

PickensPlan

T. Boone Pickens Media Coverage 6.6.09-6.8.09

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- * Print: 27
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- * Broadcast: 25

Coverage Summary:

Pickens' latest blog on the Huffington Post discusses the May oil import numbers, highlighting where that money is going and what it is helping to support.

Green Energy News also reported on the latest oil import numbers. The piece discusses the Pickens Plan and research that could take place to further energy independence if this money wasn't being sent overseas.

The Associated Press ran a preview story on Pickens' appearance at the Southern Growth Policies Board meeting, where Pickens along with five governors will discuss the energy needs in the South. This piece was picked up by 35 outlets, including websites for CNBC, Forbes and MSN Money. Another AP piece crossed the wires following Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour's speech, which discussed the potential effects of energy legislation moving through Congress, including cap-and-trade which he believes will drive up the cost of residential power bills.

The Daily Advertiser in Lafayette, LA has an editorial supporting legislation that would provide tax credits for switching to natural gas. The piece also outlines key parts of the Pickens Plan.

A Pickens Plan District leader wrote a letter to the editor in the Arizona Republic in response to a recent article on gas prices, highlighting steps that should be taken.

The Telegraph in Illinois reported on a city's efforts to reduce energy consumption. The piece mentions that former Alton Mayor Don Sandidge recently signed the Pickens Pledge.

Tulsa World ran a series of articles this weekend looking at construction at Boone Pickens Stadium and the Athletic Village. The Oklahoma State athletic director is quoted as saying Pickens made it possible. A second piece discusses the future timetable of the Athletic Village and a need for additional fundraising. Pickens is quoted in the piece as saying the Village will be complete within the next 10 years. Highlighted Placements (Full Articles Below)

* Time Is Money -- About Half a Million Dollars a Minute -
Huffington Post - 6/8/09

* Keep Oil Money At Home - Green Energy News - 6/7/09

* Southern Govs Meet Next Week to Discuss Energy - Associated
Press - 6/5/09

- * CNBC
- * Forbes
- * MSN Money
- * Access North Georgia
- * Atlanta Journal Constitution
- * Biloxi-Gulfport Sun Herald
- * Charleston Daily Mail
- * Charleston Gazette
- * Chattanooga Times Free Press
- * Columbus Ledger-Examiner
- * DeSoto Appeal
- * Fort Mills Times
- * Georgia Public Broadcasting
- * iStockAnalyst
- * Jackson Clarion Ledger
- * KATV
- * KSLA
- * KTHV
- * Memphis Daily News
- * Picayune Item
- * St. Augustine Record
- * WAAY
- * WALB
- * WBIR
- * West Virginia MetroNews
- * WHNT
- * WHSV
- * WKRG
- * WMBF

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- * WREG
- * WSAZ
- * WTVM
- * WXVT
- * WZTV

* Southern Governors Meet to Discuss Energy - Associated Press - 6/8/09

- * WTOK

* Natural Gas Plan Makes Sense - The Daily Advertiser - 6/7/09
 * Letter; Gas Prices Good for Solar - The Arizona Republic - 6/5/09

* Panel to Audit Alton's Energy Use - The Telegraph (IL) - 6/7/09
 * Donations Turn Dream Into Reality - Tulsa World - 6/6/09

- * American Chronicle

* Holding Pattern: After a Huge Financial Hit, Will OSU's Athletic Village Ever Become a Reality? - Tulsa World - 6/7/09

- * The Chronicle of Higher Education

Print Placements (Full Articles Below)

* Barbour to Lead Coast Summit - Biloxi-Gulfport Sun Herald - 6/6/09

- * Trading Markets
- * iStockAnalyst

* Energy Focus of Southern Growth Meeting - Jackson Clarion-Ledger - 6/5/09

* Florida Forum season's lineup: Pickens, Noonan, Toobin, Stein will speak in Jacksonville - Florida Times-Union - 6/8/09

* Sovereignty Symposium: Tribes Should Act Now to Comply with New SORNA - Native American Times - 6/8/09

* Seen and Heard at NAHB Green Building Conference 2009 - Kitsap Peninsula Business Journal - 6/6/09

Blog/Online Placements (Full Articles Below)

* Get Resourceful and Break the Cycle of Doom and Gloom - Huffington Post - 6/8/09

* Natural Gas: Our Energy Savior? - The Motley Fool - 6/5/09

* For Trading Success Be Open to Every Possibility - Trading

Markets - 6/5/09

HIGHLIGHTED COVERAGE

Time Is Money -- About Half a Million Dollars a Minute - Huffington Post
- 6/8/09

By T. Boone Pickens

I know you think that the worst is over. Here and there we're starting to get bits and pieces of good news about the U.S. economy. Some are even saying that we're beginning to climb out of this recession. I certainly hope that's true. But one thing's for sure: we've still got our work cut out for us, and the May numbers from the Energy Information Administration prove it.

Last month, we imported 366 million barrels of oil at a total cost of \$21.6 billion. Every minute in May we spent \$484,087 to pay for our addiction to foreign oil. Think of it this way. By the time you finish reading this post, a couple million dollars will be gone, out of our economy for good. They won't fuel American jobs. They won't pay American taxes. And they definitely won't help us create the infrastructure or the building blocks so vital to the future our country.

OK. I've told you what those billions won't be doing for us. Now I'm going to tell you what those billions will be doing. Each month we cut a fat check to Venezuela's state-owned oil company. We import tens of millions of barrels of their crude. So not only are we propping up Hugo Chavez, but we're giving him the spending money he needs to go out and try his best to give our country a black eye whenever he sees fit.

A much bigger check goes to the Middle East, countries like Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, and Oman. You know where some of those billions end up? Funding Al Qaeda and other terrorist organizations. Call it what you want: protection money, payoffs, whatever. But we pay for both sides

of the War on Terrorism, and we've been doing so for decades. That's got to be one of the stupidest things I've ever heard of.

Back to May's numbers. If you're like me and think \$21 billion is way too much to be sending overseas, then brace yourself. So far in 2009, the price of gasoline has gone up 88 cents a gallon at the pump, and 48 cents of that jump took place just last month. OPEC has said it would be comfortable when the price of oil back to \$75 a barrel, and I guarantee you they wouldn't try to bring it down if it went higher.

So what should we do?

At this very moment we have a window of opportunity that must not be ignored. America can end its addiction to foreign oil, but we have to get moving. Around the world there are roughly 10 million vehicles running on natural gas. Yet only 150,000 NG vehicles can be found here in the U.S. So the country with the most number of cars on earth has the least number of natural gas vehicles? On top of that, America's natural gas reserves are enormous. By some estimates they could last a century. The fact that we aren't making better use of our domestic natural gas makes about as much sense as the way we spend half a trillion dollars each year importing foreign oil.

President Obama recently announced new emissions targets for cars and light trucks. Natural gas produces virtually no particulate emissions and, because of its chemical structure, only a fraction of the carbon dioxide emissions that diesel and gasoline produce. A major initiative to move America's heavy trucks to natural gas would save us billions annually by reducing our need for imported oil. We all know that America's auto industry desperately needs a lifeline. Building passenger cars and light trucks that run on natural gas would help retain existing jobs and create new ones.

All of us want to end this recession as quickly as possible. And we have many of the answers right here right now. What we don't have is any time to waste. Because the longer we procrastinate, the sooner another million, and then another billion, leave this country for good.

Keep Oil Money At Home - Green Energy News - 6/7/09

By Bruce Mulliken

Once oil man now energy independence evangelist T. Boone Pickens is correct when he says, "Our staggering dependence on foreign oil is responsible for more than two-thirds of our trade deficit, and it's killing our economy and putting our national security at risk."

Pickens, in his sixth consecutive monthly update on the level of United States' oil importation, says 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 366 million barrels, in May 2009, sending approximately \$21.6 billion, or \$484,087 per minute, overseas to foreign governments.

That's a lot of money that if spent at home would be at least preserving jobs, at best creating them.

In 2008, when oil reached more than \$140 a barrel, the U.S. sent about \$700 billion overseas to buy oil, according to a press release from the Pickens Plan. \$700 billion is \$87 billion less than the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), also known as the Stimulus Package, enacted as a way to help bring the country out of the current recession, but also adding to the U.S. debt.

Pickens says that \$700 billion equaled "the greatest transfer of wealth in human history."

No wonder we're broke.

Pickens Plan calls for investing in power generation from domestic renewable resources such as wind and using our abundant supplies of natural gas as a transportation fuel, replacing more than one-third of

our imported oil. He has interests in both wind and natural gas.

If money wasn't sent overseas for oil it could be invested in energy research here at home, which would eventually lead to total energy independence, emission free power, new business opportunities and the new employment that goes along with any new investment. At nearly 10 percent unemployment, job creation is now a great concern.

Even without huge investment, research into new energy sources still moves along, albeit slowly

The National Ignition Facility (NIF) at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory was officially dedicated on May 29. The NIF, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, is based around the world's highest-energy laser system of 192 laser beams that will focus nearly two million joules of energy to create temperatures and pressures that exist in the cores of stars and giant planets. By harnessing the massive power generated by its lasers, NIF plans to create conditions and conduct a wide range of experiments never before possible on earth.

One of those experiments is to advance a new form of green energy. In experiments set to begin in 2010, NIF will focus its lasers on a very tiny target filled with isotopes of hydrogen. The heat and pressures created by the lasers will force the hydrogen nuclei to collide and produce a controlled fusion reaction similar to that found in the sun.

If the experiment works, more energy will be produced by this 'ignition' process than the amount of laser energy required to start it. This is the long-sought goal of 'energy gain' that has been the goal of fusion researchers for more than half a century. An energy gain would eventually translate into a new source of clean power. Call the NIF clean energy experiments "hot fusion."

A day later, and halfway across the nation, researchers in Low-Energy Nuclear Reaction (LENR), popularly known as "Cold Fusion," met to compare notes at a seminar at the University of Missouri.

Rob Duncan, Vice Chancellor of Research Seminar Series at the university

noted "It's simply too convenient to dismiss [cold fusion] as junk science. As scientists, we should go after what we don't understand."

Duncan started the seminar with a presentation showcasing LENR results achieved by New Jersey based Energetics Technologies, in which he stated, "This direct experimental evidence is compelling." Duncan had visited Energetics' laboratory in Omer, Israel, where he was asked by the CBS News magazine 60 Minutes to determine whether the Energetics' reports of excess heat were "experimentally defensible". Duncan told 60 Minutes "They've done something very interesting here...I found that the work done, was carefully done, and that the excess heat, as I see it now, is quite real."

With growing recognition as a possibility as a new clean energy source LENR may soon need significant investment. But money sent overseas on oil for dirty energy most likely won't find its way back to U.S. laboratories for research and development of hot fusion or cold.

Southern Govs Meet Next Week to Discuss Energy - Associated Press - 6/5/09

BILOXI, Miss. -- Oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens and five governors are scheduled to appear at a conference next week to discuss the future of energy needs in the South.

Governors Haley Barbour of Mississippi, Mike Beebe of Arkansas, Phil Bredesen of Tennessee, Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Sonny Perdue of Georgia are on the agenda to speak during a meeting of the Southern Growth Policies Board.

The board's annual conference is Monday and Tuesday at the Beau Rivage Casino in Biloxi.

Executives from Nucor Steel, Kansas City Southern railroad and Duke

Energy also are scheduled to speak.

Pickens has been pushing for the expansion of wind power.

Southern Governors Meet to Discuss Energy - Associated Press - 6/8/09

Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour says consumers could face huge increases in power and gasoline bills and economic growth in the Southeast and elsewhere in the United States could be stifled by tax proposals under study in Washington.

At the opening of an energy conference sponsored by the Southern Growth Policies Board Monday, Barbour said that cap-and-trade proposals on carbon emissions being pushed by the Obama administration would drive up the average cost of a Mississippi residential power bill by as much as 50 percent.

Barbour also said that proposed federal taxes on energy production would drive up the cost of gasoline, diesel fuel and natural gas, not only on consumers, but on industry.

Oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens is also scheduled to appear at the conference to discuss the future of energy needs in the South.

Barbour's opening speech, as provided by the governor's office, appears below.

"Thank you. And welcome. On behalf of the people of Mississippi and especially those from the Mississippi Gulf Coast, it is my honor and pleasure to welcome you to Biloxi and the Beau Rivage, for the Southern Growth Policies Board Annual Conference.

Ted, we are grateful to you and your staff for helping make this a huge success, with more than 400 attendees, a record for recent years.

Less than four years ago this Coast bore the brunt of the worst natural disaster in American history, Hurricane Katrina.

As I flew over the Coast in a helicopter the following morning, I couldn't believe the devastation . . . utter obliteration from Pearlinton, 50 miles west of here, to Pascagoula 25 miles east and beyond. It looked as if the hand of God had wiped away the Coast, in some places for blocks, in others for miles.

The eye of the storm was thirty-two miles across. The storm surge at Waveland, the first little town east of the center eye wall, had a storm surge of thirty-eight feet, including the waves on top. Seventy-five miles to the east, at Pascagoula, the storm surge was still more than twenty feet. Indeed, Katrina produced the greatest storm surge in the history of meteorology.

While things are not back to normal yet, the four hundred or so registrants to our conference are seeing some of the incredible progress that has been made . . . and continues.

The Beau Rivage here had a three story mountain of water that rose and withdrew through the morning hours of August 29, 2005. It took one full year and some seven hundred million dollars to bring it back. And it came back better than ever.

And that is where the Coast is headed. A year ago the population of Mississippi's bottom six counties was about 97% of what it was before the storm. All our public schools were back open within a few weeks of Katrina. Our big employers, except for the casinos, were fully open before year end 2005. At one point there were some 47,000 FEMA trailers housing Mississippi families. Now there are a few hundred left on the Coast, in 2000 Mississippi cottages.

While the pace is too slow to suit me, it is the fastest pace for recovery and rebuilding of any major disaster in our history.

And the Coast is coming back bigger and better than ever before.

We are grateful to the federal government for the generous disaster relief we've received, but we're even more grateful for the latitude we're been granted in how to spend it.

Thanks, too, to our sister states who sent so much help; additionally, we appreciate the incredible, indeed unprecedented outpouring of generosity by the private sector; corporate America was stupendous; but it was the faith-based groups . . . the churches that were so phenomenal. More than 600,000 volunteers, the vast majority from religious groups, came the first year . . . and they're still coming .

. . . along with wonderful groups of young people from AmeriCorps and similar organizations.

At the end of the day, it was . . . and is the spirit and character of the people of Mississippi that has made the difference. These strong resilient, self-reliant people got knocked flat by the worst natural disaster in American history, but they got right back up, hitched up their britches and went to work. Went to work helping their neighbors as well as themselves. They are courageous and compassionate. That's why they are succeeding at bringing back the Coast bigger and better than ever.

The Southern Growth Policies Board has served the South for nearly four decades, helping us learn better how to grow our economies in the fast changing world we've lived in.

Throughout this era many Southern states have been major producers of American energy. Coal is a significant economic sector in Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and, increasingly, this state of Mississippi; where we're learning to efficiently burn low-grade lignite coal to generate electricity. Simultaneously, oil and natural gas are large elements of the economies of Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama. And, of course, the Gulf of Mexico off four of

our states produces double-digit percentages of America's domestically produced oil and natural gas.

The South has abundant, affordable, American energy, but this is not to say we are alone as an energy producing area. The Midwest and the Great Plains states have long been major suppliers of coal and, to a lesser degree, of petroleum and natural gas. The Mountain West produces more coal and increasing amounts of oil and gas, with some traditional drilling and some non-traditional production from shale and other formations.

Hydro, often from the Northwest, supplies a small amount (less than 10 percent) of our electricity. About half of all our electricity is generated from coal-burning facilities; while another twenty or so percent each comes from nuclear powered plants and from power stations fueled with natural gas. Well under five percent of electricity in the U.S. is currently produced from alternative sources such as wind, solar, geothermal, etc. While that percentage should increase as should the percentage of motor vehicles running on electricity, natural gas or other appropriate alternatives, the fact is more than ninety-five percent of electricity generated in the United States is generated by the long traditional energy sources of coal, natural gas, nuclear and hydro. And we in the South are big suppliers of those fuels as well as great consumers of electricity produced by those energy sources.

If we Southern states had had this conference last summer, how different it would have been!

The Bush Administration had made a couple of efforts earlier in this decade to move U. S. energy policy toward one of production of more American energy. Its success was limited as it related to a new generation of nuclear power plants, increased transmission grids and more oil and gas production. Mostly we saw mandates and subsidies for fuels like ethanol.

But last year, as oil prices went from \$60 to \$147 a barrel and gasoline to \$4 a gallon, the cry of "Drill, Baby, Drill" resonated with the public. They knew more American energy meant lower prices and less reliance on foreign oil.

This energy policy preference followed the norm of American history.

The English who got off the boat at Jamestown four hundred years ago found a land of abundant energy, easily at hand. And so it was for centuries, with enormous amounts of eastern timberland nearby, followed by whale oil, petroleum and coal. Only the late twentieth century slowed down with the rise of electricity generated by nuclear plants stifled and also the steady, dangerous increase of foreign oil imports.

After nearly four centuries of abundant, affordable, American energy, the lack of a coherent energy policy came home to roost, especially last year.

Yet within a few months the new Obama Administration set out in a new direction for U. S. energy policy. Instead of a policy of more American energy, the proposed Obama policy is to establish a cap and trade tax, increase taxes on oil and gas companies by \$81 billion and create a requirement that a certain percentage of electricity be generated with renewable fuels . . . a so-called renewable portfolio standard.

These policies have in common that they would all inevitably and substantially increase the cost of energy to American families and American businesses, especially manufacturing.

Don't take my word for it: Last January then-Senator Barack Obama said to the San Francisco Chronicle, "Under my cap and trade plan, electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket." Congressman John Dingell, the senior Democrat on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, agrees with the President's 2008 assessment. On the first day of hearings on a bill to implement this part of the Obama energy plan, Dingell said, "Cap and trade is a tax, and it's a great big one."

A great deal of research has been done on how much energy costs would be driven up because of the cap and trade tax. Because electric utilities emit nearly half of CO2 emission, much attention has been given to the increase in electricity rates.

Estimates in our state indicate rate increases for our investor-owned utilities of \$50-60 per month for the average residential customer.

These would be increases of approximately fifty percent, with the current average monthly bill being only about \$100. For working and middle class families it would be a higher increase.

These estimates are consistent with a study released by the National Rural Electrical Cooperative Association last month. It is estimated the cap and trade tax would raise their residential customers average rates \$50 or more a month.

Of course, the cap and trade tax would fall on all greenhouse gas (GHG) emitters, not just electric utilities. We will talk during this conference about its effects, especially its costs, costs to families, but also to the economy. In addition, we'll consider the effects of the cap and trade tax on the South, with our immense energy production industries and our industries that use a lot of energy to produce goods and services. You'll see the effects on the South are very different from those on the East and West Coasts.

As we consider the renewable energy portfolio requirement, you'll see it also has major geographical impacts. A state like this one can't generate base-load or much of any electricity with wind or solar.

It's a physical impossibility.

So long as nuclear is kept off the list of what counts as renewable, this renewable standard just amounts to another tax on many of our states.

As to the \$81 billion tax increase on oil and gas companies proposed in President Obama's budget, we know it will get passed along in the cost of gasoline, diesel fuel and natural gas, and be paid by consumers.

As we discuss these policies today and tomorrow, we should have an eye toward making opinion leaders and average citizens aware of the effects of this proposed energy policy, especially the costs. Americans must know the facts about the cap and trade tax and the others. Instead of more American energy and more affordable energy, the result of these new proposals is a much higher cost of energy in the name of addressing climate change as an imminent crisis; less energy and less affordable

energy produced in the U. S., again to reduce the emissions of CO2 in our country; an analysis of the loss of jobs in companies that produce oil, gas and coal and in companies whose U. S. facilities become non-competitive because of high energy costs and move production to China, India, Brazil and other countries with far higher GHG emissions per unit of energy generated; and, despite the tremendous damage to the U. S. economy and harm to American families caused by these larger cost increases, very little progress in reducing GHG emissions. This is my take away for the various analyses. You'll get to make your own conclusions over the next couple of days.

This is a greatly needed conference as these facts need to be known by the American people. We're glad you're part of it."

Natural Gas Plan Makes Sense - The Daily Advertiser - 6/7/09

It's the most modest of modest proposals. And yet it has drawn opposition.

It's a tax credit, good for individuals and corporations, that would encourage Louisiana people to make the switch to natural gas as a fuel for their automobiles.

The House version of the bill, introduced by Rep. Jane Smith, R-Bossier City, passed Thursday. State Sen. Nick Gautreaux, D-Abbeville, has the same bill awaiting action in the Senate.

The bill's tax credits are nothing if not modest. Buy a natural-gas-fueled vehicle, buy equipment to convert a gasoline- or diesel-powered vehicle to natural gas, or buy equipment to dispense natural gas as an automotive fuel, and you or your company get the credit.

All told, the credit is expected to cost the state only \$164,000 in the

first year and \$200,000 five years from now - unless the natural gas purchases or conversions really catch on. Then the credit would cost more. And it would be worth it.

Opposition came from representatives who wondered how the Legislature can consider new tax credits in the face of drastic higher education and health care cuts. Others asked why this credit is more important than others that have been stalled in committee out of concern for their budget implications.

We all should know the answers by now. T. Boone tells us so.

Billionaire T. Boone Pickens, who made his money in energy, has been pushing his Pickens Plan for energy independence. While his plan supports greater use of solar and wind power, and recognizes that electric or hydrogen-powered vehicles are part of our future, it also proposes using natural gas as a quickly implemented transitional fuel for vehicles.

The Pickens plan says a fifth of every barrel of imported oil goes into long-haul trucks that can't be run with electricity, at least as things stand now. More oil is used for everyday vehicles that can be easily converted to natural gas. The conversion would keep some of our money out of the hands of those who wish us ill.

Environmentally, there is a debate over whether the carbon emissions that result from the production and transportation of natural gas outweigh its benefits. But at the vehicle end of the line, using natural gas as a fuel cuts carbon dioxide emissions by 30 percent or more and all but eliminates particulate emissions.

One more thing about natural gas: Louisiana has lots of it.

We encourage the Senate to follow the House's lead and provide this small incentive to those willing to use a Louisiana product to start solving some of the nation's energy problems.

Letter; Gas Prices Good for Solar - The Arizona Republic - 6/5/09

Ryan Randazzo's story ("Gas prices leap - but remember last year's records?" May 22) ties well into the direction that T. Boone Pickens has said we should go. We should build more solar and wind energy resources and move the natural gas used for power plants to vehicles to help us get off foreign oil.

With new taxes and carbon limits, our power companies will find it cheaper to use wind and solar. We also know that petroleum will rise in price gradually.

That is why the rest of the world is ahead of us on natural gas vehicles and alternative fuels. Our petroleum has always been subsidized and cheaper than everyone else's.

-- David Clement, Mesa

The writer leads Pickens' Arizona 6th Congressional District group.

Panel to Audit Alton's Energy Use - The Telegraph (IL) - 6/7/09

By Linda N. Weller

ALTON - A citizens' environmental committee plans to conduct an audit of energy use by the city to help Alton comply with its "Cool City" designation.

"Our committee is really trying to do an energy audit to set a baseline of how much energy is consumed by city vehicles, its housing (buildings) and its lighting," said Wayne Politsch of Alton, chairman of the Alton Climate Protection and Energy Efficiency Committee.

He said it is important for the city to know how much it is spending on fuels and electricity, so as to set goals for reducing consumption - and to measure the effectiveness of efforts to cut usage. Reducing energy use would save taxpayers' money and reduce Alton's "carbon footprint," he said.

"We are hoping the state of Illinois will help educate us in the procedures," he said.

The committee plans to have a wind power company and lighting firm make presentations, the latter regarding energy-efficient streetlights, decorative lighting and city buildings.

Politsch is chairman of the Piasa Palisades Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Members of the Alton Climate Protection and Energy Efficiency Committee also have set four broad goals and compiled a wish list of energy-saving items they want to buy with a forthcoming \$80,000 grant from ConocoPhillips.

The city committee also is working on formulating a Climate Action Plan that will complete a greenhouse gases emissions baseline inventory and forecast; emissions reduction targets and timelines; formulate solutions and policies to reduce emissions; implement solutions and policies; and monitor progress of emissions reductions and verify results.

In the meantime, Alton is replacing traffic, street and exit lights with more efficient LED units that it obtained half-price through a three-month Ameren credit worth \$150,000.

The city uses 1 million kilowatt-hours of electricity per month, which costs \$140,500 monthly or \$1,686,000 annually, said Joel Schwaab, a member of the committee.

Schwaab, operator of the city's wastewater treatment plant until new Mayor Tom Hoechst declined last week to reappoint him, recently surveyed the city's energy use, finding Alton could save considerable money on energy-efficient lights.

"We're starting small but dreaming big, and everyone's getting involved," Schwaab said. "That's a great route to change to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, thus saving the city tax dollars."

Representing the committee at a public meeting last week, Schwaab listed its objectives and how it would like the city to spend the \$80,000 it expects to get from ConocoPhillips. The City Council subsequently OK'd the list, which has two priority tiers:

First priority: Toyota Prius hybrid car for the Building and Zoning Department (\$23,000); Ford Escape for the Fire Department (\$25,000); electric utility cart for fire/rescue (\$9,692); electric utility carts for park and sewer departments (\$20,000); greenhouse gas computer software (\$600); and energy audit (\$5,000).

Second-tier priority: Two Toyota Priuses for city motor pool (\$46,000); Chevrolet Sierra 1500 pickup truck for Animal Control (\$40,000); wind turbine energy study (\$20,000).

"We need to do something along these lines, so we are not so dependent on fossil fuels," former Mayor Don Sandidge said last week. "That's the way we need to be moving, to electrical or hybrid" vehicles.

Seventh Ward Alderman David Boulds, a member of the committee, said the wishlist contains possible purchases for several city departments.

"We tried to spread it out over the entire city (departments), so everyone will profit from it," he said.

The software would quantify emissions reductions from existing and proposed solutions; calculates energy and cost savings of various solutions; calculates simple payback periods; and demonstrates progress solutions are making toward the community's reduction goals.

A new blower control system at the wastewater treatment plant cost \$126,000, but Alton expects to save \$144,000 a year in electrical costs, plus get a rebate of \$63,000. Plans are to hook it up this week.

Schwaab said four Illinois towns using the equipment save 40 percent a month in energy costs.

He also said Alton is getting \$400,000 in federal stimulus money to create energy-efficient buildings, which will be used for solar panels, updating heating/ventilation/air conditioning systems, for wind turbines, street lighting and energy-efficient window replacement.

It is up to the oil refinery as to what Alton will be able to purchase with the grant money. ConocoPhillips, which operates WRB Refining Wood River Refinery, is offering to fund up to \$350,000 in environmental projects in towns in the greater Wood River area.

The company agreed to fund the projects as part of an agreement it made with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in order to receive a permit to start construction on the refinery's expansion.

Grant stipulations are that the recipients use the money to support participation in the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement; to inventory greenhouse gas emissions; purchase hybrid vehicles for city uses; or prepare and implement greenhouse reduction plans.

Sandidge signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement last year

at the urging of the Sierra Club chapter and the Alton cluster of churches in United Congregations of Metro-East.

Officials signing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement promise to put ecological and energy-savings measures into place, as well as a means of reducing greenhouse emissions. The City Council OK'd the agreement, which means Alton became a "Cool City." Sandidge subsequently established the committee and named its members.

Other committee members are Alderman Mick McCahill, 2nd Ward; Zeke Jabush, North Alton Business Council; and Alton residents Darrell McGibany and Jeremy Mills.

Hoechst was an original committee member but resigned in April following his election as mayor. Sandidge then named Mills, who ran unsuccessfully for 5th Ward alderman, as his replacement.

"Alton was the first city in the Metro East to sign on as a 'Cool City,' and (Hoechst) has pledged to continue" the effort, Politsch said.

The agreement's introduction says:

"We urge the federal government and state governments to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the target of reducing global warming pollution levels to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012, including efforts to: reduce the United States' dependence on fossil fuels and accelerate the development of clean, economical energy resources and fuel-efficient technologies such as conservation, methane recovery for energy generation, waste-to-energy, wind and solar energy, fuel cells, efficient motor vehicles and biofuels."

Future environmental projects include air main replacement and fine bubble diffusers and methane recovery at the treatment plant.

More recently, Sandidge also signed T. Boone Pickens' Energy Independence Pledge: "We will no longer stand by and watch as America's

national security and economy become more dependent on the unstable foreign nations that we rely on for nearly 70 percent of the oil we use each day," it says.

"We spend nearly \$700 billion every year buying foreign oil, which represents the greatest transfer of wealth in the history of mankind. President Obama and the 111th Congress need to enact an energy plan that reduces our foreign oil dependence by at least 30 percent within 10 years," it continues.

"This plan must include proven American technology and resources; the development of new energy sources; and the expansion and modernization of the national electrical grid to transport renewable energy to homes and businesses. Delaying any further means tacit support for continuing America's addiction to foreign oil."

Sandidge stressed the importance of taking energy-saving measures.

"This is one of the most important issues of our day," he said. "We can't waste any more time - or money. I commend the committee for the work they've done."

Donations Turn Dream Into Reality - Tulsa World - 6/6/09

By Bill Haisten

STILLWATER – When Mike Holder became Oklahoma State's athletic director in September 2005, there was no firm plan to construct anything at the west end of Boone Pickens Stadium.

There had been talk of building a hotel there – just something to fill the space.

"We had used everything we had to build the north- and south-side structures. There wasn't any money left," Holder recalls. "We mortgaged everything we had to build the north and south side. You couldn't borrow any more money, and we had already tapped all of our donors out.

"To do something in the west end zone it was just a dream. Boone Pickens' big gift allowed us to do more than dream."

After Pickens donated \$165 million to the OSU athletic department in January 2006, Tulsa architect Gary Sparks was commissioned to design a grand new complex for the football program.

The result – a \$180 million, 633,130-square-foot addition to the stadium.

"In the past, people would recruit against us by talking about our stadium, by talking about our failure to win and by talking about us not being in the Top 25," OSU coach Mike Gundy said. "Slowly but surely, we've been countering all of that. Our stadium is as good as anybody's, we've been winning and we've been ranked."

By the end of the summer, and before Georgia visits for the ABC-televised season-opening game on Sept. 5, Oklahoma State will have completed its six-year stadium renovation project. The final cost amounts to \$283 million.

When Cowboy players report next week for the start of summer conditioning, they will occupy a new locker room in the west-end building – a 14,000-square-foot locker room that may be the largest and most impressively appointed in college football.

Gundy and his assistant coaches move into their new offices on July 13. Gundy's office is located on the fifth floor of the eight-level complex, and it provides a panoramic view of the stadium.

"It's a spacious office. Very workable," Gundy said. "It's very nice, but I didn't need it to be a palace. I have an area to meet with recruits and their families, and I have a work station. It's perfect."

The stadium's south-side renovation was completed in 2004, while the north-side suites and club seats were open for business in 2006.

To complete the west-end project, Holder says, the athletic department borrowed \$35 million from the OSU Foundation. During the 2008 football season, Holder raised an additional \$10 million in donations.

"Within the next year, we hope to sell some bonds and we'll use the proceeds of those bonds to pay off the foundation," Holder said.

Contained within the west-end complex are 36 luxury suites, 18 of which have been leased for the 2009 season.

As recently as 2003, the entire stadium had only 16 suites. By the start of the 2009 season, Boone Pickens Stadium will be outfitted with 99 suites. Eventually, OSU may add 30 more suites on the club level at the west end.

Holding Pattern: After a Huge Financial Hit, Will OSU's Athletic Village Ever Become a Reality? - Tulsa World - 6/7/09

By Bill Haisten

STILLWATER By now, when he arrives each morning at his spot in the Oklahoma State coaches' parking lot, Mike Holder expected to see a flurry of construction activity to the immediate north of Boone Pickens

Stadium.

He expected to see the development of Oklahoma State's Athletic Village a collection of state-of-the-art venues that would include a \$50 million indoor practice facility and a \$30 million baseball stadium.

Instead, he sees 100 acres of mostly nothing.

Eleven months ago, OSU had \$407 million in a facilities fund managed by T. Boone Pickens' BP Capital investment firm.

A few weeks later, because of the stock-market crisis, a lot of that money was gone.

"Things were great from Jan. 1, 2006, until July of 2008, and then we hit a slight bump in the road," Holder says. "We lost (\$282 million) in three months.

"(Pickens) was within a day or two of pulling the plug (moving the money and beginning the Athletic Village projects). Before (the stock market) ever started going down, he talked about getting out of it. You can't do anything about it now, except to start over. The really bad part is that we had to cash out of our investments, so we don't have anything earning now. There's nothing making money for us right now. The economy is coming back and the market is going to come back, but, as of now, we don't have any investments. We're totally dependent on fund-raising. If anyone out there wants to build a track or a tennis stadium or a baseball stadium, call me."

OSU was left with enough money \$125 million salvaged from the facilities fund, along with \$63 million donated by Pickens in October, \$35 million borrowed from the OSU Foundation, and \$10 million in funds raised by Holder last fall to complete the Boone Pickens Stadium renovation project.

The university had spent about \$50 million for the purchase and removal

of all structures within the 100-acre Athletic Village site, but now lacks the money to proceed with construction of the indoor practice facility, outdoor football practice fields, baseball stadium, tennis complex, soccer-track complex and equestrian center.

Last week, Holder was asked whether the Athletic Village would ever become a reality.

"I'm personally committed to getting it done, but I'm not personally able to do it right now," Holder replied. "It will take a lot of people making a lot of money to get it done. It's a pretty expensive endeavor.

"A year ago, it wasn't a matter of if we were going to build, but when. It's just a bigger mountain to climb because you don't have the money. We're a lot further along than we were five years ago. How can anyone be discouraged about that? It would be nice to look over there and see that Sherman Smith Athletic Training Facility about halfway finished. I'd like that a lot better."

Pickens, whose donations were significantly responsible for the \$283 million stadium renovation, predicted that the Village would be complete "within the next 10 years."

"We've just got to make some money," he said during a telephone interview. "But I do think it's going to happen."

"I can't say, 'OK, the market is going to be back in two years or three years.' I just don't know," Pickens continued. "Look at my age. I'm 81. I certainly expect to get it done in my lifetime."

Cowboy football coach Mike Gundy expressed confidence in the fundraising abilities of Holder and Pickens.

"You've got people in charge who will make sure that the Athletic Village happens," Gundy said. "You've got Mr. Pickens, and his track record says that he'll turn it around. He never stays down very long. I

just spent two days with him. He's as rambunctious as he's ever been. We've got a (university) president, Burns Hargis, who understands what's going on. And we've got Mike Holder. If he has to use his own hands if he has to go over there and do it himself with a shovel it will get done. He will not leave that job until that project is done."

"Ultimately," Gundy added, "Mike Holder is responsible for all of this the stadium and the Village. Don't kid yourself Mr. Pickens would not be involved if it weren't for coach Holder."

As of August, when Baylor is scheduled to finish construction of its new indoor facility, Oklahoma State will have the Big 12's only football program without an indoor practice facility.

Because Tulsa oilman Sherman Smith donated \$20 million for OSU's indoor facility, Holder remains committed to the building of what could be the grandest such facility in college athletics a 151,000-square-foot structure that would serve several sports. It would be by far the Big 12's largest indoor facility. Kansas State's is measured at 94,000 square feet.

Several Big 12 schools have relatively modest and inexpensive practice facilities but, Gundy says, OSU will not settle for anything less than what was originally planned.

"Coach Holder is aware that we need it. That's no secret," Gundy said. "And it's not just for football. Other sports would use it more than we would. But we do need it for bowl practice. When you practice 10 or 12 days in December, getting ready for a bowl game, it can be bitter cold. In the spring time, you have lightning.

"Coach Holder and I are on the same page. As soon as we can build an indoor facility, we need to get to it. There's an obligation to Sherman Smith's family. The goal is to do things in a reasonable amount of time, but with a reasonable amount of debt."

Big 12 facilities

As of August, when Baylor completes its new facility, OSU's football program will be the only one in the Big 12 without an indoor practice

facility. A look at the Big 12 indoor facilities: baylor: The 72,700-square-foot Allison Indoor Practice Facility has a price tag of \$11 million.

Colorado: A \$3 million bubble (sustained by air pressure) contains a full field, along with space along the sidelines and beyond the end zones.

Iowa state: At a cost of \$9.6 million, the Steve and Debbie Bergstrom Indoor Training Facility opened in 2004. The facility also accommodates the softball and soccer programs.

Kansas: The Anschutz Pavilion was built in 1984 and was outfitted with a new turf in 1999.

Kansas state: Believed to be the largest such facility in college football, the Wildcats' 94,000-square-foot indoor practice venue was built for \$2.2 million in 1993.

Missouri: A \$12 million structure, the Daniel J. Devine Indoor Practice Facility was completed in 1998 and contains a 90-yard field.

Nebraska: The 81,200-square-foot Hawks Championship Center contains a field identical to Nebraska's Memorial Stadium playing surface.

Oklahoma: At a cost of \$10.3 million, the Sooners' Everest Training Center was completed in 2002. It includes a full-sized playing field, simulated stadium lighting and a scoreboard with play clocks.

Texas: Known simply as "The Bubble," the Longhorn facility was completed in 2002 at a cost of \$4 million.

Texas A&M: The Aggies' 75,636-square-foot facility was built in 2007. The cost was \$12 million.

Texas Tech: The Red Raiders share a “bubble” facility with Tech’s indoor track and field team. For football, a 60-yard turf field is used.

ATHLETIC VILLAGE TIMELINE

November 2005: Oklahoma State University announces a plan to purchase property north of Hall of Fame Avenue in Stillwater. According to a university press release, the land eventually will become the site of “a state-of-the-art athletic village.” Ultimately, OSU spends about \$50 million for the purchase and removal of all structures within the area (27 owner-occupied homes, 190 single-family rental units, 50 multi-family rental units and three commercial buildings).

January 2006: T. Boone Pickens donates \$165 million to Oklahoma State. It is the largest gift ever presented to the athletic department of any American university.

January 2007: OSU receives a \$20 million gift from Tulsa oilman Sherman Smith, a 1948 Oklahoma State graduate. The money will help fund a \$50 million indoor practice facility to be used by the Cowboy football, baseball, softball, soccer and track-and-field programs. The 151,000-square-foot indoor practice facility will bear Smith’s name and be located immediately north of Boone Pickens Stadium.

January 2007: Athletic director Mike Holder reports that through its first year of existence, OSU’s athletic facilities fund – money to be applied toward the construction of the Athletic Village facilities – has generated about \$50 million. From a starting point of \$202 million in January 2006, the OSU fund – managed by Pickens’ BP Capital – grew by 25.87 percent. By the end of December 2006, the fund total stood at about \$252 million.

July 2007: A judge rules that OSU could use eminent domain to acquire land for its Athletic Village. The decision clears the way for OSU to remove one remaining rental property from the 80-acre tract.

October 2007: Holder tells the Tulsa World that the athletics fund is worth “around \$300 million. ... We’ve grown about \$100 million in less than two years.

July 2008: Holder reports that the athletics fund has rolled to a total of \$407 million.

September 2008: OSU spokesman Gary Shutt issues a statement indicating that the athletic department's investment in BP Capital "has experienced a tough third quarter.

October 2008: During a press conference, OSU announces that Pickens has presented an additional \$63 million gift to the athletic department - and Holder acknowledges that the stock-market crisis has had a terrible effect on the facilities fund. Holder reports a loss of \$282 million (from \$407 million to \$125 million), and that the remaining money had been moved from the BP Capital hedge fund.

June 2009: Pickens tells the Tulsa World that the Athletic Village facilities eventually will be built. "I can't say 'OK, the market is going to be back in two years or three years.' I just don't know," he said. "But I do think it will be within the next 10 years. Look at my age. I'm 81. It may seem harsh to put it in those terms, but that's the way it is. I certainly expect to get it done in my lifetime.

THE PLANS, THE COSTS

A look at the proposed facilities that would comprise Oklahoma State's athletic Village (including the estimated cost for each):

\$6 million

Outdoor football practice fields

\$50 million

Sherman Smith Multipurpose Indoor Practice Facility

\$30 million

Baseball stadium

\$4 million

Equestrian center

\$30 million

Soccer and track complex

\$15 million

Tennis complex

PRINT COVERAGE

Barbour to Lead Coast Summit - Biloxi-Gulfport Sun Herald - 6/6/09

By Michael Newsom

Energy expert T. Boone Pickens and several Southern governors and energy experts will hold meetings in Biloxi on Monday and Tuesday for a summit titled "Southern Energy: Abundant, Affordable and American."

Simultaneously, the Southern Growth Policies Board, chaired by Gov. Haley Barbour, will meet and focus on the issue of "energy-related economic development." Barbour, Southern Company CEO David Ratcliffe and American Petroleum Institute Chief Economist John Felmy are among the speakers on Monday's agenda.

Typically held in the home state of the chairman, the SGPB meeting is “sort of a prelude for other things coming our way,” said Barbour’s communications director, Buddy Bynum, citing the national governors’ meeting in July.

About 400 are expected to attend the energy summit, including four other governors and experts across the spectrum, Bynum said. Media are expected from both national and energy-trade publications.

“They’ll be enjoying our hospitality for a couple of days,” Bynum said. “They will get a firsthand look at the Mississippi Gulf Coast. It should have a pretty good economic impact on the (area).”

Barbour’s SGPB chairmanship has been focused on energy, Bynum said, and the governor “knows the South has phenomenal resources that if used appropriately, can help the nation achieve the goal of energy independence.”

Pickens, an oil tycoon, entrepreneur and philanthropist, will give the keynote address at the group’s Tuesday luncheon. Pickens is well-known for the \$58 million advertising campaign to get the word out about “The Pickens Plan,” which was designed to reduce the United States’ dependence on foreign oil.

Also on the panel for the convention are Nucor Steel CEO Dan DiMicco, Warren Erdman of Kansas City Southern, Duke Energy President and COO Jim Turner and others. Georgia Gov. Sonny Purdue, Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe, Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen and West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin III are invited to speak at the convention. Barbour will preside over the meeting.

Energy Focus of Southern Growth Meeting – Jackson Clarion-Ledger –
6/5/09

Energy-related economic development will be the focus of the 2009 Southern Growth Policies Board annual meeting next week in Biloxi.

Gov. Haley Barbour, board chairman, will preside over the meeting Monday and Tuesday at the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino.

The conference's focus is the culmination of a year-long series of activities around the theme Southern Energy, which included community forums, state events, an online survey, the publication of a regional asset map on bioenergy and recommendations from The Southern Common Market on Alternative Fuels.

Texas oil and gas executive T. Boone Pickens will be at the Southern Energy Conference along with Dan DiMicco, CEO of Nucor Steel; Warren Erdman, Kansas City Southern; Jim Turner, president and chief operating officer of Duke Energy; and Margo Thorning, an expert on tax, environmental and competitiveness issues who formerly served at the U.S. Departments of Commerce and Energy and the Federal Trade Commission.

On-site media registration will be available during conference hours at the Southern Growth desk at the Beau Rivage.

For more information, e-mail Ted Abernathy, executive director, of the Southern Growth Policies Board, at tabernathy@southern.org.

Florida Forum season's lineup: Pickens, Noonan, Toobin, Stein will speak in Jacksonville - Florida Times-Union - 6/8/09

By Jessie-Lynne Kerr

In past year's prime ministers, secretaries of state, senators, media

magnates, sports figures and tycoons have come to Jacksonville to share their wisdom while raising money to help sick children.

The Florida Forum, the annual speakers series begun in 1992 by the Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital, launches its 2009-10 season Oct. 15 with entrepreneur, author and philanthropist T. Boone Pickens.

He will be followed on Jan. 26, by writer, political commentator and historian Peggy Noonan; on Feb. 23 by CNN senior analyst, writer, attorney and author Jeffrey Toobin; and on April 6 by actor, author, lawyer, economist, professor and television commentator Ben Stein. Each will be at the Florida Theatre downtown.

Since its inception, the Florida Forum, in addition to adding to the city's cultural and intellectual life, has contributed more than \$4 million to Wolfson Children's Hospital, the sole inpatient pediatric hospital in Northeast Florida.

"Wolfson just would not be what it is without the Women's Board and the Florida Forum," said Larry Freeman, the hospital's administrator. "We just wouldn't have the programs and the equipment that we have without them."

Contributions have enabled Wolfson to build a pediatric emergency department, and the current project to which the women have pledged their support is a new 11-bed inpatient behavioral health unit. Over the next several years, they have pledged to raise \$4 million for a state-of-the-art children's behavioral health unit.

The first speaker, Pickens, built the largest independent oil company in the United States and is the founder and chairman of BP Capital Management, which focuses on investment in energy sources. A philanthropist, his foundation supports educational programs, health and medical research and services, at-risk youth and conservation and wildlife initiatives. Pickens' new book, "The First Billion is the Hardest," is about the nation's dependence on foreign oil and ways to break the reliance.

Noonan, a Wall Street Journal columnist and the best-selling author of seven books on American politics, history and culture, is a member of the board of the Manhattan Institute. Her essays have appeared in many newspapers and magazines and she was nominated for Emmy Awards for the writing of a post-Sept. 11 TV special and her work on the TV drama "The West Wing." A frequent guest on political talk shows, she is considered a conservative and was a special assistant to President Reagan from 1984 to 1986.

Toobin, a staff writer for The New Yorker covering legal affairs since 1993, is the senior legal analyst for CNN. He joined CNN after six years with ABC News, where in 2000 he received an Emmy Award for his coverage of the Elian Gonzalez case. His most recent book, "The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court," was published in 2007. Before becoming a legal journalist, Toobin was an assistant U.S. attorney in Brooklyn, N.Y., and served as an assistant counsel in the Office of Independent Counsel Lawrence E. Walsh.

Stein, known for his monotonous yet humorous voice in acting, writes frequently on a variety of topics, including politics, investing and economics for a variety of newspapers and magazines. He began his political career as a speechwriter and lawyer for Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford. He has appeared as a commentator on numerous TV shows including regular appearances on "CBS Sunday Morning" and "Fox News." He has written or co-written 30 books, including seven novels, largely about life in Los Angeles, and 21 nonfiction books.

Sovereignty Symposium: Tribes Should Act Now to Comply with New SORNA -
Native American Times - 6/8/09

By JoKay Dowell

OKLAHOMA CITY - Academics, tribal members and state and tribal officials addressed several topics of importance to Indian Country last week at the 22nd Sovereignty Symposium held in Oklahoma City.

Among the many discussions ongoing throughout two days of workshops was that of sex offender tracking.

Saying he did not want to see Indian Country become a haven for sex offenders in hiding, Robert Don Gifford, assistant U.S. attorney of the Western District of Oklahoma spoke of the importance of tribal leaders acting now to comply with new guidelines under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, which are intended to improve national standards for sex offender registration and notification. SORNA became law under on July 27, 2006, under the Adam Walsh Act, named for the boy abducted from a mall in Hollywood, Florida, on July 27, 1981, and later found murdered.

“There have always been laws on the books. Historically, states have been allowed to handle their own registration but not everybody was on the same page, allowing sex offenders to disappear,” Gifford said.

SORNA requires states to conform their registration and notification programs to the new federal programs by July 26, 2009. The deadline for tribal implementation has been extended one year to July 26, 2010.

Under SORNA, sex offenders are required to register on the basis of a federal, territorial, District of Columbia, or territorial conviction.

The new law provides federal criminal penalties for knowingly failing to register or updating information and also if the offender has traveled outside of the United States or between states or has entered, left or resides in Indian Country.

Tribes can develop their own program to comply with SORNA or jurisdiction will revert back to the state. Gifford said all but three tribes in the western district have opted to develop their own program.

He encouraged all tribal members attending to urge their tribal administrations to act now to implement the program.

“Act now; don’t procrastinate,” Gifford said. “Please encourage your tribal law enforcement to put up a database and tie into the DOC.”

Tribes can contact the Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking office for assistance with the database or for an extension to the deadline. The SMART office is located in Washington, DC and can also be contacted by e-mail at GetSMART@usdoj.gov. This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it

On Thursday, while a discussion of “Trafficking in Tribal Membership” was ongoing inside the Skirvin-Hilton Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City, a small group of Descendants of Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes Association protested outside the event against Cherokee Chief Principal Chief Chad Smith who received a Red Earth Ambassador of the Year award.

Relating to a theme of “Land, Wind and Water,” the keynote speaker for this year’s Sovereignty Symposium was T. Boone Pickens, Founder and chairman BP Capital Management.

According to the Web page www.oscn.net/static/sovereignty/start.asp , the Sovereignty Symposium was established to provide a forum in which ideas concerning common legal issues can be exchanged in a scholarly, non-adversarial environment.

Seen and Heard at NAHB Green Building Conference 2009 – Kitsap Peninsula Business Journal – 6/6/09

By Molly McCabe

The eleventh annual National Association of Home Builders Green Building Conference concluded this last Sunday in Dallas, Texas. This year’s conference was attended by approximately 1,200 builders, manufacturer’s reps, built environment consultants and media people. The attendee

numbers were down slightly from the previous year's conference but were a good indicator that not only is the industry becoming more environmentally conscious but that it is getting back on its feet. This three day event, which included 38 educational sessions with something for everyone, kicked off on Friday morning with a five stop home tour of sustainable designed homes in various stages of construction across metro Dallas.

Friday night was the awards gala with financier T. Boone Pickens as the keynote speaker discussing his new wind turbine venture. Saturday morning began with keynote speaker Joel Makower, a nationally recognized speaker and strategist on corporate environmental practices, clean technology, and green marketing, sharing his philosophy of building green (versus conventional) and how it creates tangible value for all parties – the builder, the real estate broker and most importantly the homeowner. The list of nationally recognized speakers was extensive and included Peter Yost of Building Green, LLC, Peter Pfeiffer, FAIA of Barley & Pfeiffer Architects, Steve Easley of Steve Easley & Associates, Sara Gutterman of Green Builder Media, LLC and many more. There was hometown representation from Molly McCabe, AKBD of A Kitchen That Works, Bainbridge Island who presented, along with David Bennink, Sustainable Alternatives to Deconstruction. There was no shortage of valuable and interesting topics to choose from, only time.

In between educational sessions, attendees had an opportunity to peruse 95 environmentally oriented product manufacturer booths while catching up with old friends and making new connections. Everything from solar water heating (Solarhot) to wireless light switches (Verve Lighting Systems). There were lots of innovative products to capture even a veteran green builder's eye.

Mark your calendars for the 12th annual NAHB National Green Building Conference May 16-18, 2010 at the Raleigh Convention Center – Raleigh, NC.

BLOG/ONLINE COVERAGE

Get Resourceful and Break the Cycle of Doom and Gloom - Huffington Post
- 6/8/09

By James Arthur Ray

Back in September of last year, Alan Greenspan, the former Federal Reserve Chair, claimed that we had entered the worst economic crisis he had ever seen. In the months that followed, economic indicators got a whole lot worse and the news media (you'll recall we discussed the "business of fear" in a previous blog) couldn't stop blaring the siren song of: "this is the worst it's been since the Great Depression, yada, yada, ya!"

And, so the story continues. For those of us trying to stay rational, live without being on hyper alert or suffering daily panic attacks; what are we supposed to think, feel and do? Are these experts giving us responsible analysis of a dire situation, or is this economic doom and gloom a one-sided story that's perhaps doing us more harm than good?

Both are true. But you have a lot more power than you think to not only survive this storm, but to thrive! Despite any real challenges you may be experiencing--and let's face it, they are out there--there are simple ways to empower yourself and start using your challenges to your advantage. Challenges are an integral part of life--so what are you going to do about them? By concentrating on something over which you have total control--your thoughts, feelings and actions--the positive changes can be swifter than you can imagine.

You move towards what you focus on

In last month's blog, I wrote about how energy flows where attention goes. Thankfully, that's a reality that's gained serious traction as of late. So, too, is that fact that what you focus on expands. Meaning: give anything your time and attention and suddenly you start seeing a lot more of it in your life--both bad and good.

But even though these principles are becoming more accepted, that doesn't mean we don't need frequent reminders to place our attention on

what we want and choose for our lives, and away from what we don't want. Particularly when life gets challenging, bad habits take over, don't they? So you've got to be vigilant and constantly on your game. For instance, there's a big difference between checking the online headlines each day to see what's happening in the world so that you're informed versus falling asleep to the news so that messages of murder, mayhem, sickness, and poverty replay like a soundtrack for eight hours in your unconscious mind. You may have to be informed; you don't have to be inundated.

Moreover, there's a massive difference between looking at your finances and putting a debt reduction plan in place (realistic and proactive) versus staring at your bills every day until you're paralyzed by images of living in a cardboard box and pushing all your worldly goods around in a shopping cart (a fear-based self-fulfilling prophecy you don't want!).

Bottom line reminder: FOCUS on what you WANT! See it. Feel it. Live it. Be it. Only you can safeguard what you allow into that fabulous mind of yours. At the risk of sounding like a broken record... energy flows where attention goes!

Watch what the masses are doing and do the opposite

This is not always easy. We're hammered every day with ideas from the media, our friends and associates. You've got to break out of this conversation if you ever hope to live up to your potential. Those who are currently thriving today know and believe that they can and will thrive regardless of economic indicators, and they're looking for opportunities. Warren Buffet said, "When other people are greedy be cautious. When other people are cautious be greedy." While I'd personally choose a different word than greedy, the philosophy is clear. Think, feel, and act opposite from the collective.

I once saw a beautiful oceanfront home in Carmel, California, right on the famous Pebble Beach Golf Course--an estate worth many millions of dollars. The family who lived there had a tale to tell about how they acquired it. During WWII, the owners believed that German or Japanese soldiers would attack the West Coast of the U.S., so they sold their estate for a song--ten cents on the dollar, to be exact. The new owners, who had been there for fifty-plus years by the time I ran into them, were still celebrating their good fortune! Panic creates panic. Level heads open up the space for forward-thinking and forward movement.

One of the most surprising historical truths from the much touted Great Depression is that more millionaires were created at that time than at any other time in our history. But that makes perfect sense when you think about it. When millions of people panic and sell their assets below market value, what happens? Value and opportunity and "deals" spring up like weeds after a spring rain. The same holds true today; there's never been a better time in our generation to find bargains--in real estate especially. The fact is that someone has to do well regardless of economic indicators... why not you? The people coming out ahead, not surprisingly, have one thing in common, which brings me to my our next topic...

It's not about resources it's about resourcefulness

Okay, if you don't have money, you're not going to be buying even inexpensive estates right now, no matter the "steal" of the listing price. I get it. But, what makes certain people thrive in tough times? Are they luckier or smarter than the average person? It's simple, really. They're resourceful. Resources always flow to he or she who is most resourceful. That may not seem possible, or even fair, but it's true nonetheless.

Physics tells us that all there ever was or shall ever be is already here, and that there are plenty of resources because energy can never be created or destroyed. If you're having a problem wrapping your mind around that--having seen the haunting images of children without water or heat, for example--let me say that real answers to those problems abound. Maybe you haven't yet seen the Youtube videos (although a quick search will reveal them), but there are scientists who pull water straight from air vapor (no kidding), create clean fuel from burning salt water with very little heat (I know, that's a mind twister), and power entire factories on cow dung (that's some cool shit)! And, those are just a few of the innovations that only a few years ago would have seemed impossible. I wonder what magic you can create in your own life?

We're constantly hearing that we're going to run out of oil. I say who cares! We have wind, solar, and plenty other resources we've not even yet thought of. We just need to get resourceful and quit hanging onto the past. T. Boone Pickens is so excited about wind power these days that he's putting billions of dollars into a wind farm in Texas. Now let me ask you: what would cause an oil billionaire to get that excited about wind? He's resourceful. Once again, resources always flow to he and she who are resourceful.

Train yourself to look for opportunities

I mentioned this earlier but it bears repeating, and repeating. Thermodynamics tells us that "that which you are seeking is also seeking you." As a species, we're not conditioned to look for opportunities in times of crisis. On the contrary, we're conditioned to play defense. Defense says, "I'm going to hold on; I'm going to pull-back, I'm going to hoard--even if what I'm hoarding is the most meager of results."

That's a strategy... a strategy of scarcity. And it's a self-fulfilling prophecy of defeat. Clinging onto something to protect what little you have is focusing on the not having and the not enough. And, when you're focusing on not having something, you're not looking at what you can do to be resourceful. Most of us are constantly looking at external indicators, but your internal indicators are where your power resides. A wise prophet once said, "Judge not by appearances." While most of us in Western society have heard that a time or three... it's an entirely different thing to live it. What are you seeking?

To create anything you desire and deserve you must practice what I call going 3 for 3. Notice anyone who's knocking it down, regardless of economic or any external indicators, and they're going 3 for 3. Their thoughts, feelings and actions are all firing in alignment. What are most people seeking right now with their 3 for 3 strategy? They're thinking defeated, they're feeling defeated, and they're acting defeated. Therefore, they're defeated. Let that not be you.

Begin right now... this very moment... to constantly train yourself to think resourceful, feel resourceful, and act resourceful; and you'll very quickly see your life transform before your very eyes. Test me on this one, and watch the resources you seek seek you!

Natural Gas: Our Energy Savior? - The Motley Fool - 6/5/09

By David Lee Smith

As crude oil becomes more challenging to find and produce, requiring work in areas that are progressively more remote and more technically difficult to operate in, natural gas may just ride to our rescue.

Indeed, with gas being cleaner-burning and increasingly more plentiful domestically than oil, it would appear to be just a matter of time before gas spreads to a variety of additional uses. It already heats half of U.S. homes, and it appears to have growing potential both in increased use for generating electricity and as an alternative fuel for vehicles.

At the same time, gas is still being discovered in a variety of new locations. For instance, Royal Dutch Shell (NYSE: RDS-A) and Norway's StatoilHydro ASA (NYSE: STO) have just announced a huge new discovery off the coast of Norway. Although exploratory drilling continues, early estimates place the value of this field as high as \$228 billion.

A quick turnaround

So why, with all its advantages, has natural gas frequently been something of an energy afterthought? There are a couple of reasons, one being that until just a few years ago we were convinced that the supply of domestic natural gas was running out. And then there was inertia: Since the first cars had been rolled out, they'd been propelled by oil products, and a change didn't seem technically or commercially feasible ... or necessary.

However, in recent years, work by independent producers like Chesapeake Energy (NYSE: CHK), Southwestern Energy (NYSE: SWN), and Newfield Exploration (NYSE: NFX) has propelled us into a whole new world in which we now have more gas than we can currently use. The companies had drilled into gas-plentiful hard rock, or shale, in places like the Barnett Shale in north Texas and the Haynesville Shale in northwestern Louisiana, and found ample amounts of natural gas. The Barnett yielded four billion cubic feet of gas per day in 2008, and there are those who believe the Haynesville may be one of the largest discoveries ever.

Going sideways

Much of the companies' successes have come from horizontal drilling,

where the bit drills straight down into the shale, and then turns sideways to keep it within the formation. At the Baker Hughes (NYSE: BHI) annual meeting last week, CEO Chad Deaton noted that amid a recent sharp decline in rigs working in North America, those involved in horizontal drilling had remained far more active than rigs employing the conventional approach.

But the combination of those discoveries, the new technologies, and the increased production that has resulted all occurred almost precisely at the same time our current economic debacle was beginning. So, just as gas supplies were increasing, overall energy demand plunged. One result has been a slide in natural gas prices more precipitous than the drop in demand. Another is that it's been harder for the smaller and medium-sized companies within the energy industry to obtain funding for drilling and production.

Cooler than my house

So prices should recover when our economy strengthens, right? Maybe, but it's not a sure thing. While 98% of the gas we use is produced locally, liquefied natural gas, or LNG, could be on the verge of becoming more prevalent, as companies such as El Paso Corp. (NYSE: EP) and Cheniere Energy have started building LNG terminals along the U.S. coastline. That would make it easier to import gas from foreign sources, potentially keeping prices down.

All in all, for a host of political, environmental, and economic reasons, I'm betting that over time, gas will replace a meaningful amount of the oil and coal we currently use. Obviously, having ample supplies of our own natural gas will reduce dependence on foreign energy imports. Billionaire energy spokesman T. Boone Pickens has been gaining adherents in Washington for his call for an increase in its use as a fuel for autos, trucks, and buses. Given that support, I suspect natural gas will have a prominent place at the core of the president's energy policy.

The bottom line

For Fools with long investment time horizons, I'd advocate a close monitoring of the gas producers. Chesapeake is the biggest of them all, and despite some recent speed bumps, I'd wager that over time, it will make investors very happy.

For Trading Success Be Open to Every Possibility - Trading Markets -
6/5/09

By Kurt Eckhardt

Most of us are discretionary traders. That goes for you system's guys too. After all, do you take every signal in every market? Probably not. Instead you impose discretion upon what products or time frames you're most comfortable trading. To use discretion means to filter. This filtering out process--regardless if enforced by mathematical rules or discovered through empirical observations--involves the favoring--even subconsciously -- of one set of circumstances over another. If I'm positioned long, then either my system or my beliefs encouraged me to outweigh contrary, bearish information.

In futures and options for every long there's a short. So if my trend following system issues a buy your trend fading system may say overbought. If I'm thinking inflation, you might be considering deflation. If I'm speculating prices will improve because of a shortage, simultaneously a commercial or institutional hedger could be selling off excess inventory. Computer or person -- each enters the market with an ax to grind.

Proper discretion is the off shoot of correct decision making. Still, calling the highest percentage play can't hardly predict if our normally accurate quarterback will throw a drive killing interception. Good traders, like coaches, reduce signal calling to a series of probabilities. Yet, we all know that any individual trade, no matter how high percentage it tests, can still have a horrible outcome.

For many traders and systems, making the mean reversion bet is playing the percentages. Even traders who are constructing positions with favorable risk to reward targets, i.e. risk \$1 to make \$3, are not immune from uncommonly deep draw downs after multi-consecutive losses from trying to pick tops and bottoms. Too often we fail to account for the asymmetrical distribution of prices in runaway trending markets.

We've seen a litany of "blow out" moves in the past year. The break in S&P's from 1580 to 666, Crude Oil from 140 to the low 30's, not to mention a few noted financial stocks disappearing from our quote screen altogether. An undisciplined leveraged long in any of those aforementioned markets lost much, if not all of their trading capital. Persistently fading an outsized move can turn into a major disaster unless you're prudently risking small amounts of capital per trade. The speculator's handbook states a major component in your trading plan should be a contingency to not lose everything in a single market move. Not always easy. Lets discuss.

It's not just your risk "per trade" but you're risk per campaign.

Primarily, discretionary traders enter the market with a directional mindset based on a technical or fundamental view. It goes without saying that some opinions are better validated than others. When oil was at \$140 you'd rather have shorted thinking "bubble" than bought thinking "next stop \$200." So for starters, it's of paramount importance to identify what price action invalidates your predicted scenario.

Lets briefly examined the mindset of traders on the oil reversal. At \$140, retail gasoline prices averaged north of \$4 per gallon. Most traders-even many bulls-were not shocked that the oil rally could have a brief respite on the highs and sag back to the 115-120 area. Eventually, even the strongest of markets will print a "tradable" high and fill in some of the prior spike. The rotation lower is considered neutral activity. It could either be an opportunity to get long on a pullback or it could be the first warning of a trend change.

What was your thinking when the price you paid for gas quickly went from \$4.10 a gallon to \$3.45? Some of us thought, "one last tease before it's \$5" others thought "it's still too high, gas should be in the high 2's." Very, very few of us considered at that time the possibility that we'd ever again, let alone just months later, be buying gasoline for well under \$2 a gallon. The notion seemed far-fetched, eh?

Among many discretionary oil speculators, including Boone Pickens -- the prevailing viewpoint was that huge dips can be bought because it's virtually impossible for oil to negate the entire length of its 4 year rally. Wasn't there a great deal of fundamental information supporting

that opinion? New all time lows in the dollar, new all time highs in grains and gold, an environmental lobby intent on banning both Alaskan and off shore exploration and continued political uncertainty with several nations in OPEC. I heard one oil trader say last year, "oil will trade under \$60 again when there's peace in the Middle East which means never." For practical purposes we can assume that most retail oil traders, even if they'd been bearish at 140, 120 and 100 were now bullish at 80 thinking the break was overdone.

Unfortunately if you were stuck in the mindset that gasoline couldn't swiftly trade below \$2 or if your trading system relies on buying "over sold" markets, there was little you could do other than lose money as an oil long. While most traders with a hypothetical \$20,000 account wouldn't dream of risking 50-100% of their balance on single trade, many did in fact blow out trying to pick a bottom in oil because they lost 20% or more on several consecutive trades.

A friend of mine likens the oft revisited price action of a choppy market to that of a soap opera. No matter how many days of missed viewing, the plot/prices repeat themselves over and over. How can a degree of recency bias persist? Or harder yet, how does someone segue from trading an oil rally that squeezed shorts into oblivion straight into an oil implosion that sent a few billionaire longs into bankruptcy? Yes we already know we must be open to every possibility, but are there not scenarios impossibly difficult to imagine?

The phrase, "there's nothing new under the sun." doesn't ignore that specific new things are happening all the time. Instead it's the emotions and chart patterns produced by organically derived price that repeat with stunning frequency. Suffice to say if your excuse for losing big money is because you were wrapped in a trade situation that "never happened before" you better think again. Dramatic boom-bust scenarios have occurred for centuries. The problem isn't the market but rather our lack of recognizing/accepting new information and in turn lacking an exit strategy.

The next time you or me get stuck in a dogmatic mindset that says gasoline can't go to \$1.70 or interest rates can't go to zero, we'll try to enforce some dreaded rules to avoid a blow out. We'll pick at least one of these.

Three strikes and you're out: Unless you're only risking minimal amounts

of capital per trade, you simply can't allow yourself 8 straight losses from picking the same tired direction in one market or group of correlated markets. Tell yourself you're only going to accept premium entry levels and give it your best three shots.

Consider Spreading: A spread between two option months in the same commodity, or an intra-market spread between correlated classes is an excellent way to play direction and lower your exposure from a naked long or short.

Cut back your size: I'm the type who imprudently says if you like them at 8 you should love 'em at 4. Think about this though. Not only does common sense say bet smaller when you're cold and out of sync but the market will reward you when the elusive turn finally comes. In a run away bull or bear the ultimate reaction off a high or low is usually going to offer a volatile enough retrace that even on smaller size you'll have a home run opportunity.

Don't just pay lip service and nod your head to the reality of anything happening but actually developing an iron clad will help to deal with the unexpected. Your trading survival depends upon it.

While on the sports analogy: In the early 1980's at the height of Hagler, Hearns, Leonard and Holmes -- if someone told you that a decade later boxing would be virtually irrelevant with the sporting public or that stock car racing would be bigger than the Indy 500 - you'd have thought the prediction was crazy. Just think how safe selling that far out of the money put on boxing popularity would have seemed. The point I'm trying to make is that we don't set out to make wrong decisions and we're not necessarily biased toward an outcome because of personal likes or dislikes but instead we most often fall into bias for seemingly strong deductive reasons. Think of it this way: We're fooled into complacency and narrowness.

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BROADCAST COVERAGE

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1. Bloomberg Asia

DMA: N/A

Bloomberg (---) National

06/07/2009

07:00 PM - 08:00 PM

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:52:36 We'll have a guest who says natural gas is the way to go in China . And a look at the trade as Haslinda is all over the IATA conference in Kuala Lumpur. You know who the biggest cheerleader for natural gas is ?. It goes back 20 years, T. Boone Pickens . He's been bankrolling these half page ads in American broadsheets saying CNG is the way America can wean itself off of imported oil because America has a lot of hot air and gas. And T Boone has a lot of money. 00:54:45

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2. NewsChannel 5 This Morning

DMA: 29

WTVF-TV CH 5 (CBS) Nashville

Spot Cost: \$122

06/08/2009

05:00 AM - 06:00 AM

Est. Audience: 53,088

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape,
transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:35:58 Governor Phil Bredesen will be in Biloxi, Mississippi, for
a special conference with oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens. Other energy
companies will be there. T. Boone Pickens will push for the expansion of
wind power. 00:37:30

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3. NewsChannel 5 This Morning

DMA: 29

WTVF-TV CH 5 (CBS) Nashville

Spot Cost: \$34

06/08/2009

04:30 AM - 05:00 AM

Est. Audience: 17,233

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:03:09 The future of energy needs in the south is the focus of a special conference today with oil tycoon T.Boone Pickens --And five southern governors, including Governor Phil Bredesen in Biloxi Mississippi --They'll talk about a number of ideas. Executives from a number of energy companies will also be there. T.Boone Pickens will also push for the expansion of wind power. 00:04:56

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4. NewsChannel 5 At 10

DMA: 29

WTVF-TV CH 5 (CBS) Nashville

Spot Cost: \$1,376

06/07/2009

10:00 PM - 10:25 PM

Est. Audience: 143,594

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:09:13 The energy needs of the south, the topic tomorrow with T. Boone Pickens and our governor in Biloxi, . They talk about a number of important ideas. Pickens will push for the expansion of wind power. 00:11:38

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5. Daybreak

DMA: 56

KATV-TV CH 7 (ABC) Little Rock/Pine Bluff

Spot Cost: \$204

06/08/2009

06:00 AM - 07:00 AM

Est. Audience: 34,098

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:31:46 Governors from five southern states are set to meet with oil tycoon T Boone Pickens this week. Governor Mike Beebe along with governors from Tennessee, West Virginia, Georgia and Mississippi will meet at a conference in Biloxi to discuss the future of energy needs in the south. Pickens has been a major proponent of the expansion of wind power. 00:36:46

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6. Daybreak - Early

DMA: 56

KATV-TV CH 7 (ABC) Little Rock/Pine Bluff

Spot Cost: \$51

06/08/2009

05:00 AM - 06:00 AM

Est. Audience: 16,140

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape,
transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:55:58 Governors from five southern states are set to meet with oil tycoon T Boone Pickens this week. Governor Mike Beebe along with governors from Tennessee, West Virginia, Georgia and Mississippi will meet at a conference in Biloxi to discuss the future of energy needs in the south. Pickens has been a major proponent of the expansion of wind power. 00:57:01

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7. Channel 7 News-Late

DMA: 56

KATV-TV CH 7 (ABC) Little Rock/Pine Bluff

Spot Cost: \$541

06/06/2009

10:00 PM - 10:30 PM

Est. Audience: 43,504

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape,

transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:04:14 Governors from five southern states are set to meet with oil tycoon T Boone Pickens this week. Governor Mike Beebe along with governors from Tennessee, West Virginia, Georgia and Mississippi will meet at a conference in Biloxi to discuss the future of energy needs in the south. Pickens has been a major proponent of the expansion of wind power. 00:06:09

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8. Fox 16 News At 5:30

DMA: 56

KLRT-TV CH 16 (FOX) Little Rock/Pine Bluff

Spot Cost: \$78

06/05/2009

05:30 PM - 06:00 PM

Est. Audience: 11,125

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:04:39will meet next week with oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens to discuss the future of energy. This is video of Pickens meeting with *then* --Republican presidential nominee Senator John McCain. Pickens and governors from around the south will take part in the annual conference for "Southern Growth Policies Board". The meeting begins Monday in Biloxi,. Pickens has been pushing for the expansion of wind power. 00:06:18

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9. KTHV News 6 PM

DMA: 56

KTHV-TV CH 11 (CBS) Little Rock/Pine Bluff

Spot Cost: \$300

06/05/2009

06:00 PM - 06:30 PM

Est. Audience: 45,240

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:05:48 Governor Mike Beebe is scheduled to speak next week at a conference in Mississippi on the region's future energy needs. Oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens will also attend to discuss the energy needs in the south. The governors of Mississippi, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Georgia are also on the agenda to speak during a meeting of the southern growth policies board. Pickens has been pushing for the expansion of wind power. 00:06:37

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10. WSAZ NewsChannel 3 Today

DMA: 65

WSAZ-TV CH 3 (NBC) Charleston/Huntington

Spot Cost: \$212

06/08/2009

06:00 AM - 07:00 AM

Est. Audience: 45,444

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:36:37 West Virginia's coal is a major source of power in the east and south. And Governor Joe Manchin wants to keep it that way. Today, the governor heads to Biloxi, Mississippi to speak to the Southern Growth Policies Board. Governor Manchin joins four other southern governors to speak about how those states will get their energy in the future. Oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens, who has been pushing for the expansion of wind power, will also speak. 00:37:47

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11. WSAZ NewsChannel 3 At Sunrise

DMA: 65

WSAZ-TV CH 3 (NBC) Charleston/Huntington

Spot Cost: \$48

06/08/2009

05:00 AM - 06:00 AM

Est. Audience: 19,430

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:38:22 West Virginia's coal is a major source of power in the east and south. And Governor Joe Manchin wants to keep it that way. Today, the governor heads to Biloxi, Mississippi to speak to the Southern Growth Policies Board. Governor Manchin joins four other southern governors to speak about how those states will get their energy in the future. Oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens, who has been pushing for the expansion of wind power, will also speak. 00:39:30

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12. WSAZ NewsChannel 3 Six O'Clock

DMA: 65

WSAZ-TV CH 3 (NBC) Charleston/Huntington

Spot Cost: \$391

06/07/2009

06:00 PM - 06:30 PM

Est. Audience: 52,077

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:06:26 Governor Joe Manchin will leave Charleston this week taking a trip to talk about the future of energy in the south. He's going to Mississippi with four other governors to meet up with oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens at the annual conference for the Southern Growth Policies Board. They'll be in Biloxi, Mississippi tomorrow through Tuesday. 00:08:23

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13. WSAZ NewsChannel 3 Saturday Morning

DMA: 65

WSAZ-TV CH 3 (NBC) Charleston/Huntington

Spot Cost: \$84

06/06/2009

06:00 AM - 07:00 AM

Est. Audience: 17,971

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:03:57 Governor Manchin is taking a trip next week to talk about the future of energy in the south. He's going to Mississippi with four other governors to meet up with oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens at the annual conference for the Southern Growth Policies Board. 00:06:11

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14. WSAZ NewsChannel 3 Tonight

DMA: 65

WSAZ-TV CH 3 (NBC) Charleston/Huntington

Spot Cost: \$586

06/05/2009

11:00 PM - 11:35 PM

Est. Audience: 53,976

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:04:20 . Governor Manchin will head south to Mississippi next week, he's going with 4-other governors to meet up with oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens at a conference to talk about the future of energy needs. It's the annual conference for the Southern Growth Policies Board. They'll be in Biloxi, Mississippi on Monday and Tuesday. 00:05:52

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15. Live At 5:30

DMA: 86

WRCB-TV CH 3 (NBC) Chattanooga/Cohutta

Spot Cost: \$287

06/05/2009

05:30 PM - 06:00 PM

Est. Audience: 34,046

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:02:50 Governors Phil Bredesen and Sonny Perdue are two of five governors set to meet with oil tycoon T Boone Pickens next week. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the future of energy needs in the

south. The meeting takes place during the Southern Growth Policies Board. Pickens has been pushing for the expansion of wind power.
00:04:39

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16. Newschannel 12 At Ten

DMA: 90

WJTV-TV CH 12 (CBS) Jackson, MS

Spot Cost: \$329

06/07/2009

10:00 PM - 10:35 PM

Est. Audience: 25,913

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:11:15 . Oil tycoon T Boone Pickens and five governors are scheduled to appear at a conference next week to discuss the future of energy needs in the south. Governors Haley Barbour of Mississippi, Mike Beebe of Arkansas, Phil Bredesen of Tennessee, Joe Manchin of West Virginia, and Sonny Perdue of Georgia are on the agenda to speak at the Southern Growth Policies Board. The event will be held at the Beau Rivage casino in Biloxi on Monday at Tuesday. 00:12:49

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17. Newschannel 12 At 5:30

DMA: 90

WJTV-TV CH 12 (CBS) Jackson, MS

Spot Cost: \$75

06/07/2009

05:30 PM - 06:00 PM

Est. Audience: 12,119

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:04:24 Oil tycoon T Boone Pickens and five governors are scheduled to appear at a conference next week to discuss the future of energy needs in the south. Governors Haley Barbour of Mississippi, Mike Beebe of Arkansas, Phil Bredesen of Tennessee, Joe Manchin of West Virginia, and Sonny Perdue of Georgia are on the agenda to speak at the Southern Growth Policies Board. The event will be held at the Beau Rivage casino in Biloxi on Monday at Tuesday. 00:07:01

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18. Sunrise

DMA: 133

WCBI-TV CH 4 (CBS) Columbus/Tupelo/West Point

Spot Cost: \$65

06/08/2009

06:00 AM - 07:00 AM

Est. Audience: 14,349

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:34:29 Governor Haley Barbour will appear with oil tycoon t. Boone Pickens to discuss the future of energy needs in the south. The governors of Arkansas, Georgia, Tennessee and West Virginia are scheduled to speak during a meeting of the Southern Growth Policies Board. The board's annual conference is today and tomorrow at the Beau Rivage casino in Biloxi. 00:36:06

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19. WCBI News At Ten

DMA: 133

WCBI-TV CH 4 (CBS) Columbus/Tupelo/West Point

Spot Cost: \$139

06/06/2009

10:00 PM - 10:30 PM

Est. Audience: 13,593

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:03:22 Governor Haley Barbour will appear with oil tycoon t. Boone Pickens to discuss the future of energy needs in the south. The governors of Arkansas, Georgia, Tennessee and West Virginia are scheduled to speak during a meeting of the Southern Growth Policies Board. The board's annual conference is Monday and Tuesday at the Beau

Rivage casino in Biloxi. 00:05:01

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20. AM Live

DMA: 133

WTVA-TV CH 9 (NBC) Columbus/Tupelo/West Point

Spot Cost: \$77

06/08/2009

06:00 AM - 07:00 AM

Est. Audience: 16,854

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:33:07 Oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens and five governors are scheduled to appear at a conference this week to discuss the future of energy needs in the south. Governor Haley Barbour is among those on the agenda to speak during a meeting of the Southern Growth Policies Board. The board's annual conference is today and tomorrow at the Beau Rivage casino in Biloxi. 00:34:56

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21. AM Live

DMA: 133

WTVA-TV CH 9 (NBC) Columbus/Tupelo/West Point

Spot Cost: \$20

06/08/2009

05:00 AM - 06:00 AM

Est. Audience: 5,550

Available formats: QuickView, DVD, CD, digital link, videotape, transcript, NewsBoard

[CC] 00:32:17 Oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens and five governors are scheduled to appear at a conference this week to discuss the future of energy needs in the south. Governor Haley Barbour is among those on the agenda to speak during a meeting of the Southern Growth Policies Board. The board's annual conference is today and tomorrow at the Beau Rivage casino in Biloxi. 00:34:26

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22. Live At Five

DMA: 167

WDAM-TV CH 7 (NBC) Hattiesburg/Laurel

Spot Cost: \$353

06/05/2009

05:00 PM - 05:30 PM

Est. Audience: 24,278

Available formats: QuickView, transcript

[CC] 00:04:34 Pickens and five governors are scheduled to appear at a conference next week to discuss the future of energy needs in the south. Governors Haley Barbour of Mississippi, Mike Beebe of Arkansas, Phil Bredesen of Tennessee, Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Sonny Perdue of Georgia are on the agenda to speak during a meeting of the Southern Growth Policies Board. The board's annual conference is Monday and Tuesday at the Beau Rivage casino in Biloxi. Pickens has been pushing for the expansion of wind power. 00:06:44

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23. Newscenter 11 At 10

DMA: 185

WTOK-TV CH 11 (ABC) Meridian

Spot Cost: \$301

06/05/2009

10:00 PM - 11:35 PM

Est. Audience: 16,907

Available formats: QuickView, transcript

[CC] 00:13:35 Plus Governor Barbour and T. Boone Pickens will come together next week. Up next we'll tell you why. 00:14:15

[CC] 00:19:10 Governor Haley Barbour will join four other governors and oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens next week to discuss the future of energy needs in the south. Barbour, Pickens, and the governors of Arkansas, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Georgia are all scheduled to speak at that

meeting of the Southern Growth Policies Board. The board's annual conference is set for Monday and Tuesday at the Beau Rivage casino in Biloxi. Pickens is for the expansion of wind power. 00:20:02

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24. Newscenter 11 At 6

DMA: 185

WTOK-TV CH 11 (ABC) Meridian

Spot Cost: \$486

06/05/2009

06:00 PM - 06:30 PM

Est. Audience: 27,866

Available formats: QuickView, transcript

[CC] 00:06:01 Governor Haley Barbour will join four other governors and oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens next week to discuss the future of energy needs in the south. Barbour, Pickens, and the governors of Arkansas, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Georgia are all scheduled to speak at that meeting of the Southern Growth Policies Board. The board's annual conference is set for Monday and Tuesday at the Beau Rivage casino in Biloxi. Pickens is for the expansion of wind power. 00:07:48

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25. Live At Five

DMA: 185

WTOK-TV CH 11 (ABC) Meridian

Spot Cost: \$389

06/05/2009

05:00 PM - 05:30 PM

Est. Audience: 19,832

Available formats: QuickView, transcript

[CC] 00:04:23 Governor Haley Barbour will join four other governors and oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens next week to discuss the future of energy needs in the south. Barbour, Pickens, and the governors of Arkansas, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Georgia are all scheduled to speak at that meeting of the Southern Growth Policies Board. The board's annual conference is set for Monday and Tuesday at the Beau Rivage casino in Biloxi. Pickens is for the expansion of wind power. 00:06:23

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