National Grid Gets Approval to Increase Electric Rates

National Grid plans to raise its electricity rates for the November-April season by 37 percent from a year ago. That’s an extra $33 on the typical household’s bill of $88. This is on top of the 20-percent increase last year. NStar doesn’t file for another month, but its customers will likely see their bills go up as well.

As pointed out by Jon Chesto of the Boston Business Journal, “to some extent, the natural gas market across the country is at the mercy of the infamous “polar vortex” that plunged...”

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SBT Staff Report

The foresight of our nation’s founders has been demonstrated many times in our history. They created a document with the ability to expand and adapt to future changes while remaining faithful to the foundation’s principles. They foresaw a time when government was either unable or unwilling to protect its citizens. To counter this danger they created the 2nd amendment, the right to keep and bear arms. That the government can’t be everywhere and stop all crime is normal.

There have been a number of ‘Jihadi’ murders in the past few weeks that have gone basically unreported. Do you know about the ‘Jihadi’ killings in Washington State three weeks ago by a confessed ‘Jihadi’? Or, the one in Chicago?

The Founders were wise enough to put in protection for just this situation. As their descendants, let’s be wise enough to use these protections. Remember, it is better to have a gun and not need it than to need it and not have one.

“Autumn carries more gold in it’s pockets than all the other seasons” - James Bishop
Did you enjoy all the news reports about the anti-Climate Change/Global Warming march in New York City last week? Many of us sure did. If you are a regular reader of this column, you know that the “Global Warming” fanatics are often a source of much amusement here. It’s not just because there is skepticism regarding the issue because there is. But, think about it. Some of the most ardent disciples preaching what they still insist is the approaching doom of the earth because of manmade activities, refuse to allow any further debate on the subject. “It’s settled science, all debate must cease” they demand. If these people were confident in their position, they would welcome debate, because they would have all the answers. But it’s the hypocrisy of some of these disciples that actually becomes comical and encourages some of us to laugh.

The march in New York drew thousands. And while most of them may have been sincere in their beliefs, they are only too eager to ignore the actions of their leaders; particularly their god and mouth piece Al Gore. Gore was in fact in attendance at the rally and is always preaching that the automobile is one of the biggest polluters and dangers to the planet, pleading for all people to change their lifestyles and stop using so much energy, especially fossil fuels. But then the embarrassing facts came out soon thereafter, such as he was shuttled to and from the rally in a huge SUV and arrived at the airport in his gas guzzling private jet that he flies all over the world in. And, of course, there is the Gore mansion in Tennessee. The place uses more than 20 times the energy than the average American family’s home. When this finally made the news, he reluctantly had a few solar panels put on the roof to try to silence his critics. Yet, he gets wild applause from his robot like worshippers. In addition to all the avowed Communist and Socialist organizations represented among the crowd that day, also in attendance was Robert F Kennedy Jr, another advocate for the cause, who always says that people must learn to do without cell phones and give up driving their cars for the goal of saving the earth. But when asked point blank on film by a reporter if he planned to go without his cell phone or stop driving his car, he straight out said no and became irritated that he was asked such a question. And, of course, there were the usual Hollywood phonies in the procession that also fly around the world on their own luxury jets. Yet, they took time out of their busy, all important lives to be among the marchers long enough to scold the rest of us about the shameful polluting lifestyles we live, before boarding their own private planes to get back to their own fossil fuel burning mansions. Seeing this display of fakes, frauds and hypocrites parading around the streets of New York City with their holier than thou, condescending attitudes, and listening to them instruct everyone else on how to live their lives, the logical question to ask is why. Why does anyone even pay attention to these people? The answer is that fewer people every day actually do. Their Climate Change March and Rally was pretty
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.

ALLSTON PLANS INCLUDE NEW STATION, PIKE CHANGES, DEVELOPMENT

A combination of public and private financing will pay for the $25 million West Station at an old freight yard in Allston, creating train links to Worcester, North and South stations and possibly Kendall Square in Cambridge, state officials announced Tuesday. The station will supplement a $260 million plan to demolish toll ramps and straighten the Massachusetts Turnpike in Allston, freeing up some 50 to 60 acres of land by the Charles River for development. Harvard University, which owns the land, is funding about a third of the $25 million project, another third will come from the state, and officials are “pretty close” to a commitment for the third leg of the $25 million in funding, Transportation Secretary Richard Davey told reporters. “We’re going to have complete streets here,” said Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, overlooking the expanse. “We’re going to have bicyclists; we’re going to have walkers; we’re going to have pedestrians; we’re going to have cars - all to be able to co-exist on roadways that we’re able to make safe.”

Diesel-multiple-units, which Davey said are “subway-like trains running on commuter rail,” could carry passengers from West Station over what are now seldom-used tracks into Kendall Square. Patrick said the trains could potentially go further. “There is a potential to go on from Kendall Square all the way to Assembly Square, using the DMUs. It’s a great opportunity,” Patrick said. The project will also create a pedestrian link between neighborhoods long separated by the train and then the Turnpike. SHNS - By Andy Metzger

WAIT CONTINUES FOR FINAL FY ’14 SPENDING BILL

Massachusetts lawmakers won’t meet Senate President Therese Murray’s target date of late September to pass a final fiscal 2014 budget. The House and Senate adjourned Monday after sessions that lasted less than 30 minutes, much like the other twice-weekly informal sessions they’ve been holding since formal sessions ended for the year on the night of July 31. Gov. Deval Patrick in July proposed a final fiscal 2014 supplemental budget adding to the more than $34 billion authorized in the original spending plan. In addition to using $667 million in one-time revenues, the original spending plan relied on $161 million in revenues from a computer services tax that was repealed shortly after it was approved. In March, Patrick signed a $280 million supplemental budget and in late May he approved a $145 million “supp” budget. On July 11, shortly after fiscal 2014 ended, Patrick filed a $41 million supplemental budget that included $32 million for final snow and ice removal costs. On the revenue side, the state collected $23.37 billion in taxes during fiscal 2014, a 5.6 percent increase over fiscal 2013 and nearly $575 million more than the tax revenue assumption used to assemble the fiscal ’14 budget. It’s unclear how the unanticipated tax collections and spending have balanced out. Patrick administration budget and financial officials were unable to offer an estimate of how much money might be available for lawmakers drafting a final supplemental budget. The $36.5 billion fiscal 2015 budget provides that $57.5 million of a projected fiscal 2014 surplus shall be allocated to the Massachusetts Life Sciences Investment Fund ($25 million), the Mass. Community Preservation Trust Fund ($25 million) and the Social Innovation Financing Trust Fund ($7.5 million). - M. Norton/SHNS

FLU VACCINE SUIT SPARKS CRITICISM FROM HOSPITAL GROUP

On the heels of a long battle over nurse staffing ratios, the Massachusetts Hospital Association and Massachusetts Nurses Association are mixing it up over mandatory flu vaccine for health care workers. The hospital trade group in its Monday Report criticized the nurses group for filing a Superior Court lawsuit last week against Brigham and Women’s Hospital attempting to stop the hospital’s plan to mandate flu vaccinations. The nurses group says the policy at the hospital violates state rules that forbid mandated vaccinations and would subject a nurse to discipline “up to and including termination for refusing the vaccine.” The nurses group says many nurses have had “severe reactions” to the vaccine, which the organization calls “at best an educated guess” that’s between 50 and 60 percent effective “with no guarantee of preventing a specific flu.” The MHA supports legislation requiring mandatory flu vaccines for health care workers in hospitals. “It is disappointing that this particular union’s leadership is standing in the way of protecting the patients they serve, their families, visitors to the hospital, and their other colleagues,” MHA President and CEO Lynn Nicholas said in the group’s Monday Report. Citing state data, the MHA said 31 of 75 acute care hospitals in Massachusetts vaccinated 90 percent or more of their health care

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When is the other shoe going to drop? The most divisive and borderline corrupt Attorney General in history is not going to just fade into the sunset. Not since John Mitchell, the Attorney General under Richard Nixon, has the Justice Department been used as a political enforcer for those on the President’s “Enemies List”.

In the course of the nation’s history, it is possible that we have had an AG with the “Stars and Bars” flag of the confederacy or the hood of the KKK secretly in their closet, but never so openly has an AG allowed personal racial bias to determine the enforcement of the law.

Eric Holder earned his job. He ‘made his bones’, so to speak, by arranging for President Bill Clinton to pardon Marc Rich as his last act in office. Holder was the Justice Department attorney handling the case. Marc Rich was the largest tax cheat in America during the Clinton administration. He was also the largest individual donor to the Democratic Party. He has fled to Switzerland as a fugitive until pardoned.

After receiving his payoff with his appointment as AG, the Justice Department engaged in the infamous “Fast And Furious” operation. The true object of that operation was apparently to ramp up a movement to seek changes in our 2nd Amendment by flooding Mexico with weapons that would find their way back into America. The desire was to create a false climate of gun violence that the administration could use for political purposes.

Unfortunately, the obvious happened and a border patrol office was killed on our border by one of these weapons.

The case that instantly exposed Holder’s racism was the Philadelphia Incident where two Black Panther members, in full military garb including jackboots and night sticks, were video and audio taped in front of a Philadelphia voting precinct, threatening and harassing voters. Despite national media exposing the film, Holder refused to take any action. A Justice Department ‘whistle-blower’ testified before Congress that Holder specifically stated to Department attorneys that under his administration there was no such thing as a “black civil rights violation”, which was one of the reasons that the whistle-blower came forward.

As we know, he refused to investigate Lois Lerner and the IRS. He refused to investigate the VA Hospital scandal. Benghazi being investigated by the Justice Department is like planning to hit PowerBall. We can however be grateful for the one truth that Holder re-affirmed – that equality has truly reached all segments and levels of American Society. He has shown that a black politician can be every bit as prejudiced, criminal-like and discriminatory as a white politician.

His replacement, we can be sure, will be wearing the same blinders and carry the same racism as Holder. The appointing authority must change. This election may be our last chance. 2016 might be too late. 

Take care till next week.
It was just a few months back that many South Bostonians awoke to find that a vandal(s) had cut down 5 beautiful trees on the ‘Greenie’ across from the beach near M Street. These were young, strong, still growing trees that added much to the scenery in the area. The act outraged many locals, because there was just no rhyme or reason, except perhaps selfish reasons, to do something like this. It’s believed that the perpetrator of this act was not the brightest and perhaps not all that strong physically since the hand saw used in the tree cutting was still embedded in one of the downed tree’s stumps, which could indicate that the vandal was either too weak to retrieve the saw, too dumb to realize it could be tested for fingerprints and DNA or maybe both.

But, even though the saw was retrieved, the tree killer has not (yet) been brought to justice, but there is always hope that someday that justice will be done. Fast forward to the present and the good news is that there are now five brand new trees that have been planted at the location.

The new trees, according to spokespeople from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) are called ‘Greenspire Lindens’. They are flexible so they will be able to withstand high winds that often blow in off the water and have no problem surviving all kinds of severe weather. Unfortunately, as rugged as they are, they are not vandal proof so hopefully neighbors will keep their eyes open for any attempt to harm or cut them. This would be certainly a case where ‘dropping a dime’ would be appreciated. Some may want to step in physically and stop any would be vandals caught in the act (a personal choice of course).

These new trees will also be a wonderful sight to behold, when they mature. Greenspire Lindens are slender with upturned branches. The crown will be thick with a conical outline. According to DCR, in early summer they will sprout small yellow, fragrant flowers and green leaves in peak summer, which will turn yellow in autumn.

Neighbors say that it will be good to have new trees in the area, which was left bare by the uncaring, childish acts of one or more people last June. And everyone can all look forward to watching South Boston’s new trees grow over the coming years.
SPEAKER ROBERT DELEO HONORED BY THE GAVIN FOUNDATION

On Friday September 19 at its annual Recovery Month Celebration, the Gavin Foundation honored House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop) with the “Recovery Community Impact Award” for his leadership on substance abuse prevention and treatment.

As 188th General Court came to a close, Speaker DeLeo led the charge in passing groundbreaking legislation mandating that all health insurers in Massachusetts cover substance abuse treatment for patients for 14 days. Prior to that mandate, such treatment was left to the discretion of insurers as coverage was not required under state law.

“Being recognized by the Gavin Foundation was a tremendous honor and a testament to the substantial gains the Legislature has made to improve care for those confronting addiction,” said Speaker DeLeo who has made support for mental health and substance abuse a key cornerstone of his agenda since being elected House Speaker. “This progress would not have been possible without the advocacy of the brave individuals grappling with substance abuse and the providers supporting them. Our work is just beginning, and I vow vigilance and responsiveness as we extend our efforts.”

Gavin Foundation President and CEO John McGahan noted that “legislation passed under Speaker DeLeo’s leadership is going to have profound impact on the treatment system for individuals and families struggling with addiction. The actions taken by our legislators show they are serious about addressing the opiate epidemic with compassionate and cost effective policies.”

Under the Speaker’s leadership, the Legislature has also recently:

• increased funding for substance abuse treatment programs like the Gavin Foundation, the South Boston Collaborative Center, and the Answer House;
• increased the maximum sentence for heroin trafficking in the state from 20 to 30 years;
• made mandatory a prescription drug monitoring program for anyone with the authority to write prescriptions in the Commonwealth and patients seeking prescription drugs. The program is managed by the Department of Public Health; and
• created an oversight mechanism to rate and monitor sober homes

Rep. Nick Collins, who worked with Speaker DeLeo on 14 day coverage bill this legislative session and the mandatory prescription drug monitoring bill last session, praised the Speaker’s efforts to combat substance abuse throughout the Commonwealth.

“When I joined the House almost four years ago, it was clear that a big part of the Speaker’s agenda was my agenda—focusing on improving state funding and policies for substance abuse prevention, intervention and treatment,” said Rep. Collins. “Speaker DeLeo has been a great ally to South Boston and the entire Commonwealth in this area because he knows that the opiate epidemic knows no boundaries and that a holistic approach is necessary to eradicate it.”

South Boston Leadership Initiative Announces Fall Programming

The South Boston Leadership Initiative is proud to announce four Fall programs that will begin next week: Youth Fitness and Nutrition, Public Speaking, Creative Writing, and ISEE Test Prep. Each program is free and open to any resident or student of South Boston. There are certain age restrictions tailored for each program, but in the coming weeks and months we will be expanding programs for every age group between 12-18 years old. In addition to these four programs that will be up and running into mid-December, we will be focusing on getting high school students involved in January with a ‘Career Skills 101’ class, as well as an SAT Prep Course for those taking the SAT Exam in the Spring. These programs are organized in conjunction with the South Boston Health Center.

For more detailed information and to sign up, please visit www.SouthBostonLeadership.org.
Real Estate Values Run The Gamut

Boston Globe Report

Boston-area home values declined 0.9 percent between June and July on a seasonally adjusted basis, according to the S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Indices. However, Boston-area home values were up 5.7 percent between July 2013 and July 2014, according to the indices.

The indices track repeat home sales around the United States, and for its July report, out Tuesday morning, the indices found “a significant slowdown in price increases” nationwide. Greater Boston is one of 20 US real estate markets tracked by the indices.

A Tuesday S&P/Case-Shiller press release included a statement from David M. Blitzer, chairman of the Index Committee at S&P Dow Jones Indices. Commenting from a national perspective, Blitzer said: “The broad-based deceleration in home prices continued in the most recent data. However, home prices continue to rise at two to three times the rate of inflation. The slower pace of home price appreciation is consistent with most of the other housing data on housing starts and home sales. The rise in August new home sales ---which are not covered by the S&P/Case-Shiller indices --- is a welcome exception to recent trends.”

The Boston-based Warren Group tracks residential real estate activity in Massachusetts.

In a Sept. 23 press release, the Warren Group noted that the median price of a Massachusetts single-family home increased by almost 2 percent in August, on a year-to-year comparison basis, to $349,000. By its measures, the Massachusetts median sales price has increased each month year-over-year since October 2012, the Warren Group said.
## Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

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In December, 2013, the Cuba Tour Group, Mango, joined a Coolidge Corner Theater tour group and traveled on one of its trips to Havana, Cuba. Our exposure to Cuban culture unfolded streets and structures of ruin and decay commingling with small pockets of beautiful and artful restorations, the past and present in constant collision. Heightening this dynamic we uncovered the real meaning of the “People to People” visit, as the visa to Cuba is called. Our encounter with artists of all kinds and others, all who embody the spirit, inventiveness, kindness and expressiveness of those who have little, yet invest so much of themselves in whatever they undertake.

Our group really took this message to heart when we visited Cuba’s Institute of Art, the Escuela Nacional de Bellas Artes San Alejandro. It is the only academy through which Cuba’s most talented visual artists can study to earn a state sanctioned degree in fine arts, the ultimate pedigree for any artist which wants his or her art to be exhibited and collected. Yet, this prestigious academy and its extremely talented and eager young students had only minimal resources. The building itself was in serious decay. We saw workmen trying to make repairs without tools and we saw the most beautiful student drawings on display that had been done on pages torn from books. As a result, our group decided to adopt this school as our “People to People” project. The purpose of exhibit is to raise awareness and funds to help purchase tools and materials from donations as well as monies from the sale of photographs and artwork contributed by the members of our group. Please join us to support the Cuban young artists. Donations to be made out to “Mango Arts Education Inc.” and mailed to 516 E 2nd St, South Boston, MA 02127.
This past week, incorporating the fundamentals of a S.T.E.M. curriculum that expands the knowledge of our students, the fifth grade conducted an experiment to better understand the scientific method.

In order to solve a problem, we must first ask a question. Our question was: how can we make a bridge out of the available materials that will hold the weight of our science book over a span of 50 centimeters? Each of us made a plan and got to work experimenting with wooden popsicle sticks, straws, index cards, tape, glue, and string. Then we got to work building our bridges.

At the end of the week, we tested our bridges. Some worked well and some didn’t. But Science is about exploring, experimenting and learning. It’s about the journey and this was a fun and informative journey to be on.

St Peter Academy, an independent private school, is celebrating 10 years of service to the community. It is South Boston’s only Pre-K through Grade 8 School. Class size is limited to 20 students which is ideal for creating a nurturing environment filled with interactive learning opportunities. They are located at 371 West Fourth Street – To learn more about their programs or to schedule a private tour, please contact Ms. Doreen Brown at 617-268-0750.
46 YEAR OLD HOCKEY GOALTENDER GOES TO CAMP

This is part 1 of 4 articles

I have been a hockey goaltender for a long time. In fact, I recently figured out that this is my thirty-third year of playing organized ice hockey. This lengthy career includes my time playing goal in the South Boston Youth Hockey League (1981-1982), South Boston High (1983-86), Wentworth Institute of Technology (1995-1997), and my current league, the New England Senior Hockey League (1984-present). During this span I have been a part of many championship teams, have collected individual awards, set an NCCA collegiate record for most saves in a game (74), and even had an appearance in Sports Illustrated’s “Faces in the Crowd”. For the most part, my success in playing the position centered on my quickness, athleticism, and confidence.

However, after joining a new team (Bar Down) in the summer of 2013, in one of the top divisions in the NESHL, I began to think that the demands of the position and the quick pace of play may have been a bit too much for me. I had set high expectations on myself but the results weren’t there – folks, I was struggling and allowing too many goals. With each “soft goal” allowed and with the losses piling up, frustration was setting in and I was letting the team down. Before removing myself from the team I decided that attending a goalie camp might be worth the time and money.

After a bit of research on the internet, I stumbled on a camp that was just a few weeks away from starting. It was in Cincinnati, Ohio and was put on by the goalie coach for the Nashville Predators, Mitch Korn. After reading through the camp details listed on the brochure, I was reeled in with this one line, ‘What you do is important, not what the goalie next to you does.’ I picked up the phone and dialed the number on the brochure. “Hi, I’m calling about the goalie camp you are offering in Cincinnati.” Korn on the other end of the phone replied, “Oh great, we have one spot open.” Assuming it was for my son or daughter, Korn then asked the age of the goalie. I chuckled and replied, “I’m the one attending the camp and I’m 46. I played in college years ago and have seemed to have lost my way.” The man who coached possibly the greatest goalie of all time, Domenic Hasek, replied “Oh, Ok. We usually have one adult in the group and in the Cincinnati camp, you’ll be the one.” I then made my payment and began making travel plans to get myself to the camp.

In a word, the camp experience was awesome! I learned so much about the position and all of the changes that have occurred since the last time I had a goalie coach (Pete Oshana at Wentworth Institute). With this new found wealth of information, I returned to Boston eager to get back on the ice and try some of these learned methods in an actual game. However, before doing so I would take a trip to “Play It Again Sports” in Stoneham to upgrade my aging goalie equipment. However, dropping a pretty penny on some slightly used Vaughn equipment, I was ready.

Unfortunately, the results didn’t come as quickly as I wanted them...
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other great weekend with amazing weather. Mother Nature is being so kind. Hope she keeps up the good work. Seems like everyone is enjoying themselves at the games.

Reminders: NO SMOKING ON THE SIDELINES OR ON THE FIELD/ NO DOGS....

COACHES:
Remember it is important to turn in score sheets by Monday. For the coaches who have the last game in the Under 8 Division on Sunday, please remember to put the equipment away. Also make sure there is no parent or children (that are not playing the game) near the nets during the game. It is a distraction for the goalie.

PARENTS: All parents should be on one side of the field and the players on the opposite side. The reason is that your child will stay with their team and coaches and will not wander off.

Please remember that all players (no matter what age) and coaches must turn in a concussion certificate. In order to receive your certificate you can logon to: http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/training/headsupconcussion.html.

For children ages 3 to 10 years old you can access another site http://brain101.orcasinc/5000/.com. It is a cartoon site and should hold their attention. After you have gone through this info you can go to the other site (see above) and fill out the info saying you and your child have completed this class.

SNACK BAR: Please patronize the snack bar.

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UNDER 4 DIVISIONS:
At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Congressman Stephen Lynch, Sullivan’s Castle Island, John Hancock Insurance, Councilor Bill Linehan, Massport, P.A.L., Jim Cahill Club and South Boston Today.

UNDER 6 DIVISION:
MINIONS
GREEN FLASH
The Red Hot Minions sponsored by the Boston Firefighters Credit Union kicked in one better than their opponent for the victory. Jack Hynes scored all three goals. Isabel Sheppeck and Jake Greeley were as fast as lightning on offense. Sean Costello played solid defense and helped the goalie protect the net. Finn Manning and Jasmine Campbell played an excellent all-around game. The Green Flash sponsored by J. F. O’Brien & Sons kept the game within reach but just came up short with single goals by Zaylah Barros and Estelle Corbit. Gavinn Eckman, Drew Dirstine, Noelle Haddad and Zion Sequeira played an outstanding game.

SHAMROCKS
BLUE DRAGONS
The Shamrocks sponsored by Councilor Michael Flaherty kept their lucky streak going as they took game #4 of the season with four goals by Albin Valdez and a single goal by Michael Greene. Amazing goaltending shown by Jakob, Trace, Jack, Ian and Gavin. Sophie had some nice turnarounds on defense. Tight offense played by Trace, Albin, Jack, Lindsay and Nora. Tiara stayed on the opponents and made some sweet plays. Exemplary teamwork shown by Angel and Dylan. The Blue Dragons sponsored by Metro Energy had their lone goal kicked in by Bobby Rehm. Gerard Gleason and Anthony Fralliccardi were the MVP’s for their team. At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by the Martin F. McDonough Post Women’s Auxiliary and Mt. Washington Bank.

UNDER 8 DIVISION:
KILLER BEES
PINK PANthers
The Killer Bees sponsored by Billy Flaherty’s Gang beat out their opponent when Mario Blasi scored three goals. Iris Gjoka, Katie Kelly and Aiden Martin played awesome on offense. Gisele Phaneuf-Dimanche and James Brothers were dazzling on the defense and Derek Austin played a super game as goal tender. The Pink Panthers sponsored by Joe Pace & Sons played an outstanding game. All the players did a great job. At the time of print no score sheets were available for Lucky Clovers sponsored by Boston Home Inspectors and the Secret Agents sponsored by Boston Home Inspectors.

UNDER 10 DIVISION:
SHARKS 4
LEMONHEADS 2
The Sharks sponsored by Eastern Bank played a super game. All the players did a terrific job to be victorious this week. The Lemons-sponsored by Stapleton Florist had goals scored by Christian Sintron and Patrick Harmon. Megan Harrison, Molly Walsh, Sophia Lange, Ryan Leary, Lyllie Austin, Madison Anastas, Nicholas Jacobs, Jake Swartz and Jarrod Williams all turned in a super performance.

STINGERS 2
O’CONNELL INS.
The Stingers sponsored by the Michael J. Perkins A.L. Post #67 beat out their opponent this week when Dylan Picard scored a goal assisted by Dante Sheppard and Joseph Greene scored a goal assisted by Jack Keeneally. Jack Downey, Keane Manning, Alexandria Davis and Kevin Ndreka all played an amazing game. At the time of print no score sheet was available for the team sponsored by O’Connell Insurance.

UNDER 12 DIVISION:
PANTHERS 8
EAGLES 0
The Panthers sponsored by Abacus Builders went on a scoring spree with Jake Harrison and Allison McGough each scoring a pair of goals and single goals by Kristian Dhamo, Owen Anastas, Drew Garcia and Aidan Young. Madison Kennedy and Elizabeth Powers were not letting anything by them on defense. Maryellen Ternan and Alex Lysakowski played a great two-way game at midfield. The Eagles sponsored by South Boston Dental Associates did not score but played a good game. Turning in an all-around great performance were Diego Alzamora, Patrick Gjoka, Caitlin Fitzgerald, Owen Leahy, Pablo Alzamora and Andrew Markarian. The teams sponsored by Salsa’s and Massport did not have score sheets turned in at the time of print.

UNDER 18 DIVISION:
At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Iron Workers Local #7, Massport, Yankee Bus Line and Deco Leasing.

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too but my game was improving. Several weeks after the camp ended, my Bar Down team went on a seven game unbeaten streak and we carried the momentum into the playoffs. We eventually lost in the semi-finals but I found solace knowing my game was returning. The winter season arrived and my play continued to improve but it wasn’t quite enough as we suffered a tough series ending loss in the finals. I drove away from the rink that night thinking if had a played a little bit better then we just might have been champions.

A few days later, with that loss still burning inside me, I received an email from Mitch Korn announcing the 2014 summer camp schedule. I thought about it for a minute, smiled and knew I was going back to camp. This time I didn’t have to travel as far as they were offering a camp in North Haven, Connecticut. The camp was very much like last year’s but this time I took notes and got a few photos to share with you. My camp experience follows in next week’s article only here in South Boston Today.
As the MLB Postseason begins, it’s time to take a look back at my preseason predictions. I pretty much nailed the National League, correctly picking all five NL playoff teams: Washington Nationals, St. Louis Cardinals, San Francisco Giants, Los Angeles Dodgers, and Pittsburgh Pirates. The only thing I got wrong about that was, I had the Dodgers in the Wild Card game against Pittsburgh. While the Pirates are in that game, the Dodgers aren’t. Instead, it’s the Giants. Out of those NL playoff teams, I picked the Cardinals to defeat the Nationals in the NLCS.

The American League is a different story. I had picked the Tampa Bay Rays to win the AL East, and had the Boston Red Sox playing the Texas Rangers in the Wild Card game. None of those three teams advanced to the postseason. I correctly predicted the Detroit Tigers and Los Angeles Angels to win their divisions, but it didn’t matter because I also picked the Rays to advance to the World Series to take on the Cardinals.

Now that we know who’s in and who’s out, it’s time to give my revised postseason predictions. In fact, it’s my second revision this week. Before Tuesday’s Wild Card game, I predicted the Oakland Athletics to defeat the Kansas City Royals and then go all the way to defeat the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series.

Well, after Kansas City’s 12-inning win over Oakland on Tuesday, the A’s obviously won’t be winning the World Series this year. Knowing that (and not knowing the winner of the NL Wild Card as I write this), here are my final postseason predictions, based on what I know at the time I’m writing this:

**NL WILD CARD:**
-- San Francisco Giants over Pittsburgh Pirates

A lot has been made of the Pirates attempting to win the division by throwing Gerrit Cole in the team’s final regular-season game. Pittsburgh needed more than just a win to challenge the Cardinals for the NL Central. But it didn’t matter, because they lost to the Reds. And while Cole got the no-decision, some say the Pirates wasted his services. So instead, they’ll go with Edinson Volquez, which isn’t necessarily a bad thing. Volquez enters the game hot as a pistol. He finished the regular season with a 1.78 ERA in his final 12 starts. On the other side though is lefty Madison
Bumgarner. He’s 18-10 with a 2.98 ERA. He was my preseason pick to win the NL Cy Young, and while he won’t beat out Clayton Kershaw for that award, Bumgarner is someone you shouldn’t bet against, even on the road, where he is 11-4 with a 2.22 ERA in 18 road starts this year.

**ALDS:**
--Detroit Tigers over Baltimore Orioles

How about those Orioles? In my preseason predictions, I said, “A rock-solid Baltimore Orioles club will wish they were in a different division.” So I did give them credit. I just didn’t see them winning 96 games. And sure, Nelson Cruz’ 40 home runs are nice. But if Baltimore wants to do damage in the postseason, they’ll need some dominant pitching. And it’s not that I don’t think the Orioles’ rotation can be dominant, it’s just that I’ve seen the Tigers’ rotation actually do it in the playoffs. Detroit would like to see their top-dog starters pick up their game when it matters most, and I think they will. I feel like nobody is talking about Detroit. Perhaps that will help them. And oh yeah, David Price is pitching for a new contract.

**--Los Angeles Angels over Kansas City Royals**

The Angels finished with the most wins in the majors, with 98, but they saw one of their best pitchers go down with a terrible knee injury in late August. Garrett Richards was 13-4 with a 2.61 ERA before he tore his left patellar tendon. That will turn out to be a tough loss by the time LA gets to the ALCS, but they’ll be able to get past the Royals with what they’ve got, all while thanking Kansas City for eliminating Oakland’s dominant rotation from the playoffs.

**NLDS:**
--Los Angeles Dodgers over St. Louis Cardinals

If I felt comfortable about Michael Wacha’s shoulder, I would be sticking to my guns and would have them still advancing to the World Series. But as good as Adam Wainwright is, and as much as I respect John Lackey as a big-game pitcher, they’ll need Wacha to be the stud he’s supposed to be. And with shoulder problems this season, I don’t feel comfortable sticking with them, especially against Kershaw and the Dodgers. Kershaw is simply on another planet this year. I have to go with LA.

--Washington Nationals over San Francisco Giants

After Bumgarner, I’m not sure how much I trust the Giants’ rotation. On top of that, I feel strongly about Stephen Strasburg having his postseason coming out party. That Nationals also have Doug Fister, who finished the regular season 16-6 with a 2.41 ERA that ranked fourth-best in the National League. Fister has a 2.98 postseason ERA in seven post season starts, all with the Detroit Tigers. I’m going with the Nats.

**ALCS:**
--Detroit Tigers over Los Angeles Angels

When Oakland was still alive, I was looking forward to a potential rematch between the Tigers and A’s from last year’s exciting ALDS. And had that been the case, I would have went with Oakland. Instead, it will be the Angels. In this seven-game series is where the loss of Garrett Richards will affect LA. Look for the Tigers to advance to the Fall Classic.

**NLCS:**
--Los Angeles Dodgers over Washington Nationals

Again, kind of tough for anyone to bet against Clayton Kershaw at this point. This one will go seven games, but I expect the Dodgers to have Kershaw in Games 3 and 7. Kershaw was 2-0 with a 0.60 ERA against the Nats this year. Take it to the bank. Dodgers in 7.

**WORLD SERIES:**
--Los Angeles Dodgers over Detroit Tigers

Again, originally, I had Oakland defeating the Dodgers in six games. And I had Sonny Gray as the MVP. But I also said that the A’s are the only team that has a good enough rotation to defeat the Dodgers. The Tigers will certainly make this interesting, but Clayton Kershaw will win the MVP and lead Los Angeles to glory. Dodgers in 7.

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everywhere north of Orlando into a deep freeze last winter. Demand was exceptionally high for natural gas as a heating fuel as a result, driving up its costs for the power plants that use gas to generate electricity. The unusually cold weather just exacerbated the flaws that already exist in New England’s energy infrastructure — flaws that keep our electricity prices here roughly 40 percent higher than the national average. One of those flaws is our overwhelming reliance on natural gas to generate electricity: On a normal day, more than half of our power comes from natural gas. You’d think that would be great for our economy, with all the cheap gas just waiting to be unleashed a few hundred miles to the west in the Marcellus Shale.

However, on those cold days last winter, less than a quarter of New England’s power came from natural gas. Grid operator ISO New England says the region’s five major gas pipelines were often at or near capacity. Most of the gas-fired power plants simply didn’t run at all, and the ones that did paid a premium for their gas. So the old coal and oil-fired turbines get cranked up, including ones that are only still left standing for these times of extreme need. Oil is typically more expensive than natural gas.”

With the Salem coal plant closed and Vermont Yankee nuclear plant shutting down by the end of the year, the wholesale market for electricity is factoring in the effect of those events on the grid, and its consequent effect on pricing.

The bottom line is that a solution, or solutions, whether market driven, government stimulated or by finding a new source of cheaper fuel such as those proposed to be pipelined in from Pennsylvania or Canada needs to be explored or the consumer will continue to pay until one is found.
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