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T. Boone Pickens Media Coverage 8.15.09-8.17.09

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Coverage Summary:

The Wall Street Journal published an op-ed by Pickens and Ted Turner discussing the role renewable energy and natural gas can play in achieving energy, economic and climate security. The piece calls for retiring old power plants and replacing them with modern gas-powered plants, a national standard requiring that electrical generation include a growing percentage of renewables, and transitioning 6.5 million 18-wheelers to run on natural gas.

Pickens latest blog on *The Huffington Post* highlights the nation's leaders who were vocal in their support of natural gas at the National Clean Energy Summit, including Al Gore who endorsed using natural gas to power 18-wheelers.

A *WSJ Blog* discusses the falling price of natural gas. The piece says growing support in Washington provides a glimmer of hope and lists Ken Salazar, Harry Reid and John Podesta as supporters. Last week, Salazar told the Grand Junction Sentinel editorial board that "the future of natural gas is very bright."

TCPalm.com, the website for several publications targeting the Treasure Coast region of Central Florida, published a letter to the editor by a Pickens Plan district leader urging people to support the Pickens Plan and join the push to promote alternative energy in Florida.

Bloomberg radio aired an interview with Pickens where he discusses the benefits of natural gas as it relates to national security.

Clean Skies Sunday focused on the National Clean Energy Summit. The show aired an interview with Pickens discussing the need to use our own resources, including wind, solar and natural gas, to get off foreign oil. Pickens also talked about the prominence of natural gas at the Summit. Here is the link to the video: <http://www.cleanskies.com/videos/t-boone-pickens-discusses-national-clean-energy-summit-20>

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HIGHLIGHTED COVERAGE

New Priorities For Our Energy Future – *Wall Street Journal* – 8/17/09

By T. Boone Pickens and Ted Turner

Renewable energy and clean-burning natural gas are the basis of a new strategy the world needs to create a cleaner and more secure future. And the global transformation to a clean-energy economy may be the greatest economic opportunity of the 21st century. According to the authoritative Potential Gas Committee (administered by the Colorado School of Mines), the U.S. sits on top of massive reservoirs of natural gas—an estimated 2,000 trillion cubic feet—that contain more energy than all the oil in Saudi Arabia.

Harnessing this large supply—plus developing wind, solar and biofuel energy sources—is essential to achieve three strategic national priorities:

- **Energy security:** The internal combustion engine makes us dependent on oil that's concentrated in a handful of countries in some of the world's most volatile regions. In June, we imported 374 million barrels of oil, nearly two-thirds of what we used, at a cost of \$24.7 billion. With 70% of imported oil going into cars and trucks, our transportation system is perilously at risk to shaky oil markets and even shakier regimes.
- **Economic security:** Last year more than \$155 billion was invested in clean energy technologies such as wind and solar, and China and India plan to invest hundreds of billions in renewable energy sources. The annual market for clean energy may escalate in the next decade to between \$1 trillion and \$2 trillion. The race is on.
- **Climate security:** Likewise, the clock is ticking on potentially devastating climate changes. We already are witnessing the disintegration of polar ice, melting glaciers, rising sea levels and altered weather patterns. But if we act now, we can prevent catastrophic human and economic impacts.

Long-term economic and environmental interests compel us to put a priority on energy independence and a price on carbon pollution. Natural gas and renewable energy are obvious sources for cheap, clean and reliable electric power and transportation fuels.

In the electricity sector, natural gas is already cheap, available and ready to meet the nation's power needs while improving climate security. It emits about half the carbon dioxide per British thermal unit of energy, and far fewer of the heavy metals than does coal.

Adopting a "cash-for-clunkers" program in the utility sector can save money and reduce emissions right away by retiring the oldest, least efficient and most polluting power plants in exchange for modern gas-powered plants. New coal plants should be required to combine natural gas with the coal they burn, resulting in cleaner emissions, and every power plant should meet strict carbon-emissions standards.

We should also adopt a strong national standard requiring that electrical generation include a growing percentage of renewable fuels to help bring down costs over time, and ensure America's place in the burgeoning global competition for innovative renewable and efficiency technologies. Numerous state initiatives have already demonstrated the feasibility of these standards on a smaller scale.

In the transportation sector, renewable energy and natural gas can also be deployed immediately. For a quarter century, natural-gas vehicle technology has been available but stymied by lack of leadership. Of the 10 million natural gas vehicles in the world, fewer than 150,000 are in the U.S.

We can begin transitioning the nation's fleet of 6.5 million 18-wheelers that run regular routes. It would take just 20 refueling stations along a single highway to get trucks from one coast to the other. Centrally fueled urban business and government fleets also can quickly move to natural gas. The Ports of Los

Angeles and Long Beach are in the process of buying new natural gas vehicles for their fleets, and many municipalities are harnessing the economic and environmental benefits of natural gas-powered buses.

Renewable biofuels should also be part of a new energy strategy. Advanced biofuels produced from cellulosic material, such as forest residues, municipal waste or even algae, can play a key role in reducing the vulnerabilities, emissions and costs associated with imported oil, while also providing new economic opportunities for America's farm communities.

The economic, environmental, and national security imperatives of America's energy posture are clear, as is the proven potential of domestic natural resources like gas, wind and solar power. Coupled with energy efficiency, these resources have the potential to help jump-start the economy, drive prosperity and reduce emissions well into the 21st century. The keys are in our hands. All we have to do is unlock the door and start the engine.

Mr. Pickens is CEO of BP Capital. Mr. Turner is Chairman of Turner Enterprises Inc.

Natural Gas Takes Center Stage in Las Vegas – *Huffington Post* – 8/14/09

By T. Boone Pickens

Over a year ago, I launched the Pickens Plan with a single goal in mind: to end America's addiction to foreign oil. It's been a long 13 months, and I'm not saying this because I've spent \$60 million of my own money to open people's eyes to this problem. I'm saying this because back on July 8, 2008, we knew how to end this dependence. We had the answers then, and we had them six months later when the new Congress was seated on January 6.

Those answers are finally coming into focus, and I saw so myself on Monday at the National Clean Energy Summit. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has long recognized the perilous consequences of our present energy policy -- make that our lack of an energy policy -- and over the past year he has hosted key leaders from the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors at three different summits. A Who's Who in America RSVPs, and Monday's gathering was no different: Energy Secretary Steven Chu and Labor Secretary Hilda Solis were joined by industry leaders such as Dow Corning's Stephanie Burns and Gen. Wesley Clark of Growth Energy. Solar advocates such as John Woolard of BrightSource showed up as did Denise Bode of the American Wind Energy Association. Senator Tim Wirth of the U.N. Foundation served as moderator.

Senator Reid knows that developing an energy policy will not only keep hard-earned American dollars here at home, but it will create jobs and strengthen our economy. That's why he joined Senators Menendez and Hatch to cosponsor the NAT GAS Act in the Senate and encourage the use of natural gas vehicles and the development of refueling infrastructure. His leadership has been crucial, but on Monday it was clear to all that he's not alone.

Al Gore is on board. As everyone knows, our former Vice President has single-handedly committed himself to fighting global warming. In 2007, his considerable efforts were recognized when he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. This Monday, he endorsed using natural gas instead of diesel as the fuel to power 18-wheelers. That's big news.

Over the last year, Al and I have had plenty of discussions. He would like to see all our vehicles powered by electric batteries, but batteries can't power big trucks. Not yet, at least. Al knows that natural gas is cleaner than diesel and it's American.

"I want to thank Boone Pickens for not giving up on natural gas. Now [it] turns out we've got more than we ever dreamed we did," Bill Clinton said during his remarks.

President Clinton needn't thank me. We should all thank our lucky stars that recent technological advances have made it possible to tap into significant shale gas reserves in the Lower 48. This is a game changer, the ultimate Hail Mary pass. And just like my friend Roger Staubach's long bomb to Drew Pearson in the 1975 playoffs, it comes just as time is running out.

The U.S. trade deficit took a big jump in June, up 4 percent from May to \$27 billion. The main culprit? Rising oil prices. Thanks to a spike in crude oil in June, energy-related imports rose to \$22.4 billion from \$17.7 billion.

We're running out of time, but we're not running out of natural gas. According to the Potential Gas Committee at the Colorado School of Mines, America's natural gas resources have jumped 39 percent over the last two years. You heard me correctly. Our natural gas reserves are actually increasing, not declining. At current production rates, "the current recoverable resource estimate provides enough natural gas to supply the U.S. for the next 90 years."

Our country is blessed with countless resources, but we've overlooked this one for much too long. I'm glad to report that this is finally starting to change.

"A year or so ago I started taking missionary lessons from a group supporting T. Boone Pickens. I've taken the missionary lessons. I've met with him, and I've been converted. I now belong to the Pickens church."

That last comment from Senator Reid got a lot of laughs. The truth is we are all singing from the same songbook. America has more natural gas than Saudi Arabia has oil. But we've got to put it to work for us. The only way that's going to happen is for each of us to call or email our Representatives and Senators and tell them to pass the NAT GAS Act.

P.S. Enjoy [this video](#) with highlights from the event.

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No Respect? Cheap Natural Gas Draws Political Crowd – *WSJ Blog* – 8/17/09

By Ben Casselman

Never mind being the Rodney Dangerfield of fuels—natural gas is starting to seem like the punch line to a bad joke: "Natural gas is so cheap..."

But seriously, folks, natural gas futures fell another 43.6 cents last week to \$3.24 per million British thermal units. That's the lowest gas has traded since Reese Witherspoon's "Sweet Home Alabama" was in theaters (that was 2002, back when Enron was still falling, but not fallen.)

Gas is down 11% in August, 42% on the year and 69% from this time a year ago. For comparison, oil is down just 41% from this time last year, and is up 51% in 2009.

There's no mystery as to what's behind natural gas's continued free-fall: surging supplies (think, Haynesville Shale) and anemic demand (the recession). Neither shows any signs of a quick fix. Most natural-gas producers are actually on track to beat production targets despite reduced drilling, and the Energy Information Administration expects U.S. gas demand to fall 2.6% this year. Many experts expect gas storage, already 20% above normal, to fill up by the fall.

But there's a glimmer of hope on the horizon: Democrats in Washington might finally be getting on the natural-gas bandwagon. On a trip to Colorado last week, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar last week told the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel that he wouldn't seek to withdraw drilling leases in the Roan Plateau and

that “the future of natural gas is very bright.” In short, he wants to use energy policy to increase demand for the stuff because it’s an abundant source of fuel that has less carbon than coal or oil.

That might not quite be fodder for Boone Pickens, but it’s a start. Even better for gas bulls (if there are any left) was the National Clean Energy Summit in Las Vegas last week, where gas got talked up by Democratic bigshots like Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. John Podesta, Bill Clinton’s former chief of staff and the co-chair of President Obama’s transition team, even put out a paper calling natural gas “a bridge fuel for the 21st century.”

Washington isn’t likely to provide a quick fix, of course. Just about the only short-term hope for gas producers is the weather. Tropical storm Ana anyone?

Letter: Join Effort for Creation of Alternative Energy Policy – *TCPalm.com* – 8/16/09

You may have heard of or seen the national television ads from T. Boone Pickens, the founder of the Pickens Plan. The Pickens Plan responds to our dependence on foreign oil where we find ourselves at the intersection of the three most critical issues America currently faces: the economy, the environment and our national security.

Boone has his roots in oil, but has the desire to free Americans from being held “energy prisoners” of foreign oil, by promoting alternative energy. His son, Mike Pickens, is the regional leader for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee.

The Pickens Plan celebrated its one-year anniversary in July with minimal exposure in Florida. Times are changing. We are refocusing our efforts to push the Pickens Plan in all 25 congressional districts. The message we are sending is simple: Support our plan, show us a better one or we will assume you are supporting imported foreign oil. For those who sign, we pledge to bring out the votes. For those that don’t, we pledge we will support a candidate that will with votes, time and money.

We also are taking the plan to all state, county and city representatives in addition to the federal seats.

Energy independence is a nonpartisan issue that all Americans need to support; the fact that we are sending \$24 billion per month overseas for oil is a travesty that we can correct with domestic clean, natural gas for vehicles. We also support and are promoting alternative energy development of wind, solar, water and other alternatives.

We are asking people to join us in our efforts to help make alternative energy eventually grow to become the primary energy in Florida. Sign up at your district here: www.pickensplan.com/district-leaderboard/.

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PRINT COVERAGE

BP Capital Sells Holdings In Coal Producers, Oil Service Cos – Dow Jones – 8/14/09

By Jason Womack

HOUSTON (Dow Jones)--Billionaire energy investor T. Boone Pickens's hedge fund BP Capital liquidated its positions in coal-producing companies as well some oilfield service companies, and took larger stakes in oil and natural gas producers.

BP Capital sold off its 75,000 shares of oilfield services giant Schlumberger LTD (SLB), according to securities filings. It sold a 200,000 share stake in Halliburton (HAL) and 100,000 shares in Weatherford International (WFT), eliminating its positions in those companies.

The fund also eliminated its positions in coal producers Alpha Natural Resources Inc. (ANR), Consol Energy Inc. (CNX), Massey Energy Corp (MEE). It also sold off its positions in two companies that provide project management services to the energy industry, Fluor Corp. (FLR) and Foster Wheeler (FWLT).

BP Capital cut its holdings in deepwater drilling services company Transocean Ltd. (RIG) to 300,000 shares from 450,000 shares during the first quarter.

The fund added a stake in oil and gas producer Forest Oil Corp. (FST), buying 260,000 shares, and boosted its ownership in the natural gas company Questar Corp.(STR) to 224,000 shares from 160,000 shares in the first quarter. It also added shares of Cabot Oil and Gas (COG), increasing the fund's position to 275,000 shares from 200,000 shares.

BP Capital maintained its holdings in Devon Energy Corp. (DVN), Chesapeake Energy Corp. (CHK), Occidental Petroleum Corp. (OXY) and Suncor Energy Inc (SU) and Anadarko Petroleum Corp (APC). -
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Pickens Sheds Oil, Coal Holdings, Invests in Gas – Tulsa World – 8/15/09

T. Boone Pickens, the billionaire energy investor, sold off his holdings in oilfield-service and coal companies during the second quarter while buying shares in natural gas producers, according to a regulatory filing.

Pickens' BP Capital Management LP shed stakes in Halliburton Co., Schlumberger Ltd., Massey Energy Co. and Consol Energy Inc., the investment fund told the Securities and Exchange Commission in the filing Friday. Forest Oil Corp., Questar Corp. and Cabot Oil and Gas Corp. were among the stocks accumulated by BP Capital.

The value of Pickens' equity holdings dropped by 8.9 percent to \$85.5 million as of June 30, the filing stated.

Pickens has been promoting a plan to wean the nation from its dependence on foreign oil by making natural gas a major transportation fuel through government incentives. He also advocates large-scale investment in wind farms to provide electricity.

Money managers who oversee more than \$100 million in equities must file a Form 13F within 45 days of each quarter's end to list their U.S.-listed holdings.

Democrats Look to Further Western success: Strategy Session was Closed to the Public on Friday – Pueblo Chieftain – 8/15/09

By Charles Ashby

Democrats have done well in the West in recent elections and party leaders want the success to continue.

That was the reason more than 400 Democrats from 16 mostly Western states gathered at the Colorado History Museum near downtown Denver Thursday and Friday to talk about how Democrats won seats throughout the region and, more importantly, how to keep getting elected.

Pueblo County Clerk Gilbert Ortiz said the Project New West summit that he drove to Denver to attend was important for several reasons, chief among them to ensure that elected Democratic officials like him don't forget what their real purpose is - to be relevant to the voters who put them in office.

Failing to do that, he said, will lead to the obvious consequence: The voters won't re-elect them.

"There's a new dynamic in the West, and we have to pay attention to it if we want to be policymakers in the future," Ortiz said. "Different policymakers from different states, different demographics, I think it's important that we talk about everything that's happening out there as far as election issues. It's important for guys like me who are on the local level who actually deal with the public on a daily basis, for us to know what our leaders are doing in Washington, D.C., and understand their decision-making process."

The lineup for the two-day summit included Gov. Bill Ritter, U.S. Rep. John Salazar and Colorado House Speaker Terrance Carroll.

The event also included some national stars, such as U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, actor Robert Redford and oil magnate T. Boone Pickens.

But while all the elected politicians spent much of the morning Thursday patting themselves on the back for their successes, the real meat of the summit was Friday, which was closed to the media. There, plans to keep winning elections were more fully discussed.

Access to Friday's conference was restricted, but the entire event was also closed to Republicans.

That isn't because Democrats are afraid of them, Ortiz said, but of becoming irrelevant to voters.

"I don't think it's a fear, I think it's a fact," he said. "The public, as soon as they think that we're ineffective or see we're ineffective in local office, they will replace us. We have to stay strong to the Western values that we were brought up in, and protect the electorate from people taking away our environment, people overusing our state's resources."

Redford reminisced about how he got involved in the environmental movement, and how pleased he was to see more Democrats win in the West to help further that agenda. Pickens, meanwhile, focused on energy issues, saying the nation needs no delay on natural gas and renewable energy.

Pickens' Republican ties are well-known, but he said he's had more success getting Democratic lawmakers in Congress to listen to his ideas. He said he's still for drilling for new sources of fossil fuels, but argued that the nation needs a more diverse energy market, which includes renewable sources.

"I'm for anything that gets us off of foreign oil," he said. "If you look back over the 40 years of no plan, we really did have a plan, and that was foreign oil. What happened was, foreign oil was cheap so we were never tasked. The Republicans believe you can drill your way out of it, but I don't think you can."

Dems Plan Tactics in West – *The Durango Herald* – 8/14/09

By Joe Hanel

DENVER - Rule No. 1 for the successful Western politician: Hair matters.

Not long, hippie hair, or Donald Trump-style pompadours. Think buzz cuts, like the one worn by Jon Tester, Montana's junior Democratic senator.

The rule comes from someone who knows what he's talking about - Jim Messina, a Colorado native and the deputy chief of staff for President Barack Obama.

Messina shared his wisdom Thursday with about 400 Democrats who want to extend the gains they have in the Mountain West since 2004, when former President George W. Bush swept the region.

In 2008, Obama carried three Mountain West states - Colorado, Nevada and New Mexico. Messina predicted Obama can compete in Arizona and Montana in 2012, meaning Westerners should get used to living in a political battleground.

Thursday's meeting included senior Democrats such as Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and New Mexico Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall, along with actor Robert Redford and oilman T. Boone Pickens, who was a major GOP donor until last year. It was sponsored by Project New West, a private company founded in 2007 that provides demographic and polling research for Western Democrats.

Most of the work will be done today with closed-to-the-press sessions about polling and demographic trends in the West.

On Thursday, there was no trash-talking about Republicans and indeed little mention of the competition. Instead, the attendees got advice on how their campaigns should operate.

"Be authentic. Walk the walk," said Messina, who spent most of his life in Montana and started political work on state legislative races - when he had long hair and wore Birkenstocks. He soon cut his hair and bought cowboy boots.

Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer doesn't have to pose when he's wearing a bolo tie, Messina said.

"He's been wearing a bolo since he was 15. It works because it's who he is," Messina said.

Western Democrats won't be able to hold on to their gains "unless we understand who is the Western voter," said Jill Hanauer, co-founder of Project New West.

"It's not a red-blue realignment. That's far too simple, and it doesn't represent who the Western voter is," she said.

Westerners don't see the world through a partisan lens, Hanauer said.

"They're looking for leaders who are authentic," she said.

But it takes more than crew cuts and bolo ties to be authentic, Messina said.

Democrats started to win when they began campaigning on education and land protection, Messina said. He plans to stress the importance of access to public lands when he goes fishing with Obama this weekend.

Obama will be in Montana today and stop in Grand Junction and Arizona on Saturday to tout health-care reform.

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Wind Farm Regulation: Large Turbines Often a Surprise – *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* – 8/15/09

By Dan Kelley

CORPUS CHRISTI — John Hearn hopes someday to sell some of his 650 acres bordering the King Ranch for development. Maybe not in his lifetime, but probably in his children's.

But Hearn worries of another kind of development, one that he fears will devalue his property: a large wind farm in the Chapman Ranch area.

Local farmers have told him that a company has been signing leases. But it has been difficult to determine what, if anything, will be built.

Texas is the largest producer of wind energy in the country, and more wind farms are in the works. This is occurring with what conservationists and some elected officials say is scant regulation. Spokesmen for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the state's Public Utility Commission say they have no oversight over wind farms unless something about the wind farm triggers a review under existing regulation.

Nueces County Attorney Laura Garza Jimenez has likewise told county commissioners that there is no law giving counties oversight of wind farms. That absence of regulation has left few avenues for a member of the public to know whether his new neighbor may be a 400-foot tower with blades.

"There's no notice requirement," said Houston-based environmental attorney Jim Blackburn, "unless you trigger a building permit." Building permits are generally required to construct anything in city limits.

Hearn estimates that the project could span 35 square miles.

"The main issue is having an installation like that with no permit and no civic input," Hearn said. "You can't build a septic tank in the county without a permit. But they can build 400-foot structures without so much as a "Hey, we're coming."

Russel Smith, executive director of the Texas Renewable Energy Industries Association, said wind turbines have increased neighboring property values in some cases. And he said the industry is founded on environmental concerns.

"Trying to go through the permitting process that some have asked for would bog everything down so nothing gets built," Smith said. "It's not beneficial for our society or for the renewable energy industry."

Laurie Jodziewicz, the manager of siting policy for the American Wind Energy Association, said the association's preferred stance on regulation is to allow local governments to decide land use issues.

"From our perspective, we really defer to the local land use decision-making process," Jodziewicz said. "It is essentially a land use decision, and those can be very sensitive."

Legislative efforts

Local governments have begun to worry about the effect of new wind farms, but legislation that would have given a select number of Texas counties some oversight died in the Legislature this session.

Elected officials in the Hill Country, fearful that turbines could hurt the scenic beauty of the area, led a campaign in the Legislature to give some counties authority over wind farms.

But county officials backed off after landowners complained that new laws could affect their ability to derive income from wind farm leases.

Nueces County Commissioner Mike Pusley said he supports new wind projects, but he's surprised that a wind farm can pop up without developers having to tell anybody.

Construction of turbines could impact efforts to control flooding. Heavy trucks could damage roads meant to handle little more than farm equipment, Pusley said.

"This isn't an endorsement for or against wind farms," Pusley told fellow commissioners at a recent meeting, "but we may want to talk about this in the future."

Jodziewicz said that in places where local governments have regulatory authority, road upgrades and repair can be negotiated as part of the permitting process.

Commissioner Chuck Cazalas said that's a potential benefit.

"What would it mean for a county if roads were updated?" Cazalas said. "There are two sides of it. I'm not sure a wind farm would be preferable to a power plant."

Advocates have identified just one source for information about potential windmill projects, and that's the non-governmental agency that runs the power grid, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, or ERCOT.

ERCOT collects data on planned new power sources, but the information is geared toward people with deep knowledge of electricity markets. The identity of an operator isn't public in the very early stages of planning unless the operator files a letter permitting disclosure of the plans.

Dotty Roark, a spokeswoman for ERCOT, said the rules are such that the agency cannot provide details on T. Boone Pickens' widely reported plans for wind farms in West Texas. Despite Pickens' fame and his heavy promotion of the wind project, ERCOT can't discuss it because it has no letter permitting it to do so.

New wind projects and other power plants become public after they sign an agreement with a big power company. Even after the power plant owners are identified, ERCOT only tells the public which county a project will be located.

"A county is a pretty darn big place," said Tom "Smitty" Smith, director of the advocacy group Public Citizen Texas. "We've been very supportive of wind because it's non-polluting. We've also raised red flags, especially on the Gulf Coast, because there's such a tremendous opportunity for damage to birds and wildlife."

Federal regulations

There are federal regulations that wind farms must follow, such as rules dealing with construction on wetlands and rules dealing with storm water runoff, but none triggers public notice requirements.

A consortium of conservationists and the King Ranch known as the Coastal Habitat Alliance has attempted, unsuccessfully, to use existing federal environmental laws to slow wind farm development in Texas, particularly on the Kenedy Ranch. The group says the turbines present a threat to migratory birds.

The company building the turbines on the Kenedy Ranch has agreed to install radar that disable the turbines when large numbers of birds are detected in the area.

Some research says that threat is overstated because birds tend to fly well above the turbines.

Blackburn, who has represented the group, says that if a judge finds that federal law mandates a federal or state environmental review, it would trigger public notice provisions.

Public notice of new power plants is usually required after a developer submits an air emissions permit application. But windmills are emissions-free.

"Wind doesn't have an air permit issue," said Russel Smith, of the renewable energy association.

It's unclear if Hearn's estimates regarding the size of the farm are accurate. Smith said the footprint of a wind farm is small. Farming, for example, can usually continue.

"Life goes on between the wind machines," he said.

One company signing leases in the area, Element Markets, has hired Debbie Lindsey-Opel as a spokeswoman, which might be considered a signal that there is activity in that portion of Nueces County.

Lindsey-Opel said it's too early to tell the size of the project, or the number or size of the turbines.

Hearn fears living near turbines is akin to living near a power plant.

"The city is growing in that direction," Hearn said. He and his neighbor worry the wind farms could choke off that development.

"Most people have land there for long-term development," said Skip Butler, Hearn's neighbor. "Would you want to live next to one of those?"

Turbines Preferable to Nuclear Plants – *Watertown Daily Times* – 8/16/09

Most everyone will agree that American ingenuity should apply this time in history to be pursuing alternative energy sources, in spite of the current lull in the price of imported oil. It is easy to see that wind power in Jefferson County is a hotly debated issue. The greatest concern appears to be the disfigurement of the natural beauty of the area.

As we pass by these huge apparatuses that look like they will last indefinitely, and we will be peering up at and around them (forever) possibly, those who are the most opposed to them could gain some comfort in this: With the world in the state of terrorism that we find ourselves in, the wind turbines are relatively safe from terrorism.

In the last presidential election, if you recall one candidate proposed building 45 additional nuclear power plants across America, citing our past safety record as the pretext for moving forward with nuclear power as the saving grace for our alternative energy policy for America.

We are talking about something we will have to live with forever. Once we initiate nuclear it is a forever nightmare, not only to our natural environment. If the safety record is broken by any means, you might say it's over for a whole area of our country. Furthermore, nuclear energy does nothing to power transportation, nor does wind for that matter.

I am only making a point that the unsightliness of wind turbines is not nearly as forever as the frightening possibilities of just one nuclear power plant if we ever lose control of it, to say nothing of disposing of spent fuel rods.

Somewhere in the future those windmills can be unbolted from their moorings and harmlessly trucked away to the smelters in the same manner as they came.

There are plenty of reasons why better alternative energy sources can bring environmentally clean, safe and cost-effective power to run American infrastructure, including the common automobile, such as T. Boone Pickens' idea for converting to natural gas. It's only a case of making minor adjustments to already existing technology.

So, why is implementing alternative energy resources taking so long? Again, as I have said on many political and social issues, when the heavily invested oil corporations get around to making the decision as to what direction they want to go, they will tell the politicians to make their announcement.

Dean Hitchman, Potsdam

Understand the Oil Business – *Lancaster Eagle Gazette* – 8/16/09

By Dick Scamehorn

Some Americans are hooked on a number of illegal substances coming from various parts of the world (and some produced locally), but all Americans are hooked on one legal substance: oil.

Oil was formed during the Jurassic Period more than 100 million years ago at the bottom of prehistoric seas as carbon-rich plankton and other vegetation sank to the bottom. Those substances became compressed and buried as the seas cycled to dry land. The location of the world's largest concentration of oil is Saudi Arabia's Gahwar Field, discovered in 1939-40. It is 10 times the size of the North Sea. At the end of 2008, it was approximately 50 percent depleted.

The Saudi's reserves by far make them the world's largest producer of crude oil, followed by Russia and the United States.

On the consumption side, the U.S. ranks far and away the world's largest consumer of crude -- 20.5 million barrels every day. China ranks second at 7.2 million, followed by Japan at 5.2 million. On a per capita basis, the U.S. again ranks first with 24.8 barrels per year followed by Canada at 24.6 and Japan at 14.8. That makes the U.S. the third-largest producer and the largest consumer. We also are the world's largest importer. The 20.5 million barrels we consume every day breaks down to 12.2 million domestically produced (60 percent) and 8.3 million imported (40 percent).

It is the 8.3 million barrels we import every day that is our immediate problem. The price of oil has leveled off at about \$70 a barrel, which conventional wisdom seems to suggest might be sustained. If that happens, it means we will spend more than \$2 trillion in the next 10 years because we are hopelessly hooked. A life-long oil man, T. Boone Pickens recently lamented in a series of TV infomercials, it represents the "largest transfer of wealth in history."

Crude oil, per se, is not useful. It must be refined -- a process accomplished at high temperature and pressure in a retort several stories high. The result is a series of by products, increasing in order by weight: petroleum gas, gasoline, jet fuel, diesel fuel, fuel oil, gear oil, grease and asphalt. The gas you use to cook on your barbeque is LP gas-liquefied petroleum gas. A 42 gallon barrel of oil yields the following: 19.5 gallons of gasoline, nine gallons of fuel oil, one gallon of jet fuel and 11 gallons of kerosene and greases. Our U.S. refineries produce about 150 billion gallons of gas each year.

In 2004, gasoline was selling at \$1.85 per gallon and crude was selling about \$35 per barrel -- crude represented \$.87 of the cost of the gasoline. In 2007, with gasoline at \$2.80 and crude at \$68 a barrel, crude was \$1.62 of the cost of the gasoline.

In these two situations, gasoline rose \$.95 a gallon and the cost increase of the crude was \$.75 of that price rise. Therefore increases in crude have a major effect on what we pay-at-the-pump.

It also has a major effect on the profitability of Big Oil. In three successive years (2006 to 2008), Exxon Mobile had after-tax profits of \$39.5 billion, \$40.6 billion and \$45.2 billion. Those numbers are record highs for any company's profits -- anytime, anywhere.

Nevertheless, Big Oil is selling all of their retail gas stations. Exxon Mobile is in the process of selling their remaining 2,200 stations. British Petroleum expects to be out of the retail business by the end of 2010 and Conoco Phillips almost is there now. There are 167,000 gas stations in the U.S., and the average profit is just 11 cents for each gallon sold. That is why most gas stations now sell everything from hot meals to cold beer. Retail gas stations are not a very profitable investment.

Most Americans hope the price of oil will continue to hold around \$70 a barrel, or less.

They really hope to never again see \$147 a barrel like in the summer of 2008.

What would have possibly caused that huge spike? No one knows, for sure, but the best logic I can uncover is the thinking of James K. Galbrath, who thinks most of the price spike was a result of the so called "Enron Loophole."

This loophole was a rider -- on a totally unrelated bill -- that Texas Sen. Phil Gramm drafted to eliminate any regulatory oversight by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission on the financial industry's energy futures trading. It paved the way for Enron to make a fortune, and it also did so for financial hedge funds. Commodities futures index speculation, which is what the Trading Commission could no longer regulate, rose from \$13 billion in 2003 to \$300 billion in 2008.

When Goldman Sachs predicted oil would go to \$200 a barrel and Gazprom said \$250, the industry held back on fully supplying demand until the forecast prices would be realized.

The excuses for lowering refining levels, given at the time, ranged from repairing hurricane damage to seasonal fuel mixture change-overs, but Galbrath thinks speculation was the culprit.

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Week in Review: Top News – *Las Vegas Review-Journal* – 8/16/09

A large-scale shift to so-called "green energy" could be as good for the economy as it is for the planet.

That was the central message during the National Clean Energy Summit 2.0 at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where a host of panelists and speakers urged policymakers to commit to alternate energy development.

Participants in the event included former President Bill Clinton, former Vice President Al Gore, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., oilman T. Boone Pickens, and U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis.

Outside the event, about 100 people gathered to protest Reid and the green agenda.

BLOG/ONLINE COVERAGE

Pickens and His Campaign Against US Oil Imports – *Commodity Online* – 8/14/09

DENVER, USA (Commodity Online): When Obama is all out to promote clean, renewable energy, T Boone Pickens, energy expert is worried over rising US imports of crude oil.

At the height of crude oil prices last year, USA was spending \$700 bn to source oil from other countries which represents the greatest transfer of wealth in human history, according to Pickens.

In July 2008, he unleashed a campaign against rising US crude oil imports. Recently he was special guest at the Project New West Summit, where Pickens updated Western senators, governors and state leaders on the level of foreign oil imported by the United States in July 2009. The popularity of the Pickens Plan can be gauged from the 17mn hits his site www.pickensplan.com recorded so far with 1.6 mn already supporting the initiative.

Pickens said that based on the latest figures from the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration (EIA), the U.S. imported 65 percent of its oil, or 374 million barrels in July 2009, sending approximately \$24 billion, or \$537,381 per minute, overseas to foreign governments.

"While no one wants to see our country spending \$24 billion a month on foreign oil, what's most frightening is that we are still importing 65 percent of our supply, threatening national security," Pickens said. "But there is an answer to breaking our addiction to foreign oil and it starts with natural gas. Natural gas is cleaner, cheaper and there is enough of it in the U.S. to meet our energy needs for the next 100 years. Using our own natural resources will not only reduce our dependence on foreign oil, it will also create jobs and strengthen America's economic security."

Pickens' comments come on the heels of a public policy white paper this week from the Center for American Progress (CAP) and the Energy Future Coalition that urges wider use of natural gas as a fuel for America's heavy duty trucks and fleets to offset foreign oil and diesel use.

The report, written by CAP President and CEO John Podesta and former U.S. Senator Timothy Wirth from Colorado, said recent technology advancements have created an unprecedented opportunity to use natural gas, which emits 25 percent less carbon dioxide than gasoline and diesel, as a bridge fuel for the 21st century.

"This is especially relevant to Coloradans," Pickens said. "According to the EIA, seven of the nation's 100 largest natural gas fields are found in Colorado, giving this state a chance to be one of the leading providers of this great resource. We're not there yet, but with legislation like the NAT GAS Act, which provides incentives to use natural gas as a transportation fuel, we can see our goal of energy independence moving closer."

The NAT GAS Act of 2009, H.R. 1835, was introduced in the House of Representatives on April 1 and has 77 bipartisan cosponsors. The Senate version of this bill, S. 1408, was introduced on July 8 by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Senators Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and Orrin Hatch (R-UT).

Since January 2009, the U.S. has imported more than 2.6 billion barrels of oil. A study released in June by the Potential Gas Committee, a group of academics and industry specialists supported by the Colorado School of Mines, estimates that the country is having more than 2,000 trillion cubic feet of natural gas reserves. Pickens feels that rising oil imports by USA represents a serious economic and security threat for the country. (Courtesy: Businesswire)

Is Natural Gas the Answer to Our Energy Problems? – *The Daily Green* – 8/17/09

By Jim DiPeso

John Podesta, head of the Anti-Heritage Foundation, also known as the Center for American Progress, had many nice things to say about natural gas at Harry Reid's energy bash in Las Vegas the other day.

So did Harry Reid himself, who announced that he's now a congregant at T. Boone Pickens' church of natural gas.

Even Al Gore, the scourge of all things carbon, allowed that natural gas is welcome in his world.

Meanwhile, there's an affray brewing among the fossil fuel band of brothers. The gas guys are differentiating themselves in the market. They're taking out ads that, in so many words, say that coal is an environmental problem. Oil is a geopolitical problem. Gas helps solve both. It's clean and 100 percent American. So there.

What gives? A basic rule of politics is that there are no permanent friends, only permanent interests. The gas game has shifted in the past few years. That has changed the politics of energy. Gas is no longer the polite little brother of oil and coal. Now, the gas industry has something to gain by giving oil and coal the raspberry. Enviro and their political allies have perked up with interest. That might help shift the energy debate in a positive direction.

Here's the back story: Podesta and the others at the Vegas energy jamboree talked up shale gas. That's gas found in deep formations that, until recently, wasn't practical to produce. Now it is. Gas producers are effervescing over its abundance in the Lower 48. The Barnett Shale in Texas. The Fayetteville Shale in Arkansas. The Haynesville Shale in Louisiana. The Bakken Shale in North Dakota. And the potentially vast Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania and neighboring states. From almost nothing 10 years ago, the Barnett has ramped up to where it's now contributing 6 percent of the nation's gas supply. Ask a friend in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex about all the new gas wells that have popped up around town.

At a House subcommittee hearing in June, gas producer Chesapeake Energy estimated that shale gas could account for half of domestic gas production by 2020. Add the burgeoning shale resource to other gas reserves, and the industry thinks that the total domestic supply is equivalent to nearly 120 years' worth of current production levels. Another gas industry report figures that shale gas used to fuel motor vehicles could displace 2.4 million barrels of oil per year by 2025, about 12 percent of current petroleum consumption.

And, the gas ads say, did we mention that burning gas emits half the CO₂ of burning coal? Yes, several times.

Podesta said that shale gas is a potential game-changer. In a paper released in time for the energy summit, he and former Colorado Senator Tim Wirth pointed out that gas could serve as a backup power source that would give utilities a deeper comfort level with integrating lots more intermittent wind and solar energy into their systems.

A little-known fact that the paper included is that a significant amount of the gas-fired electricity generating capacity in the U.S. sits idle much of the time for cost reasons. To cut greenhouse gas emissions without investing a lot in new power plants, Podesta/Wirth wrote, back down coal and fire up the underutilized gas plants. To make it work, the paper suggests, use carbon prices to push gas ahead of coal in the order of "dispatch," utility-speak for determining which plants will be used at any given time to meet load.

Like any other energy resource, however, gas is not free of issues. Producing deep shale gas requires "hydro-fracking" -- sending lots of chemicals down the borehole to loosen up the formation and persuade the gas molecules to head for the surface. At the House subcommittee hearing, a former head of the New York City water and sewer system offered pointed comments about the risks of fracking chemicals getting into aquifers used for drinking water in the crowded Northeast, and the heavy water demand that the fracking process would impose on small tributary streams. Drilling operations create air pollution, noise and odors. Gas operations can leak methane, a greenhouse gas more powerful than CO₂.

Producers touting shale gas' big potential can count on those issues being raised repeatedly if and when production from the mammoth Marcellus formation scales up.

Advice from this corner is to make haste slowly. The promise of gas is real, but Harry Reid's epiphany notwithstanding, there are no miracle prescriptions for shifting America's energy economy to one with more security and less carbon. Diversification is critical. We need many baskets to hold our energy eggs, not just a few.

BROADCAST COVERAGE

1. Fox Business

DMA: N/A

Fox Business Network (---) National

08/14/2009 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

[CC] 00:30:10 (guest is Matt McCall)...If we ever are going to use **wind energy** we need to upgrade our power grid. If Obama ever decides to spend some of the stimulus, we need money going that way as well. Also a company called Eneroc, the symbol. If they take the power you're not using, harnesses it and takes it down for slow times, refs up during peak hours, stock's been real hot recently. Actually up 79% over last year which you very rarely see in this type of market. That company right there, Eneroc. The story is phenomenal. Remember **Boone Pickens** spent \$2 billion and realized it's only **windy** certain times of the day and he couldn't save it for later. If they ever figured out a way, where are they on the developmen channel? Do they have a way to save power? There's a lot of start-up companies that say they have a way but I think we're years away from using **wind** as a viable source.... 00:31:34

2. Fox Business

DMA: N/A

Fox Business Network (---) National

08/14/2009 03:00 PM - 04:00 PM

[CC] 00:02:37 Take a look at the other names we're watching. **Oil** sinking 4.3% today. Lowest level now since the end of July. We've seen some of the **oil** names. **T. Boone Pickens** come out talking about the name. Names like Forest **Oil**. Overall, the big picture. Chevron, Exxon, to down side. 00:03:41

[CC] 00:31:41 Look at the moves that **T. Boone Pickens** is doing. Investor and billionaire and focused on **oil** forever. His hedge fund, B.T. Capital liquidated positions in the coal producing companies and the **oil** sales services company. These are the names that he basically dumped out of. The last one, the very last one on the board is Forest **Oil** Corporation. Now the funds added a stake. In this **oil** and **gas** producer. He brought 260,000 shares and boosted his ownership of the **natural gas** company. Sgr. Of all of the names, dumping shares in all the names. Liking Forest **Oil**. 00:33:02

3. Jerry Doyle

DMA: N/A

Syndicated Radio (---) National

08/14/2009 06:00 PM - 07:00 PM

00:56:00 Anyone remember a campaign to save the planet a year ago today?..right now there are 687 orphaned wind turbines.. because he ordered them... 400 feet tall, taller than thirty story buildings ... and right now there seems to be a problem in the delivery system of the wind power that's going to be generated .So his company Mesa Power ... who ordered the turbines from General Electric Company...Nancy Pelosi and her husband one of the initial investors of Mesa Power ... now do you think that **Boone Pickens** with a two billion dollar investment that he made is going to walk away a loser on

this effort? ... no because Pelosi is going to make sure that there's a wind farm is somewhere in the Midwest or Canada or another part of Texas ... looking to put these in the ground ... outside of the two hundred thousand acres in Texas that he is leases and that were planned for the project ... and these are **Pickens**'s own words ... he said it doesn't mean that wind is dead 00:57:59

4. John Batchelor
WABC-AM 770 (ABC/AP) New York
08/16/2009 09:00 PM - 10:00 PM

DMA: 1
Spot Cost: \$391
Est. Audience: 123,600

00:42:00 (Panel discussion features Mark Murano of Climate Depot .Subject is cap and trade, green technology)...Does **Boone Pickens** lose his job as the guru of America after this, Mark?..from what I have read T. Boone Pickens has scaled back... ... 00:43:59

5. Bloomberg Muse
WBBR-AM 1130 (NBC/ABC) New York
08/16/2009 08:00 AM - 09:00 AM

DMA: 1
Spot Cost: \$165
Est. Audience: 24,800

00:06:00 .. Coming up this hour **T Boone Pickens** chairman and CEO of BP Capital .. 00:07:59

00:36:00 T.Boone Pickens chairman and CEO of BP Capital ... great guest because he truly is an expert. After all he has made a fortune in **oil** ... He has plenty to say about **oil** and other **energy** alternatives ... that's right and he's focused right now on what's going on in the world of **natural gas** ..be aware he is long natural gas so rising **natural gas** prices are very good for **T Boone Pickens** investment but he says it is more than just about money it is about **national** security. He wants the US to wean itself off of the dependence on foreign **oil** ... and that's why he's making a big push for getting the eighteen wheelers to adopt either hybrid engines or **natural gas** engines . He says that's the first of what could be many steps towards changing the whole equation of the world the political structure based on **energy** ... Always a colorful guests . Here is **Boone Pickens** the chairman and CEO of BP Capital ...I like that introduction...what about cash for clunkers?..that is my first quesiton to you... 00:37:59

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6. The World In Time
WBBR-AM 1130 (NBC/ABC) New York
08/16/2009 05:00 AM - 06:00 AM

DMA: 1
Spot Cost: \$105
Est. Audience: 14,800

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7. Clean Skies Sunday
WJLA-TV CH 7 (ABC) Washington, DC
08/16/2009 09:30 AM - 10:00 AM

DMA: 9
Spot Cost: \$349
Est. Audience: 34,770

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[CC] 00:04:07 And jobs was another big theme. Also, another big theme that emerged this year that wasn't around much last year was better utilization of the country's **natural gas** shale finds. I think you saw **Boone Pickens'** hand in that. I mean, **Pickens** told the conference, look, I went to republican congressmen, I saw a **national** security issue, couldn't get any action, so I went to harry reid, he persuaded reid, and now you have the legendary **oilman** investing in **wind**, and you have democrats, right through al gore, endorsing **natural gas** as a bridge to the clean **energy** future for both transportation and electricity. It was very prominent this year. Margaret ryan, thank you, we're going to hear om you again a bit later in the show. Also, this past week, President Obama traveled to a different **energy** summit, this one in Guadalajara. Obama met with Mexico's president and Canada's prime minister at the North American Leaders Summit. They signed a declaration of climate change and clean **energy**, which included a global goal of reducing worldwide emissions at least 50% by 2050, 80% for deloped countries. The next step for the U.S. --Enacting climate legislation, but the president says that's not his top priority. I've got a lot on my plate, and it's very important for us to sequence these big initiatives in a way where they don't all just crash at the same time. And what we've said is, in **t** fall, when we come back, we're going to complete healthcare reform. We still have to act on **energy** legislation that has passed the house, but the senate, I'm sure, is going to have its own ideas about how it wants to approach it. Mcginnis: the three countries also agreed to cooperate on development of carbon capture and storage technology, aligning efficiency standards, and constructing a smart grid. Also addressing America's international **energy** position, at a town hall meeting at the summit, **T. Boone Pickens**, legendary **oilman** turned **wind** entrepreneur. I tnk that ife got back, got credibility back, the easiest way for us to get it and the fastest way to get it is to get on our own resources here. And then you have a lot more influence on China, or India, or somebody else, that, look what they've done. 00:06:14

[CC] 00:11:33 --We've got to convince people that this is good economics. After Clinton's speech, former vice president Al Gore. Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader. Cathy Zoi of the department of **energy**. John Podesta of the center for American progres. and **Boone Pickens** took questions from the internet and from the audience about **energy**. Here's some of that discussion. The question from debbie in southarolina was, what's being done on a **national** level for global warming? I think that's really a question directed to senator reid, which is what are the prospects that we're going to move forward with **energy**? We must do **energy** legislation as a package. We have to have a renewable portfolio standard, we have to do something that deals with appliances. We have to do something that deals with efficiency. We have to do something so that we --As **Boone Pickens** has lectured us many times --Do something with our own **energy**, especially **natural gas**. We have to do something about producing batteries that's meaningful. The way I view it is that there's an **energy** table around the world. We're not sitting at that table. We're sitting over as consumer against the wall. It's the people that have the **oil** are the ones that are sitting at the table. They're deciding what's going to happen to us. If we could get our **energy** under control in this country, then we would be a lot better as a leader, globally, to show them how to do it from a green standpoint. But we've got a lot of hard work to do. We are not there yet. 00:12:59

[CC] 00:24:56 It's the rules, that's what's so important. That's the policy, that's the congress's job. Are you impressed by --It really seems that **Boone Pickens'** crusade and his message does have solid legs now. Something else, you know, a year ago, he was still in the middle of his crusade. He is right now at every major **energy** conversation. Yeah, well, **Boone** is out there and he says, "I'm going to go do it. You guys might want to talk about it, you want to admire the problem some more, I'm going to do something about it." that's what I love about **Pickens**. You know, agree with him or not, he says, "let's get something done. What are we going to do?" ernie banks from the Chicago cubs used to say, "hey, let's play two." **Boone** is out there saying, let's not only play one, let's play two, let's go get it. I love it, it's what we need, it's what the country needs. And what about that climate change legislation awaiting harry reid back in Washington? Well, reid told the summit it is a must-pass, just like healthcare reform, and he had some

harsh words for naysayers. Now, let's move forward to what we're going to work on before the year's out. And that is **energy** legislation. The same applies to that that applies to healthcare. Healthcare is something that we must do. **Energy** legislation, we have spent all day explaining why we must do it.
00:26:06

8. Good Morning Colorado: Early Edition
KRDO-TV CH 13 (ABC) Colorado Springs/Pueblo
08/14/2009 05:00 AM - 06:00 AM

DMA: 91
Spot Cost: \$29
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[CC] 00:07:57 Top leaders from the region are meeting in Denver for the New West Summit. Elected officials, strategists and community organizers are discussing growing the economy, creating jobs and political and the demographic importance of the new west. Colorado Governor Bill Ritter is hosting the event. Actor Robert Redford and billionaire T. **Boone Pickens** were scheduled speakers, last night.
00:10:30

9. Fox 21 Morning News
KXRM-TV CH 21 (FOX) Colorado Springs/Pueblo
08/14/2009 08:00 AM - 09:00 AM

DMA: 91
Spot Cost: \$24
Est. Audience: 2,867

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[CC] 00:07:13 Top leaders from the west coast meet in Denver to talk strategy on growing the local economy . The New West Summit took place at the Colorado History Museum Thursday. Speakers included Robert Redford and tycoon T. **Boone Pickens**. Colorado Governor Bill Ritter hosted the event. The elected officials, community organizers and strategists taing about a way to create jobs in the demographic importance of the new west. 00:08:36

10. Fox 21 Morning News At 6
KXRM-TV CH 21 (FOX) Colorado Springs/Pueblo
08/14/2009 06:00 AM - 07:00 AM

DMA: 91
Spot Cost: \$20
Est. Audience: 2,227

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