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Letters

Listen to Pickens

Ten or twelve years ago I attended a conference on alternate-fuel vehicles at which Boone Pickens was the keynote speaker ("An oil man shifts gears," July 16). At the time, most vehicle manufacturers were producing their first all-electric vehicles and there was a lot of hoopla about them.

Pickens shocked the conference by saying that everyone interested in alternate-fuel vehicles should become boosters of the electric program. But he added that the sooner the electric program collapsed and died, the better for natural gas, which would become the fuel of choice for fleet vehicles.

Companies that have converted their fleets to natural gas must be smiling as the price of gasoline increases. And now Pickens has added wind to the mix. We probably would be smart to listen to him.

Jerry Grover
Audubon

Think negatively?

Although the United States eventually will come out stronger economically, it would happen more quickly if President Bush would spout pessimism ("Economy unsettled but Bush upbeat," July 16). He is so flawed and unbelievable to the vast majority of Americans that their knee-jerk reaction is to think the opposite of what he says and react accordingly.

Bill Rose
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All-Star Game

I read with interest the headline "Phils eager to host game again" (Inquirer, July 16). This is in light of the news that Chase Utley, in my opinion one of the classiest sports figures to ever grace this town, dropped the F-bomb on national TV.

Then, Brad "Lights Out" Lidge lived up to his name (even for those on the West Coast), ensuring once again that the American League will have home-field advantage during the World Series.

And J.D. Drew is MVP? Say it ain't so.

It's hard being a Phillies fan.

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