



## SB Vietnam Memorial Rededication This Sunday, Sept 10th

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff**

This coming Sunday, September 10th, will mark the 36th year the South Boston Vietnam Memorial has stood at Medal of Honor Park at M

Street. The committee invites all members of the public, current and former residents and friends, to be part of what has become a proud annual tradition, always inspirational and very often emotional. The day's activities will begin with the


Memorial Mass at St. Brigid Church. Immediately after the Mass, the crowd will walk across the street to Medal of Honor Park and gather at the monument itself for the beautiful program that is in

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# EDITORIAL

## The Outpouring of Support for Texas Shows American Pride

The response of people from every part of the country to the plight of those in Texas so devastated by Hurricane Harvey proves once again why Americans are indeed special people.

While the government agencies responsible for rushing in with aid and assistance to tragedies of this magnitude and finally, government at all levels were excellent in its re-

sponse, it was the generosity, the concern, the love and the compassion of literally millions of everyday Americans that was displayed. For those who have lost so much and in some cases, everything including family members, it was and still is truly a beautiful thing to behold.

Thousands of churches, countless nonprofits and charities and even many businesses swung into

action with donations of supplies, equipment and cash to assist in what will be an ongoing effort for perhaps several years to come. Volunteers, some from right here in our own South Boston neighborhood, have taken time off from their jobs and have travelled to the Lone Star State to help with rescues and will be there to rebuild. Even stray animals and pets are

being saved and sheltered in what is devastation of historic proportions.

Never let this country's detractors, whether foreign or domestic, get away with saying that Americans are self-centered, heartless or cold. What we are witnessing in Texas has proven those detractors so wrong. Americans from all walks of life should be proud. And the people of Texas are grateful.



*"I can't change the direction of the wind. But I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination" - Jimmy Dean*



### Letter to the Editor

Dear neighbor,

I just want to inform you that Fred and I support Ed Flynn's candidacy 100 percent to be our next Boston City Councilor. Ed is a gentleman and genuinely good person, who has served his country and he will serve the people of our district to the best of his ability.

He has been active in our community, supporting various causes and youth sports for many years. He knows the issues that are important to families raising their children in our community. We hope you can join us in voting for Ed Flynn for Boston City Council on September 26th.

Thank you,  
Peggy Rooney

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## *So Often, Those Who Teach Tolerance, Are Not*

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For the last 20 or so years, there has been an element in our country that has gone out of its way to label Conservative-thinking Americans as haters, and all the other terms that they so cavalierly attach to words such as racist, bigot, homophobe, xenophobe etc. Now, Conservatives know that, in reality, those terms don't apply to them at all, but actually apply to those, who throw them around so easily. People in Nazi Germany were famous for their tactics of 'accuse your opposition of what you yourself are' and hope that it sticks. This same tactic is being used in today's environment. Which brings us to one of many examples this week of this type of hypocrisy.

Making the news several days ago was the liberal/progressive college professor from the University of Florida – Tampa, a champion of tolerance, who actually tweeted that the people of Texas deserve the devastation they got hit with, because most Texans voted for Trump and that it was Karma coming back at them. Are you paying attention parents of college students? Because on so many American college campuses, this is the type of thinking and teaching that your kids are being subjected to and indoctrinated with. Happily, the professor has been fired for his sick remarks. Even the college was disgusted by this guy. And this brings me to my annual September column directed to local students, either beginning or returning to college, with these words of caution: Please, don't be a snowflake.

There are many college professors, certainly not all, but as I say,

many, who have the goal of molding their students into young clones of themselves. It is their objective not so much to educate you in the subject associated with their assigned class, but to indoctrinate you with their political agenda. I'll be blunt here. These professors are hard core America-hating leftists who would like nothing better than to tear down this country. In the past, they have been fairly covert in their actions but, in recent years, they have been open about it. Some professors have been found to be encouraging students to skip classes and will actually give credit, if you take part in protests and demonstrations of the professor's liking. Some of these protests have turned into riots and professors themselves have been found to be participating in violence.

The leftist professors - the kind of which I speak - are often responsible for fostering a campus environment that encourages such nonsense as 'safe spaces', where students can retreat to and hide from any and all speech that they don't agree with, or that offends and frightens or 'triggers' them. Not a good way to prepare to go out in the real world.

Other professors have been found to be behind the campaign to ban people from speaking on campus, using students as shields to take the blame, because the professors don't agree with the speaker's views and demand that their students oppose those views, as well. By now, pretty much the entire country has become aware of the fact that there is an active campaign on many of the nation's universities to actually stifle and ultimately elimi-

nate free speech. The only speech they want to allow is that with which they agree. Free speech by the way is one of the many things that make this country not only great, but also unique, among other nations of the world.

Basically, my message to students this week is this: Please, make your own decisions and don't allow yourselves to be herded like cattle into the direction that some professor wants you to take. Think of your roots and how you were brought up by your families, your neighbors,

people you grew up admiring. You should not allow others to mold you into their way of thinking, whether it's a professor, a loud mouth radical from Black Lives Matter or Antifa, or even by what you read in this and other newspapers. Study all sides of every issue and make up your own minds. And to the parents, the message to you is this. To paraphrase the lyrics in a famous Country song: 'Mothers, don't let your kids grow up to be cowboys' – Parents, don't let your kids grow up to be snowflakes - Please.



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## Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education. We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

### **Baker's DACA burden: Opposing Trump, once again**

Gov. Charlie Baker has been put in the politically uncomfortable position, once again, of having to distance himself from a policy move by his own party's president, this time Republican President Donald Trump's plan to eliminate the Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. "Well I'm hoping the president doesn't repeal the DACA program, I'm hoping that he continues the DACA program," said Baker, as reported at CBS Boston. "I know there's been a lot of back-and-forth on this issue but my hope is that he continues to operate the program on a go-forward basis." ... The Globe's J.D. Capelouto has more reactions from Baker, Mayor Marty Walsh and

other Bay State pols.

### **Community colleges to Trump: Hands off DACA**

The heads of 15 community colleges in Massachusetts, as well as the chief of the Boston Public Schools, have also issued a statement opposing President Trump's expected move today to eliminate the Obama administration's DACA program that puts off deportation of illegal immigrants who arrived here as children, reports Patrick Johnson at MassLive. "We stand together to fight for the continued protection of all the young people with and eligible for DACA," the statement reads. *And Scripture says ...*

Attorney General Maura Healey and Cardinal Sean O'Malley co-au-

thor an op-ed in the Globe this morning criticizing President Trump's DACA move and noting that "Scripture teaches us that we should welcome the stranger, for we were once strangers ourselves."

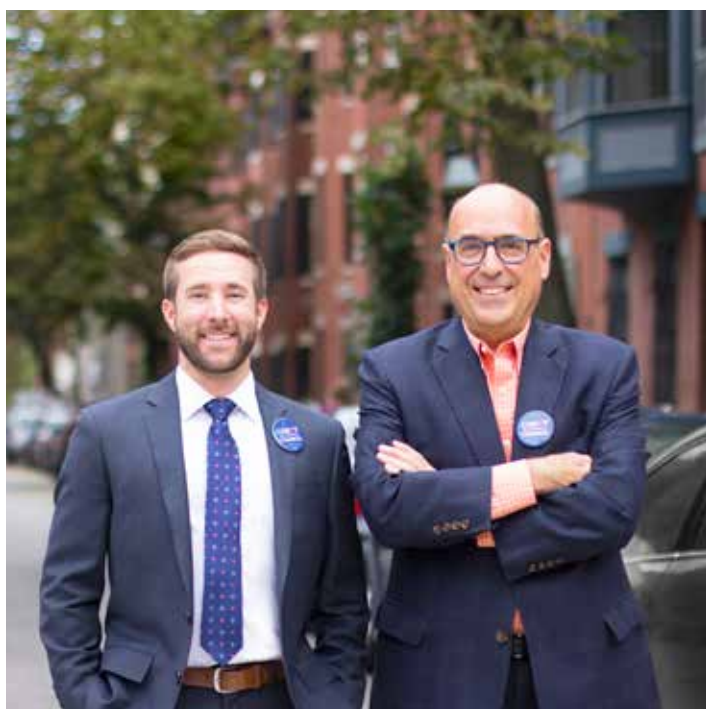
### **Liz Warren's quiet faith in faith**

Speaking of Scripture, the Globe's Victoria McGrane has a piece on U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren's quiet but surprisingly strong religious views in general. Surprising because she doesn't publicly talk much about her religious beliefs, though she can and will quote from Matthew 25:40 at the Ebenezer Baptist Church and elsewhere. McGrane has the details.

### **Shaheen: Woburn's Kaspersky Lab**

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## Letter to the Editor



I've lived in Boston my whole life. As a resident of South Boston (formerly of the South End and East Boston), I marvel at how the city has changed, but also how its basic values remain largely the same. Those values tie us together as Bostonians. We are a tough and resilient city, a place that has adapted to change and grown without giving up on its cherished past. I love Boston, and I care deeply about its future. That's why I'm supporting Corey Dinopoulos for District 2 Councilor.

I'm for Corey because I believe Boston in 2017 needs new voices, fresh thinking and open-mindedness—qualities I believe Corey will bring to the City Council.

As a former state transportation secretary and strong advocate for better MBTA service, I know that Corey stands out as a smart and creative thinker, a person who believes in a transportation system that will bring real benefits for the people of this district. As someone who has been on the same #9 bus as Corey on more than one occasion, I know that he understands the transit challenges of this District from daily personal experience, and he has a clear and well-informed agenda to improve it. Corey took time to appear at the recent MBTA hearing on Overnight Service and spoke forcefully in support of the proposal.

The last thing I want to say is that Corey has a passion for Boston that transcends personal setbacks. In the aftermath of his work on the ill-fated proposed 2024 Olympics he wrote an open letter to the Mayor in which he called for "improving our underfunded green space, improving traffic flows and transportation, and building new affordable and transit-oriented development." Corey did not walk away from defeat and sulk—he rose to the occasion and proposed forward-looking ideas for a better Boston. That kind of optimistic vision, that civic-minded spirit that cannot be defeated, is what we need in District 2 and the city, and why I intend to cast my vote for Corey on Election Day.

**Jim Aloisi**

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First Justice of this Court Aug. 16, 2017  
Terri Klug Cafazzo, Register of Probate  
September 7, 2017**

# HUNDREDS ATTEND 'WOMEN FOR ED FLYNN' EVENT



**H**undreds of District 2 residents came to Roza Lyons in South Boston last week for an event hosted by over 150 women endorsing Ed Flynn's campaign for Boston City Council. The overwhelming show of support and growing momentum across the district comes with the Preliminary Election fast-approaching on September 26th.

Event co-hosts included Margaret Lynch, wife of Congressman Stephen F. Lynch, and Suffolk County Supreme Judicial Court Clerk Maura Doyle. Flynn was also introduced by Ana Calderon, Flo Holmes of the Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA), and his wife, Kristen.

Kristen Flynn said, "My husband believes strongly in wage equality, that women should receive equal

pay for equal work and that there is no limit to what young girls like my daughter, Caroline, can grow up to achieve."

"The people of our district know that Ed Flynn and his family have been immersed in public service for decades," said Margaret Lynch. "Ed has been a tireless advocate for our community and he has made a commitment to champion issues that impact all of our families - opioid abuse prevention and treatment; improving our public schools and fighting against overdevelopment in our neighborhoods. Ed listens, he connects with people and he cares. I have no doubt that he will be a strong and passionate advocate for all of us."

Clerk Maura Doyle said, "I have known Ed for many years and his experience in the courts, his passion for community and his understanding of the issues that impact his neighborhood and the city make him the best choice for District 2 City Council." Ana Calderon

relayed to the crowd," Ed Flynn is the only candidate for office I have ever seen knock on doors in public housing and ask the people about the issues, and to support his campaign."

Flo Holmes of MNA said, "Ed Flynn walked the picket line with us every day of the Tufts strike and lock out. We can count on Ed to continue being an advocate for working families as our next City Councilor."

Ed Flynn said, "I am honored to have the support of so many well-respected women across District 2. As a husband, father of a teenage daughter, brother to four sisters, and the son of the most incredible woman I know; I have spent my entire life surrounded by strong women. On the City Council, I will be an advocate for issues that matter to residents in each community of District 2 - safe streets, improving our public schools, and equal pay for equal work."



## Jim Brett Receives National Disability Award

**N**ew England Council President and CEO, Jim Brett, was recently hon-

ored by the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry with the organization's 2017 Katie Beckett Award. The award is presented annually to the person who best personifies the spirit and passion of the Beckett Family.

Mr. Brett is Chairman of both the Governor's Commission on Intellectual Disabilities and the Disabled Person Protection Commission. He is the former Chairman of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. Congress has appointed Mr. Brett to the National Council on Disability. He is the former President of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health.

Recently both the Massachusetts Special Olympics and Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) inducted Jim into their Hall of Fame.

*In the photo: Jim Brett; Mary Davis, President and CEO of Special Olympics of America; and Dr. Steve Perlman, Global Clinical Director and Founder, Special Olympics Special Smiles*

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This summer, 338 area high school and college students from those communities earned a paycheck through our Community Summer Jobs Program.

Massport funded 44 summer jobs in South Boston organizations including: Condon Community Center, Curley Community Center, Labouré Center, McDonough Sailing Center, South Boston Boys & Girls Club, South Boston Neighborhood House, Stretch Walsh Community Center, Tynan Community Center, and West Broadway Task Force.

For many young people, a summer job means more than a paycheck. It marks the start of an educational path and a career, and something all of us can feel good about.

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*Thank you,  
Women for Flynn!*

*Kristen Flynn, Kathy Flynn, Caroline Flynn, Katie Degulis, Nancy Flynn, Maureen Foley,  
Julie Long, Margaret Lynch, and Suffolk Supreme Judicial Court Clerk Maura S. Doyle*

# Backpacks for South Boston Students

More than 40 children served by South Boston’s Tierney Center started the school year with a new backpack full of school supplies and new clothes provided by Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport). This is the 10th year that Massport has partnered with programs in South Boston and East Boston to support families at the start of school year. Pictured here are children and staff from the Tierney Center with Alaina Coppola, Massport’s Assistant Director for Community Relations and Government Affairs and Thomas J. Butler, Jr., Resident Engineer. For more information about Massport’s commitment to our community, visit [www.massport.com](http://www.massport.com).

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**s a ‘threat to our national security’**  
In a New York Times op-ed, New Hampshire Senator Jeanne Shaheen is pushing hard for legislation that would ban the federal government from using software by Kaspersky Lab, the Moscow-based cyber-security firm with a major office presence in Woburn. She says the founder’s KGB and Kremlin ties make the firm’s software a clear “threat to our national security.”

## Post-Labor Day Items and Thoughts ...

Here’s some Labor Day-related stories, a day after the holiday, of the non-barbecue and end-of-summer variety: Fast food workers rallied outside a Tremont Street McDonalds in Boston yesterday to push for union rights, paid family and medical leave,

and a \$15 minimum wage, reports CBS Boston (with video). ... U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren issued her own Labor Day report yesterday and, not surprisingly, it scolds President Trump for his policies toward working Americans, reports Alban Murtishi at MassLive. ... Those at yesterday’s Greater Boston Labor Council’s annual Labor Day Breakfast also blasted the president for portraying himself as a friend of working people, reports Mark Herz at WGBH. ... And here’s a much-read and emailed NYT story about two janitors, from two different eras, working at two different tech giants, and how their lives and fortunes have differed so greatly. It’s a terrific, simple look at how corporate labor policies have shifted over the years and fueled generational inequality within professions.

Host Committee: Kelly Ahearn, Anne Allen, Erin Alexander, Helen Allix, Sharon Asiaf, Betty Bain, Lisa Ballard, Pauline Bare, Maria Blasi, Patricia Brunner, Sharon Butler, Ana Calderon, Michelle Callahan, Niamh Calnan, Nancy Callow, Paula Casper, Susanna Casper, Fanny Chan, Patty Cloherty, Mary McCarthy Collins, Kelly Collins, Ann Connolly, Denise Connolly, Mary Ellen Connolly, Nancy Conroy, Kelly Conroy, Barbara Conway, Jayne Costello, Catherine Costello, Maryann McLeod Crush, Meg Cummings, Ellen Cuniff, Maureen Dahill, Kathy Davis, Janice Deady-Buckley, Kristin Dearden, Paula Devlin, Elizabeth Diaz, Joan DiBlasi, Elizabeth Dillon, Haley Dillon, Caren Donovan, Kellie Donovan, Amy Donovan Matthews, Caroline Downs, Peggy Doherty, Darlene Evans, Betty Flaherty, Cheryl Flaherty, Meghan Flaherty, Shannon Flood, Marie Flynn, Ann Flynn Balducci, Ellen Fritch, Sheila Kelly, Colleen Mannion, Katelyn Wood, Gail Foley, Heather Foley, Kay Forde, Amy Frith, Kim Giangregorio, Diana Gilmartin, Donna Glynn, Giselle Gomez, Alana Greene, Ann Guttendorf, Eileen Hayes, Andrea Higgins, Denise Higgins Cohen, Valerie Hogan, Jeanne Hogan, Florence Holmes, Kathleen Holland, Michelle Hynes, Cheryl Itri, Jennifer Jackson, Catherine Jerome, Barbara Kelly, Kathy Lafferty, Ginny Lane, Dyan LaRosa, Susan Lavey, Megan Lee, Luz Leon, Katey Levin, Ellie Levin, Lorraine Linehan, Sheila Lynch, Victoria Lynch, Donna Lynch Bohan, Linda Lynch Quigley, Carol Mammoli, Debbie Markarian, Olga Markos, Rene Martin, Jenn McAuliffe, Rita McCarthy, Alexandra McEachern, Denise McDonough, Anne McGahan, Lisa Meagher, Liz Medeiros, Taryn Medico, Adrienne Michel, Nichole Mikshenas, Kristen Miller, Sheila Miller, Nancy Minucci, Gail Moran, Corey Morrissey, Sheryl Mulrean, Marian Myrvang, Cheryl O’Brien, Tara O’Brien, Barbara O’Dwyer, Peggy O’Hearn, Casey O’Leary, Karen O’Leary, Patty O’Loughlin, Dianne O’Neill, Claudia Osorio, Sharen Pacitti, Sharon Picard, Zaida Pimentel, Laura Pumphret, Donna Rans, Lee Anna Robbins, Violeta Rodriguez, Peggy Rooney, Noreen Rosher, Janet Ryan, Helen Shaughnessy, Mary Sheehan, Courtney Sheppeck, Margie Shaughnessey, Donna Souris, Jessica Souris, Cheryl Simpson, Diana Szeto, Evan Talbot, Michelle Talbot, Ronna Tobias, Carole Walsh, Mary Walsh, Beth Ward, Betty Washburn, Colleen Woods, Mary Woods, Cici Yip, & Tracey Young.



## *The Wine Guy* **Argentina's Red Standard**



One of today's fastest-growing wines, as anyone who drinks red wine might guess, is Malbec. As well, if you drink it, chances are that most of you that do have only had it from one country- Argentina. Arguably, that's understandable, as Malbec represents over 30% of the country's annual wine production. What you might not know is that it's not a wine that's native to Argentina, not even to South America and that, for hundreds of years, it wasn't even made to be had by itself.

Today, I'd like to give you a broader picture of this great red's origins, all the places it comes from

today and where you might see it in the future.

The grape is French in origin and today, can still be found in both the Bordeaux region, where it has been a "workhorse", or blending grape, used in small amounts to "top off" wine from many of the region's world-famous wines. It's also grown in the Cahors region in France's southwest and until recently, was consumed almost entirely within the country.

In the 1850's, a group of Argentinian winemakers came to Europe, looking to increase plantings in the Mendoza region, located in the foothills of the Andes. A local consultant suggested Malbec and it was brought back to the country. The hotter, drier climate, along with the higher elevation, caused the grape to thrive far more than it did in France and for over 100 years, it was the wine of choice for both Argentina and many other South American regions. Then, in the early 2000s, economies around the world began to see trouble, which caused prices to rise, including the price of wine made in Europe and the U.S. Many Americans started seeking an affordable, delicious alternative and thus, it's time had arrived.

One of the most popular Malbecs in the US market today is Bodega Norton Malbec Reserva, 2015, Argentina, (\$14.99), a perennial

crowd-pleaser, this particular Malbec shows mesmerizing inky blues and purples in the glass, with loads of dark fruit and cigar box spice on the nose. Ready to roll with red cherry, black plum, and serious spice swirled with earthy, herbal character and well-integrated tannins, this Malbec offers considerable interest for the money. Try it with any roasted or grilled red meat, as well as Lamb or Beef bourguignon.

Another popular and available wine is Kaiken Ultra Malbec, 2015 Argentina, (\$18.99). This full-throttle Malbec from the heart of Mendoza's winemaking epicenter, is made by famous Chilean winemaker, Aurelio Montes of Montes Wines. Black fruit, dark chocolate, and espresso aromas all combine on the nose, while blackberry, blueberry, and vanilla notes dance on the palate. Full-bodied, full-throttle and a big, juicy finish make this a Malbec to track down for sipping now or cellaring a few years.

Getting back to France, the Cahors region was given new life in the 1990's, when many of the top names from Bordeaux bought up many of the region's vineyards and transformed them. One of the best examples of this "new generation" of Malbec is Chateau Lamartine, Cahors, 2014, (\$19.99). Made of 90% Malbec, with a soupçon of Merlot

for finesse, this French version is definitely more structured. Deep, rich and bold, its black fruit, tobacco, graphite and earth tones give it a distinctively different nose than the Argentinian variety, while subtle oak notes, soft tannins and suitable grip will hold your interest. This French-accented Malbec offers a different tone that you'll surely remember- devilish, more mysterious, and really pleasing to the curious palate.

In Argentina's Mendoza region, the Cuyo area, though relatively small, produces some of the country's ripest, most intense wines.

Tikal Patriota, Mendoza, Cuyo, 2012, (\$19.99), is the embodiment of all that makes this place special. It's not only a Wine Spectator "Top 100 Wines" selection; it's been given 91 points by Robert Parker- no small feat! It presents a deep reddish purple with aromas of bright berry/cherry fruit and gives the impression of swallowing a whole bowl of mixed ripe berries at once. Big body, yet very balanced, with luscious layers of raspberry, cherry, and cocoa flavors. Just a hint of baking spice at the end brings it all together. This one is a natural with Prime Rib, bone-in, some yorkshire pudding and your favorite roasted vegetables. Enjoy!

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**NEXT WEEK: What's For Dessert?**

### **SB Vietnam Memorial Rededication** continued from front page

place with color guard, the raising of the colors, salutes to the fallen, guest speakers and so much more.

This year's special guest speaker will be General George Casey, US Army Chief of Staff- Retired. General Casey is a native of Hyde Park, Massachusetts. Rededication 2017 will be dedicated to the memories of South Boston's 3 Medal of Honor recipients. They are PVT. George H. Nee, PVT. Frank O. Walker and PFC. Michael J. Perkins. Their family members have been invited to the ceremony and will be recognized from the podium. Other special guests will be Medal of Honor recipients Tom Kelley and Ryan Pitts.

Among the elected officials that will be present will be Mayor Marty Walsh and Governor Charlie Baker.

Thirty-six years ago, a group of South Boston's Vietnam veterans made a promise to each other and to this community that they would forever honor the members of this neighborhood's 25 Vietnam veterans, who lost their lives in the line of duty in that war in defense of our country's freedom. They have been ever faithful in keeping that promise with the building of the South Boston Vietnam Memorial,

the nation's very first, and the rededication memorial ceremonies that have followed each and every year, since the monument was first dedicated.

Look closely at the photo accompanying this story. It was taken in 1982 when 55 South Boston Vietnam veterans made the trip to Washington DC to take part in the dedication of the nation's national Vietnam War Memorial. Washington was so impressed with the efforts of the South Boston Contingent that built the first in the country memorial dedicated to that war's fallen, that they gave them a place of honor in the line of march that day in DC. The Southie vets easily stood out among the crowd as they were the only group to be dressed in suits and ties with red carnations as the groups of vets from the rest of the country wore camouflage.

SBT asked South Boston Vietnam Memorial Committee Chairman Tom Lyons why the Southie group chose to dress in suits during on that day in DC, when so many others did not. The following was his reply: "We wanted to set the tone and show the public that this is who Vietnam veterans were. It was a time when the memory of that war still wasn't popular among some segments of the population. We were there to show the public that we were everyday citizens that were proud Americans and honored

to have served in Vietnam in defense of our nation."

Chairman Tom Lyons and the entire membership of The South Boston Vietnam Memorial Committee are true heroes and patriots. But in addition, they are men whose undying love for and loyalty to their fallen comrades is now legendary and has not diminished in the slightest as it has stood the test of time and only seems to get stronger with each passing year.

So please join them once again this year as thousands have done for more than three decades on the Second Sunday of September, this coming Sunday, to pay tribute to and honor the memories of true American heroes, who gave all in defense of America's freedom and liberty. Let's continue to show these great men on the South Boston Vietnam Memorial Committee that we as a community will continue to stand with them in keeping alive the memory of those who have sacrificed so much for all of us. To once again quote that so often repeated message on the South Boston Vietnam Memorial: "If you forget my death, then I've died in vain".

Once again: This coming Sunday, September 10th -Memorial Mass, 10:30am, St. Brigid Church immediately followed by the rededication ceremonies at 11:30am, Medal of Honor Park at M Street.



# Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
621 East First St Unit A3 Condo	\$1,485,000	6/29/17	4	2	2140
621 East First St UNIT D2 Condo	\$1,450,000	6/30/17	4	2	1855
621 East First St UNIT B5 Condo	\$1,399,000	6/30/17	4	3	1987
621 East First St UNIT A2 Condo	\$1,201,500	6/29/17	4	2	1766
623 East Second St UNIT 2 Condo	\$955,000	6/30/17	5	2.5	1412
553 East First St UNIT 1 Condo	\$872,000	6/30/17	5	3	2041
160 West Broadway UNIT PH3 Condo	\$853,000	6/30/17	5	2	1268
121 M St UNIT 3 Condo	\$840,000	6/30/17	4	2	1357
50 B St UNIT 7 Condo	\$799,000	6/30/17	4	2	1220
656 East Seventh St UNIT 2 Condo	\$750,000	6/30/17	4	2	940
540 East Broadway UNIT 3D Condo	\$732,000	6/29/17	5	2	952
868 East Fourth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$726,126	6/30/17	5	2	1004
175 West Seventh St UNIT 3 Condo	\$659,000	6/30/17	4	1	900
160 West Broadway UNIT 305 Condo	\$625,000	6/30/17	4	1	772
255 Emerson Street Single Family	\$580,000	6/30/17	6	1.5	1338
108 Emerson St UNIT 2 Condo	\$557,500	6/30/17	5	2	945
580 East Second St UNIT Condo	\$540,000	6/30/17	4	1	707
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## TRAFFIC & PARKING NOTICE

There will be no parking on Day Boulevard from I Street to Farragut Road from Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 10:00pm through Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 11:30 am.

**WHAT:** On Sunday, September 10, 2017, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will close William J. Day Boulevard in South Boston to all traffic to accommodate the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition 5K Race. All four lanes of Day Blvd will be used for the race. Traffic will be detoured to adjacent roadways: Columbia Road, Farragut Road, and Shore Road will serve as a route to Castle Island. Parking will also be prohibited along Day Boulevard.

**WHEN:** Sunday, September 10, 2017

**WHERE:** Day Boulevard will be closed from Kosciusko Circle to Farragut Road from approximately 9:00 AM to approximately 11:30 AM.

### ADDITIONAL RESIDENT PARKING

Temporary overnight parking for residents with a valid City of Boston South Boston Resident Parking Sticker will be provided at the angled parking spots located between Shore Road and the Castle Island parking lot on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 10:00 PM. This temporary parking area will be staffed and vehicles will be checked for resident parking stickers.

## Get plugged in.

Learn about proposed transmission system upgrades in South Boston.

You are invited to join us as we share information about proposed transmission system improvements at the **K Street Substation** located on the corner of K Street and East 1st Street in South Boston. These upgrades are designed to ensure that our customers have secure and reliable power to meet their energy needs.

The proposed upgrades include installing new equipment and replacing the existing fence at the substation—all while remaining on Eversource property.

Keeping the lines of communication open is an important part of our work in the community. The open house is designed to give residents an opportunity to learn more about the upgrades, ask questions, and provide comments.

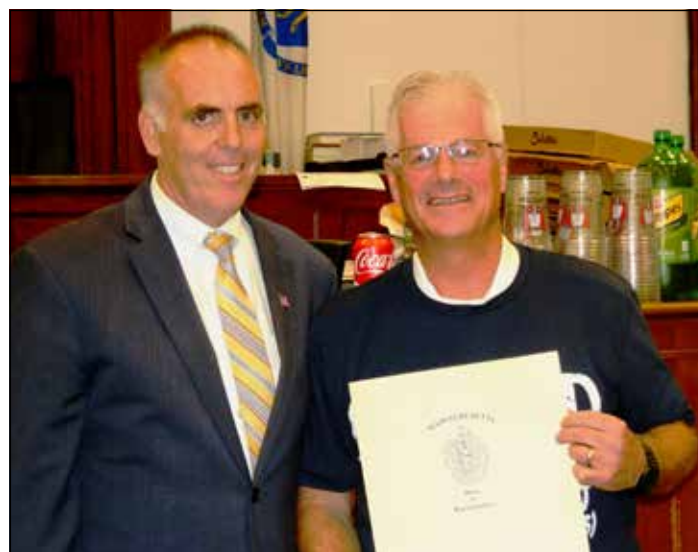
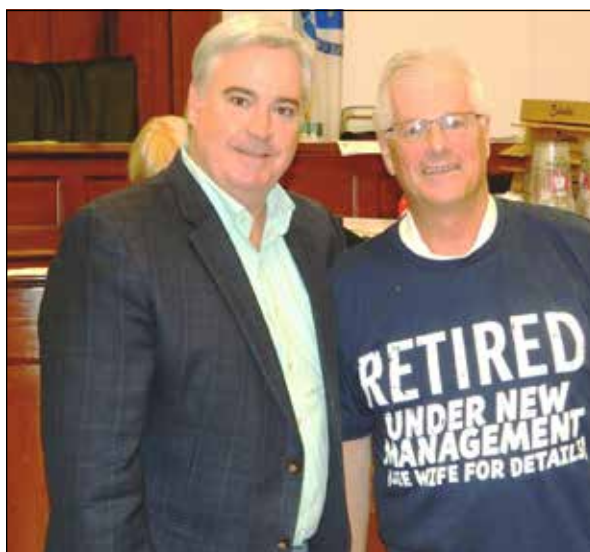
### Open House Schedule:

Wednesday, September 13, 2017  
Drop in between 6–8 p.m.  
Tynan Community Center  
650 East 4th Street, South Boston, MA 02127

For more information about this proposed project, please send an email to [TransmissionInfo@eversource.com](mailto:TransmissionInfo@eversource.com) or call 800-793-2202.

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## Joseph Casey Recognized For His Service To South Boston

After more than 30 years of service as both a Corrections Officer and most recently as Chief Court Officer in the Massachusetts Trial Court System, family, friends and co-workers celebrated with

Joe at the South Boston District Court House this past week.

Joined by Judge Michael Boldin, Clerk Magistrate Peggy Flaherty Albertson, Esq. and Chief Probation Officer Steven Siciliano, Joe happily

wore his new T-shirt and enjoyed the cake and collation. On behalf of Representative Nick Collins, Ed Flynn, a friend and fellow court system colleague, presented a citation from the MA House of

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## Joseph Casey

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Representatives acknowledging Joe's career.

It was noted that Joe Casey's presence as a

guardian of justice was a calming influence, daily, in a world fraught with the unpredictable. Managing the presence of news cameras, aggrieved victims, dangerous criminals, confused

defendants and their families and troubled youth and others. His legacy is one of professionalism and compassion in the determination of justice. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement Mr. Casey.



# AARP MA. FRAUD WATCH UPDATE

**D**id you know that someone's identity gets stolen every two seconds? The AARP Fraud Watch Network provides you with tips and resources to help you spot and avoid identity theft and fraud so you can protect yourself and your family. Our watchdog alerts will keep you up to date on con artists' latest tricks. It's free of charge for everyone: AARP members, non-members, and people of all ages.

### **The AARP Fraud Watch Network is:**

- **An Educator:** Get real-time alerts about the latest scams, tips on how to spot them, and the inside scoop on how con artists think so you can outsmart them before they strike.

- **A Watchdog:** Our nationwide scam tracking map gives you access to a network of people who've spotted scams and the opportunity to pass along your own experiences, so together we can beat con artists at their own game.

- **A Resource:** Get connected to a real live person trained in how to avoid fraud and advise you if you or a loved one has been scammed by calling our fraud hotline or attending a forum in your community.

- **Free for Everyone:** Anyone, of any age, can access our resources at no cost.

### **SCAM ALERT #1:**

Scammers across the country are

calling Social Security beneficiaries, claiming they are due a cost of living increase. They just need to verify your Social Security number and bank routing information, along with other personal information. Then, the scammers contact the real Social Security Administration to try to change your direct deposit to their bank account. If you get a call like this, hang up!

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Report scams to local law enforcement. Contact the AARP Fraud Watch Network at [www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](http://www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork) for more information on fraud prevention.

### **SCAM ALERT #2:**

Do you use a smartphone? Do you have a passcode? Over a third of all smartphone users do not take this simple security step, leaving themselves vulnerable to identity theft and fraud should their smartphone get lost or stolen. Make your password difficult to guess, avoiding a sequential string like 1-2-3-4. Use a mix of numbers and letters if your smartphone allows it.

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# Helping Those In Need

*“Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves.”*  
(Horace Mann)

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Kevin Devlin

**W**e don't comprehend how fortunate we are until we walk in another person's shoes or see or read about their plight on the breaking news. Such is the plight of our fellow Americans who have suffered from the destructive onslaught of Hurricane Harvey.

In New England, we are prepping for Indian summer. Life is certainly good, carefree. The Red Sox are in first place. The Bruins, Celtics, and the Patriots will soon be in uniform and all will be right in the universe.

But in Texas, all is not right, as the nightmare of Hurricane Harvey is replaying itself over and over again in the minds of countless Americans. I just couldn't imagine waking up and seeing the streets of our cities in Massachusetts flooded with water and people fighting for their lives.

Sadly, too many have died from the wrath of Hurricane Harvey. Untold numbers were evacuated from their homes. Thousands upon thousands are living in Red Cross shelters and at various other locations other than their homes. Reeling from the aftermath, people need water, food, a dry bed, a sense of security and safety, the necessities of life. People are worried and praying for better days. People are scared, anxious, and hoping the sun will shine once again upon their faces.

It's up to us to help out. As the saying goes, we have two hands. One is to help ourselves and the other to help others. Albert Einstein wrote that, "We are here for the sake of others...for the countless unknown souls whose fate we are connected by a bond of sympathy. Many times a day, I realize

how much my outer and inner life is built upon the labors of people, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received."

It's been said that we have not lived to the fullest until we have done something for someone who can never repay us. The unfortunate Americans who have witnessed Mother Nature's malicious behavior in the form of Hurricane Harvey will never be able to repay their debt to those who help them, so here's our chance. Open your hearts and open your wallets. Give whatever you can for this noble cause. There are numerous charities you can donate to in order to help out.

When we see our generosity shining through the dark clouds, we'll be able to hold our heads up high, and say we did the right thing for those who needed assistance while enduring such a devastating experience. The people affected, shaken to their inner core by Hurricane Harvey, will never forget your generosity, your humanity. And then someday soon they'll be able to smile once again under the warm, inviting sun.

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- Cash posting
- Delivery posting

### Job Requirements Include:

- Dependability
- Strong Communication Skills
- Positive Attitude
- Flexibility

**Job Type: Full-time**

Please email resume to [info@metroenergyboston.com](mailto:info@metroenergyboston.com) or call 617-268-4662

## Dr. Joseph P. Tynan Community Center Council INC.

### Job Opening

**Job Title:** Program Director

**Program Name:** "Catch Kids Club" After School program (grades 3-8th)

**Hours/Funding Source: Max:** 15Hrs hours per week – Monday –Friday 3pm-6pm  
**GRANT FUNDED**

**Responsibilities:** Under the supervision of the BCYF Tynan Administrative Coordinator, Tynan Council, the candidate will:

- Assist in the recruitment and enrollment of program participants.
- Coordinate Educational Program Activities, develop curriculum for children.
- Provide general academic assistance and guide educational enrichment activities
- Deliver educational, social and on program and facility calendar
- Attend scheduled trainings and meetings as part of required professional development
- Tracking Attendance, Recording Financial Transactions, monitoring budget and preparing financial reports to recreational activities based Administrative Staff
- Manage, maintaining and updating participant files
- Communicate with Administrative and Program Staff regarding case management needs, program reports, meeting projected outcomes
- Other duties may be assigned based on Operational Needs

### Qualifications:

- Must be age 21 or older
- Must have a minimum of high school diploma/ GED - advanced education is a preferred qualification
- CORI/SORI Background Check is required
- At least 3 years' experience working in a supervisory capacity within educational and/or recreational structured program
- Excellent Communication skills

**If Interested in Position please drop off Resume to the BCYF TYNAN located at 650 east fourth street South Boston Ma. 02127**

In compliance with Federal and State Equal Employment Laws, Equal opportunity will be afforded to all applicants regardless of race, color, sex, age, religious creed, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, ex-offender status, prior psychiatric treatment or military status.





## SOCCER PARADE TONIGHT AT THE STADIUM

**T**onight, Thursday, September 7th at 6:00 p.m., the South Boston Youth Soccer League will be holding its annual “Parade of Champions” at Moakley Park in the Paul Saunders Stadium. This is the official kickoff for the fall season in which over 700 of Southie’s finest – its kids – will participate in a fun-filled opening night parade.

Coaches, don’t forget to have signs with the team name and sponsors name on them, and remember to dress the kids in costumes that

go with the sponsors name. City Councilor Billy Linehan will be the Master of Ceremonies and he will provide all of us with a fun-filled night of merriment with his wit.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will be providing the marching music for the kids. The Boston Police Honor Guard will lead the slowest parade in town, as they lead the kids on their route around the track. Some of the officers have been involved with this parade for over 33 years and tell

me that this is the one event they look forward to every year where they get to be right up close with all the kids. All players should be at the stadium by 5:30 and line up with their team for the start of the parade. Look for the age group and team number on the signs on the fence outside the stadium.

Any player who registered but has not been contacted by a coach and does not know their team should go to the clubhouse at 4:30pm, where an information table has been set

up. Please do not come down on the night of the parade to register your child, as we will not be taking any applications at all. Coaches should be at the clubhouse at 5:00 pm to pick up their jerseys and line up with their teams and have their team sign all set and with great costumes on the kids.

So if you want to have some fun and cheer on the kids then make it a point to be at the stadium Thursday September 7th at 6:00 pm for the “PARADE OF CHAMPIONS”.



## September Events at the South Boston Branch Library

### *Fall in Love with Books Sale (South Boston Street Festival)*

**S**aturday, September 16, 2017,  
10am – 3pm

South Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library, 646 East Broadway, South Boston, MA 02127

Fall in love with books! Fall is the perfect time to renew your love of reading by stocking up on books for the cooler months at a book lovers’ sale presented by the Friends of the South Boston Branch Library. Come and browse our wide selection of hardcovers, paperbacks, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks for adults and children, available at low, low prices. All book sale proceeds benefit the South Boston Branch Library. We welcome your support.

Want to become more involved in the library?

#### *Here are some ways:*

1. Join the Friends of the South Boston Branch Library. Complete a simple form found on our Facebook page and at the Circulation desk at the Library
2. Friend us on Facebook: South Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library or Friends of the South Boston Branch Library
3. Support our book sales
4. Donate your gently used books and CD’s to our sales

*The South Boston Branch Library provides to everyone from toddler to adult!*

### TYNAN COUNCIL

## “Catch Kids Club”

COORDINATED APPROACH TO CHILD HEALTH

## FOR GRADES 3-8

SPECIAL EVENTS, ACADEMIC SUPPORT, SPORTS

The after school program will run from 3pm – 6pm, Monday through Friday including all school vacation weeks. Starting in September and running until the last full day of school in June.

**The cost: \$30.00 per week,  
\$20 for second child. (checks/  
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D Team touchdown!



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E Team Cheer – Go girls!



C Team



C Team

## South Boston Pop Warner Pep Rally – Friday, September 8th

Friday, September 8th at 7:00 PM will be our annual Pop Warner Pep Rally at the Pop Warner field. At the pep rally, each player and cheerleader will be introduced to the community for all their hard work that they put in during summer camp. The cheerleaders and players

have been practicing since August 1st.

This season marks our 20th season. Following the Pep Rally, our F teams which consists of 5 & 6 year olds, will play their first game. And the F cheer leaders will be cheering the F players on. So please come out

and support the boys and girls of our community.

On Labor Day, we started the 20th season against Dedham. Our C team had a hard fought game and came up short 6-2. Our D team came out strong and fast against Dedham. The D team played well and won 26-2. The last game of the

day was our E team which played against a very good North Attleboro team. North Attleboro won 27-6.

On Sunday, September 10th our teams will be away. Our E team will be traveling to Attleboro and our C & D teams will be traveling to Braintree. Here's the schedule for this weekend.

Date	Team	Day	Location	Time	Field
9/10/17	E	Sunday	South Boston @ Attleboro	11:30 AM	Attleboro HS
9/10/17	C	Sunday	South Boston @ Braintree	12:00 PM	Braintree HS
9/10/17	D	Sunday	South Boston @ Braintree	1:30 PM	Braintree HS

*Note the E game time has been changed from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM*



## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR MAYOR'S CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT

held on the weekends of October 21 - 22 and October 28 - 29 at Moakley Park in South Boston.

The Mayor's Cup Soccer Tournament offers local youth soccer programs the opportunity to compete against each other for the right to be called the best soccer team in Boston. Reflecting changes implemented by US Youth Soccer, divisions are now grouped by grade and age. This year's age/grade groupings are: Grades 3/4 (U10),

Grades 5 /6 (U12), and Grades 7/8 (U14) with boys' and girls' divisions for each age/grade grouping.

Coaches may register their teams online at: <http://tinyurl.com/2017MayorsCupSoccer>. Registration is open now through Friday, October 13. For more information about the Mayor's Cup Soccer Tournament, please contact Woodley Auguste at [woodley.auguste@boston.gov](mailto:woodley.auguste@boston.gov) or call (617) 961-3084.

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department have announced that registration is now open for the 2017 Mayor's Cup Soccer Tournament. This year, the Mayor's Cup Soccer Tournament will be





*This week, Danny gave his 2017 NFL season and playoff predictions:*

## AFC

### AFC East: New England Patriots (13-3)

-The reigning, defending Super Bowl champs will have to find a way to win without Julian Edelman on the offensive end, and without Rob Ninkovich on the defensive end. But with all due respect to those two veteran players, I don't think there's anyone out there who believes the Pats won't win the division without them. I'll take the Patriots to win 13 games, which will be the most in the AFC.

### AFC North: Pittsburgh Steelers (11-5)

-Ben Roethlisberger teased us with a potential retirement after losing to the Patriots in the AFC Championship Game last year. But he's back for another season, and the Steelers will be good enough to win 11 games once again, and win a division that is anything but interesting heading into the 2017 season.

### AFC South: Tennessee Titans (10-6)

-The 9-7 Titans just barely missed out on the playoffs last year, losing the "division record" tiebreaker to the 9-7 Houston Texans. Expect Marcus Mariota to have a big year, and lead Tennessee to a 10-win season and its first division title since 2008.

### AFC West: Oakland Raiders (12-4)

-Derek Carr's injury late last season left everybody in the NFL wondering "what could have been" for Oakland. I expect the Raiders to be

just as good this season, and 12 wins for the second straight year should be good enough to take the AFC West crown.

### AFC Wild Cards: Kansas City Chiefs (11-5), Indianapolis Colts (9-7)

-Kansas City should be a bonafide No. 5 seed in the AFC, come playoff time. But the fact that I'm putting the Colts in the tournament just goes to show you how bad the conference is. Andrew Luck is still not healthy to begin the season, but if he does return at some point in the first few weeks, I'm not ruling out that they could put together a 9-7 season and win some type of tiebreaker to get in as the No. 6 seed. But let's be honest, that final wild card spot will most certainly be up for grabs.

## NFC

### NFC East: Philadelphia Eagles (10-6)

-As I write this, Ezekiel Elliott's six-game suspension has reportedly been upheld. So, functioning with the mindset that one of the best young running backs in the league will miss significant time, I'm officially declaring an open competition for the NFC East. And I do believe Eagles second-year quarterback Carson Wentz has an opportunity -- with a couple new offensive weapons -- to make that necessary second-year leap to get Philadelphia back to the playoffs for the first time since 2013.

### NFC North: Green Bay Packers (12-4)

-Not sure how you can bet against Green Bay here. The Packers have won the North five of the last six years. And with Aaron Rodgers coming off a 40-touchdown season in which he led his team to the NFC Championship, Green Bay has the third-best odds in Vegas to win the Super Bowl. If they can survive the first two weeks of the season against Seattle and Atlanta, then I don't see how the Packers don't win 12 games.

### NFC South: Atlanta Falcons (13-3)

-There are some who believe that the Falcons' devastating loss to the Patriots in the Super Bowl will somehow linger into this season. It might have an effect on them, mentally, when they travel to New England in Week 7. But other than that, I think the Falcons will actually win more games than they did last year. Put them down for 13 wins and the No. 1 seed in the NFC.

### NFC West: Seattle Seahawks (11-5)

-The Seahawks took the West last year with just 10 wins. It marked the third time in the last four years that they won the division. Vegas gives them the second-best odds to win the Super Bowl. And with their schedule fairly favorable, I'm giving them 11 wins. Nobody wants to play in Seattle. And until that changes, I won't bet against the Seahawks to win this division.

### NFC Wild Cards: Arizona Cardinals (10-6), Carolina Panthers (10-6)

-These might be unpopular picks for

all the NFL experts out there. But I feel both teams are going to have serious bounce-back years. After advancing to the NFC Championship two years ago, Arizona finished with just seven wins last season. But their pass defense is still top-five in the NFL, so if Carson Palmer and David Johnson can stay healthy, the Cardinals should be able to get into the playoffs. And after losing in the Super Bowl two years ago, Carolina won just six games last season. There's no way Cam Newton doesn't figure things out in 2017.

## --NFL PLAYOFFS--

### AFC WILD CARD ROUND:

-(3) Pittsburgh Steelers over (6) Indianapolis Colts

-(4) Tennessee Titans over (5) Kansas City Chiefs

### NFC WILD CARD ROUND:

-(3) Seattle Seahawks over (6) Carolina Panthers

-(5) Arizona Cardinals over (4) Philadelphia Eagles

### AFC DIVISIONAL ROUND:

-(1) New England Patriots over (4) Tennessee Titans

-(2) Oakland Raiders over (3) Pittsburgh Steelers

### NFC DIVISIONAL ROUND:

-(1) Atlanta Falcons over (5) Arizona Cardinals

-(3) Seattle Seahawks over (2) Green Bay Packers

### AFC CHAMPIONSHIP:

-(1) New England Patriots over (2) Oakland Raiders

### NFC CHAMPIONSHIP:

-(3) Seattle Seahawks over (1) Atlanta Falcons

## SUPER BOWL LII:

-New England Patriots over Seattle Seahawks

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