying in a crowded hallway
with containers with ballots of the Electoral College...
and Senators ducking and huddling on the chamber floor.

The last we saw this year was the ambulance disappearing down a long tunnel...
leaving spectators and announcers scrambling for words and facts in Cincinnati
bringing back some feelings from just one year ago as we watched in Washington DC.

Prayers and tears and fears and hopes...and speculation and even conspiracy theories...
but mostly overwhelming appreciation for many individuals
who applied years of training and education
to be the answer to millions of prayers and good wishes.

Art Morgan, January 11, 2023