

# PickensPlan

## T. Boone Pickens Media Coverage 2.28.09-3.2.09

### Total of 80 Placements

- Print: 38
- Blog/Online: 5
- Broadcast: 37

### Coverage Summary:

Several pieces appeared on Pickens' visit to Montana on Friday, including an *Associated Press* article and several local broadcast hits. The *AP* article mentions Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer's support of the Pickens Plan and his view on the role Montana can play in leading this country to energy independence.

*NPR's Living On Earth* has a piece on the National Clean Energy Project which leads off with a soundbite from President Barack Obama on the importance of energy where he calls on Congress to create legislation that places a market-based cap on carbon pollution and drives the production of more renewable energy in America.

*Clean Skies Sunday* also ran a special on the National Clean Energy Project.

Local broadcast in Dallas and Fort Worth previewed Pickens' appearance at TCU.

### Print Placements (Full Articles Below)

- **MU Summit Looks at Energy Sources** – *Columbia Daily Tribune* – 2/27/09
- **T. Boone Pickens Pitches Energy Plan in Montana** – *Associated Press* – 2/27/09
  - *Houston Chronicle*
  - *KXMB*
  - *KXMC*
  - *Montana's News Station*
  - *KDBC*
  - *KFSM*
  - *KXXV*
  - *NewsWest9*
  - *El Paso Times*
  - *KPAX*
  - *KFOR*
  - *KSWO*
  - *KVIA*
  - *KFDA*
  - *KTEN*
  - *KRIS*
  - *Dallas Morning News*
  - *Hays Daily News*
  - *Great Falls Tribune*
  - *KTVT*
  - *Forbes*
  - *MSN Money*
  - *MSNBC*
  - *Flathead Beacon*
  - *Midwest AGNet*

- **Burrough: My Fellow Texans, Let's Consider That Our State's Day in Washington is Done** – *Austin American Statesman* – 2/28/09
  - *The Register-Guard*
- **Pickens' Mesa Power Slows Wind Farm Work** – *Dallas Morning News* – 2/27/09
  - *WFAA*
- **Eco Barons Lead the Way** – *The Sunday Times (UK)* – 3/1/09
- **Guest Column: Catching Wind of Energy Changes** – *Green Bay Press Gazette* – 3/2/09
- **Cap and Trade and Alternative Energy: The Real Danger in Obama's Policies** – *Canada Free Press* – 3/2/09
- **Range Reports Profit for 4Q08; Quicksilver Posts Loss** – *Fort Worth Business Press* – 3/2/09
- **Monday's Talk Shows** – *Los Angeles Times* – 3/2/09
- **Editorial: Texans in the Nation's Capital** – *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – 2/28/09
- **Coen Brothers Lend Voices to "Clean Coal" Debate With Controversial TV Spot** – *Hollywood Today* – 2/27/09

**Blog/Online Placements** (Full Articles Below)

- **Greening the Grid** – *Living On Earth* – 2/27/09
- **The Future of Clean Energy** – *Center for American Progress Action Fund* – 2/27/09
- **T. Boone Pickens Addresses Leaders in Helena** – *Montana's News Station* – 2/27/09
- **Stocks for Tree Huggers and Everyone Else** – *Barrons.com* – 3/2/09
- **A Chinese T. Boone Pickens?** – *Sustainablog* – 3/2/09

## **PRINT COVERAGE**

### **MU Summit Looks at Energy Sources – *Columbia Daily Tribune – 2/27/09***

By T.J. Greaney

The University of Missouri will play host to the first-ever statewide energy summit April 22 and 23.

The summit is designed to bring together cutting-edge researchers from the UM System's four campuses as well as national leaders in alternative, renewable and traditional energy sources.

T. Boone Pickens, the billionaire Texas oilman who has called for the United States to shift to wind, solar and natural gas, will give the keynote address. His speech is free and open to the public and will take place at 12:15 p.m. April 22 in Jesse Auditorium. Registration for the event is recommended at [www.missourisummits.com](http://www.missourisummits.com).

Other speakers include: Dale Klein, chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Joan Woodward, executive vice president and deputy lab director of the nuclear weapons program at Sandia National Laboratories; Gary Rainwater, CEO of AmerenUE; Frederick D. Palmer, senior vice president of Peabody Energy; and Richard Sayre, director of the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Institute for Renewable Fuels at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center.

Michael Nichols, director of the office of MU Industrial Research Relations said it was important to him that people with different and, perhaps contradictory, visions for the future of energy be invited to participate.

"We didn't stray away from things that might be a little controversial in nature," Nichols said. He also wants to make sure the public feels it can participate in the summit to learn about new research going on around the state.

Summit Chairman John Carney, chancellor of the Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, agreed. "Don't think you have to be a nuclear scientist to come and enjoy this event," he said.

Carney said he's glad, though, to see people with nuclear expertise eager to participate in the summit. "In my opinion, this country needs to revisit nuclear energy," he said. "France generates 75 to 80 percent of its energy with nuclear power. They've been doing it for years and years. If we can figure out how to reprocess spent fuel, then we're not talking about CO2 emissions with nuclear power. I predict the day will come when this nation goes back to building nuclear power plants as part of the solution."

The summit will be the first of two statewide economic development forums this year. The second, scheduled for Oct. 7 and 8 in Kansas City, will focus on biological and health sciences.

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### **T. Boone Pickens Pitches Energy Plan in Montana – *Associated Press – 2/27/09***

By Kahrin Deines

HELENA, Mont. — Texas oilman T. Boone Pickens appeared with Montana's governor Friday to pitch his plan for decreasing the nation's dependence on foreign oil, a strategy that could give windy states like Montana a key role.

Speaking at an energy conference for leaders in business and education, Pickens said oil prices are destined to return to painful highs within the year, pumping renewed urgency into efforts for energy independence.

"We have no control over our energy destiny in this country unless we take control," Pickens told his audience.

Pickens' plan, released last July, calls for offsetting half of the nation's foreign oil demand with natural gas and wind energy, a task he contends could be accomplished within ten years, given the right subsidies.

"The natural gas will be the bridge to the next generation of fuels," Pickens said.

In September, Democratic Gov. Brian Schweitzer signed what is known as the Pickens Pledge, demanding an end to America's addiction to foreign oil. Pickens said he has gathered about 2,200 such pledges from Montanans and 1.5 million total.

Schweitzer is pushing for new transmission lines in Montana that could carry energy from wind farms in the heartland to high-demand centers on the coasts. A high voltage, direct current line that could carry up to 3000 megawatts of power is currently proposed for the state. Alberta-based TransCanada Corp., the developer, has said the line could be in operation by 2014.

"Montana is dead center in the most important energy corridor on the planet," Schweitzer said in his introduction for Pickens. Wind is a ready resource that has prompted as many as 50 wind projects at various stages of development in the state, the governor said.

Pickens contends such wind energy could meet 22 percent of the nation's energy needs, the amount currently met by natural gas. Then, in his plan, natural gas supplies would be freed up to fuel transportation.

"I'm for anything stamped American," the 80-year-old billionaire conservative activist said.

In particular, Pickens has set a goal of converting 350,000 of the nation's large cargo trucks from diesel to natural gas within the next five years. To spur the transition, he said, would cost about \$80,000 per vehicle or about \$28 billion.

Currently no money is marked for converting large trucks to natural gas as Pickens proposes. But wind-energy development is expected to receive a jolt from the federal stimulus package, which contains about \$11 billion in funding for new transmission lines and \$60 billion in loan guarantees for renewable energy companies.

Last year, 126 megawatts worth of wind power were captured in Montana, bringing the total to 271 megawatts.

"Montana is going to lead the rest of the country to energy independence and it means we're going to lead this country out of recession," Schweitzer said at Friday's presentation.

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**Burrough: My Fellow Texans, Let's Consider That Our State's Day in Washington is Done –**  
*Austin American Statesman – 2/28/09*

By Bryan Burrough

In 1845, the second-largest independent country in North America, the Republic of Texas, held its nose, took a deep breath and merged with its upstart eastern neighbor, the United States. (As a

Texan myself, I understand the occasional regret that we took y'all's name instead of the other way around.) For the next century, Texas didn't give America much trouble. By and large, it was known for cattle with large horns, men with large hats and its citizenry's penchant for orneriness, braggadocio and shooting one another.

All that began to change in the late 1940s, when America suddenly discovered that an awful lot of Texans had somehow become very, very rich — and very, very interested in national politics. The East Coast establishment's dismay at this news was captured in a six-part series of front-page stories in *The Washington Post* that began 55 years ago this month. Authored by the Pulitzer Prize-winning White House correspondent Edward T. Folliard, the package promised what an editor's note called a first-ever look at "The Big Dealers, the fabulous money men of Texas who have been pouring part of their millions into American politics. ... The unique thing about them is public ignorance of their motives, purposes and ideas."

Thus began more than half a century of Texas political power that would see the first Texan, Lyndon B. Johnson, take a seat in the Oval Office; a second, George H.W. Bush, 25 years later; and in short order a third, George W. Bush. Along the way, the Texas "Big Dealers," a class of rightwing oilmen more commonly known as the Big Rich, would thrust upon the nation a series of princelings, beginning with their in-house attorney, John Connally, and leading through men such as Tom DeLay, Dick Armev and Phil Gramm.

But now, barely a month into the Obama administration, even the proudest Texans must admit: The days of Lone Star Power are over. You may greet this news with tears or with relief, but there's no denying it. Now that George W. Bush has hightailed it back to Dallas, there is no Texan of any real significance left on the national stage. Kay Bailey Hutchison is still hanging on, and Texas has that governor, Rick whatsisname, the guy with the haircut, but the most visible Texan in Washington right now is probably Libertarian Ron Paul. I don't think I need to say much more than that.

The twangy voices of political Texas, once so loud and proud, have been hushed. Molly Ivins is gone; great lady, sorely missed. Progressives such as Ronnie Dugger and Jim Hightower still soldier on, but not like before. The closest thing to a public intellectual Texas can claim is Kinky Friedman, a Lone Star icon whose political pronouncements make Ron Paul look like Lincoln. Offhand, I can't even name another Texas congressman. You?

It's been a long time since Texas was irrelevant. Few remember it now, but before World War II it was regarded as little more than a supersize Mississippi, a backward, agrarian society whose ultraconservative businessmen were best known for the Texas Regulars, a third party they formed in 1944 to challenge Franklin D. Roosevelt. The party's defining platform plank called for "restoration of the supremacy of the white race." Those were the days of Gov. Pappy O'Daniel, a hillbilly singer and flour salesman who won the statehouse in 1938 on a simple platform: the Ten Commandments. The state's most notable legislation during the 1940s made membership in the Communist Party punishable by death. And you thought Washington was a tough town.

Texas might have remained a marginalized curiosity, but oil changed everything. Until the Great Depression, control of Texas oil remained largely in the hands of Yankee corporations. There were some wealthy Texans, but no Big Rich. During the Depression, however, the cash-strapped major oil companies all but stopped looking for oil, preferring to simply buy what they needed elsewhere. Into the vacuum charged hundreds of Texas oilmen, known as wildcatters, who between 1930 and 1935 proceeded to discover the largest oilfields ever found in the Lower 48, including the biggest, East Texas, and the runner-up, at Conroe, north of Houston.

Once the dust settled, four men had found the most: H.L. Hunt, a onetime Arkansas gambler and practicing bigamist who cut a deal to buy the heart of the East Texas field; his Dallas neighbor Clint Murchison, who made his fortune running illegal "hot oil" during the Depression; Murchison's boyhood chum Sid Richardson, a Fort Worth wildcatter who hit it big in far West Texas; and a

cantankerous Houston oilman named Hugh Roy Cullen, a fifth-grade dropout who doled out political advice to anyone who would listen — and to quite a few who wouldn't. It was Cullen of whom Wendell Willkie was speaking when, during an exchange of pointed correspondence during his 1940 presidential run, he noted with a sigh: "You know the Good Lord put all this oil into the ground, then someone comes along who hasn't been a success at anything else, and takes it out of the ground. The minute he does that he considers himself an expert on everything from politics to pettycoats."

It was these four oilmen whose millions built the foundation of Texas political power. Murchison and Richardson used suitcases of illegal cash to help get LBJ elected to the Senate in 1948. Three years later, Cullen bought a radio network with an eye toward making it a proto-Fox News. When it went belly up, he took to lobbying checks into political races around the country; Cullen was the largest single donor to American candidates in 1952 and again in 1954. Hunt went a step further, starting the first genuine conservative media network, Facts Forum, which launched scads of newsletters, radio and television programs. When he got religion in the late 1950s, Hunt started LIFELINE, one of the first media outfits to try mixing right-wing politics with sermonizing.

The Big Rich emerged at a key moment in the nation's political history, a period that saw the birth pangs of modern conservatism. In the years before William F. Buckley founded the National Review in 1955, theirs were some of the loudest — and wealthiest — conservative voices in the land. "Virtually every Radical Right movement of the postwar era," the Nation argued in 1962, "has been propped up by Texas oil millionaires."

In the short run, the Big Rich squandered their political capital. After the press deduced how much money they had shoveled to Joe

McCarthy — sometimes known as Texas's third senator — his demise was theirs. In the long run, however, the Big Rich got Texas rolling down a path that by the 1960s would give birth to the modern Texas GOP, one of the first great Republican machines of the postwar South. It was Cullen whose money and organizational drives in the 1940s and '50s helped transform the Texas Republicans from a cadre of nattering nobodies to a new home for thousands of newly minted conservatives. They got the conservative John Tower elected the state's first GOP senator in 1961.

Ever since, Texas oil money has been a reliable backbone of the conservative movement. Not that all that cash easily translated into influence. After taking millions from ultraconservative oilmen over the years, Lyndon Johnson went and got all liberal. Before Murchison died in 1969, he wouldn't even take LBJ's calls. The first George Bush was never conservative enough for most oilmen, but then many considered him a Yankee carpetbagger to begin with, about as much a Texan as Winthrop Rockefeller was an Arkansan. The younger Bush, however, was the real deal, an actual Texan wildcatter who shared the Big Rich's values and views pretty much across the board. Hunt and the others never knew George W., but they would have loved him.

And now, well, it's over. The Bush administration's bonfire of the inanities has made being a Texan something you don't brag about. None of the East Coast Texans I know want to talk too much about their heritage these days — surely a first. Nationally, about the only Texas oilman who can still make waves is T. Boone Pickens, who has captured a certain amount of national attention with all those commercials about alternative energy. Folks listened to Boone for about five minutes when oil was at a million dollars a barrel, but now that the price has fallen, he has grumped his way back to Amarillo. I don't know too many writers knocking on his door these days, but that could be just the fact that he lives in Amarillo.

I'll miss all those Texans around Washington. The big boots, the big belt buckles, the big talk, the vaguely horrified look on the faces of network correspondents forced to do standups amid the cow pies and convenience stores ringing the Crawford White House. You think Joe Biden is

gonna wake up one morning and shoot a load of buckshot into a Texan's face anytime soon? Ah, good times.

Texas will rise again, of that I have no doubt. I don't know when, and I don't know who, but it will. Remember Santa Anna. He thought he'd stomped the Texans at the Alamo, yet it took barely two media cycles for Sam Houston to spring off the canvas and chase him back to Mexico. So smile if you want. I'm telling you, they'll be back.

Burrough, a special correspondent at Vanity Fair, wrote 'The Big Rich: The Rise and Fall of the Greatest Texas Oil Fortunes.'

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### **Pickens' Mesa Power Slows Wind Farm Work** – *Dallas Morning News* – 2/27/09

By Elizabeth Souder

T. Boone Pickens' wind power company, Mesa Power, laid off two employees this week as the company slows down work on a massive wind farm in the Panhandle.

Spokesman Jay Rosser said the company continues to develop the wind farm, designed to be the largest in the country, but the downturn in the economy has caused Mesa Power to delay the schedule by a year or two.

"They're developing, as Boone has said, at a much slower pace" than expected, Rosser said.

Still, he said, Mesa remains committed to the project.

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### **Eco Barons Lead the Way** – *The Sunday Times (UK)* – 3/1/09

By Philip Beresford

THE global rich are going green as never before. This first Sunday Times Green Rich List shows that the enthusiasm among the world's wealthiest for investments in areas as diverse as electric cars, solar power and geothermal energy is unaffected by the recession.

The Green List has unearthed 100 tycoons or wealthy families worth £200m or more who have made either serious investments in green technology and businesses or hefty financial commitments to environmental causes. In total, the Green 100 are worth nearly £267 billion.

This enormous sum demonstrates that many of the world's richest tycoons and entrepreneurs have embraced environmentalism. Indeed, our list is dominated by America's wealthiest financiers and entrepreneurs such as Warren Buffett (worth £27 billion) and Bill Gates (worth £26 billion).

These two canny investors, who regularly swap places at the top of Forbes magazine's annual list of world billionaires, have spent some of their financial firepower on areas such as wind power and electric cars in Buffett's case, while Gates has backed alternative fuels such as oil from algae. We are not talking trifling sums here. Buffett has invested \$230m in the Hong Kong battery-maker BYD.

Many of the 35 Americans in the Top 100 are drawn from Silicon Valley. Having made their first fortunes in microchips, the internet or software, the likes of Google's Larry Page and Sergey Brin

(each worth £7.5 billion) are turning to green investments with all the entrepreneurial zeal that made their first fortunes.

It helps that the Obama administration is committed to a huge stimulus package involving the very technologies that investors are focusing on.

Even tycoons who are not in President Barack Obama's camp have moved into alternative energy, none more so than T Boone Pickens, oil explorer, corporate raider and a Texan Republican to his core. He is using part of his £1.8 billion fortune on filling the huge and windy Texas Panhandle with turbines as part of his Pickens Plan to wean America off its dependence on foreign energy.

American money may be chasing smarter and greener technologies, while the Chinese rich on our list are definitely about mass production of green technologies.

The 17 Chinese tycoons in the Top 100 are concentrated at the bottom end of the list and they are almost exclusively involved in solar and electric-car technology. It is a ferociously competitive market with unremitting pressure to cut costs and gain market share.

As such, all the Chinese fortunes have been hammered as share prices have fallen sharply. A year ago, many would have been in the Top 50, but not now. Indeed, some of them will not survive the steep downturn they are now battling through. But out of it will emerge winners selling much cheaper and more technically advanced products to a huge market worldwide.

There are 10 British or British-based tycoons on the list. None is going head-to-head with the Chinese in mass production. And they are not taking the German route. The seven German tycoons are largely involved in wind turbines and the like. This is a bespoke market — meat and drink to the German industrial sector.

The pity is that aside from Sir Richard Branson, who is investing in alternative fuels, there are no real British equivalents of Aloys Wobben. A German engineering graduate, Wobben started Enercon in 1984, building his first wind turbine in his back garden. Today the company employs 6,000 staff and exports sophisticated turbines all over the world.

German entrepreneurs who have made their fortunes elsewhere are also moving into green technology in a serious way, defying the prevailing economic gloom.

Twins Andreas and Thomas Strungmann built a £6.8 billion pharmaceutical fortune. Having sold their pharma business, they put many millions into saving a German solar company early last year just as the economic outlook worsened.

America's wealthy are not just investing in new technology, they are also spending their fortunes on direct environmental activism, saving large tracts of wilderness from developers, endowing university research into green energy, climate change and the like.

This can have a huge impact in changing the mood in favour of more green activism on the political front, making the climate right for Obama to push through radical green initiatives that would not have been contemplated in George Bush's presidency.

There is little evidence of any appetite among Britain's super-rich for this approach. Firmly rooted in property, finance or retailing, they have little time or surplus wealth for anything other than lip service to green issues.

They are also involved in firefighting to keep their businesses afloat. When the recession is over, there are precious few forecasters who think the City and the like will return to its glory days.

With traditional factories and industries closing in record numbers, where will Britain's future prosperity come from? It is a sobering thought.

Dr Philip Beresford has compiled The Sunday Times Rich List since 1989

GREEN RANKING FOR 2009

Ranking: 25=

Worth: £1.8bn

Green investment: Natural power

T Boone Pickens, the American oil billionaire, is planning to spend \$60m on a television campaign to educate the American public about the dangers of sending \$432,000 per minute to foreign countries for their oil. Pickens is promoting the use of natural gas, wind power and solar energy to offset and eventually limit dependence on oil. He is also leasing thousands of acres of Texas to build wind farms. Forbes estimated his fortune at £2.2 billion in its October 2008 list of the richest Americans. We have cut Pickens back to £1.8 billion.

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**Column: Catching Wind of Energy Changes – Green Bay Press Gazette – 3/2/09**

By Betty Fierros

In December we had an opportunity to drive to Texas and then on to Phoenix to stay there for the month of January. Driving 2,100 miles one way is bad enough, but driving back again in February was not a piece of cake — even though we took a different route.

No, we did not have any car trouble or storms, but we did have lots of dull scenery and toll roads. The worst day going there, however, was driving from Dallas to Phoenix via Route 10 — it was extremely boring.

The only sight I really enjoyed was near Abilene, looking north and seeing miles and miles of T. Boone Pickens' wind machines. There they stood like tall white steeples going west with their fans whirring away, not fast but in rhythm.

On the way back, we went through the beautiful scenery of Arizona Rim Country but then on toward Albuquerque with miles and miles of nothing but desert with no visible life.

However, when we reached Amarillo, there they were again — more long lines of wind machines exactly like the first ones headed in the same direction. Then on we went from St. Louis turning north after crossing the Mississippi and lo and behold, there were the same wind machines near Aurora, outside Chicago, going north this time.

Wow, we thought, something is really happening, so when we got home, I started to get on the computer to Pickens' Web site.

These modern, 200-foot tall wind machines have blades of 65 to 130 feet and rotate at 10 to 22 revolutions per minute. They are equipped with shutdown features to avoid any damages from the weather.

And, for you bird lovers, the death rate of birds is very low — about .01 to .02 percent. Many more birds are killed by tall buildings, power lines, communications towers and predators.

I also found out that part of the stimulus monies will be spent on more of these wind machines, eventually providing up to millions of jobs (according to Boone, who e-mailed me to prod my congressmen and senators to pass the stimulus bill).

Boone feels he can replace 20 percent of our nation's dependence on oil when they are all built. We are totally impressed and hope his vision will help us get off the need for foreign oil and keep the air we breathe cleaner.

Other sights we saw along the way were the Ozarks of Missouri, where my first son was born at Camp Crowder, warning signs to watch for elk crossings and many beautiful old churches.

And just so you know, we will fly next year to Phoenix or go Amtrak.

— Betty Fierros is an area resident and a volunteer reading coach at Green Bay's Tank Elementary School.

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**Cap and Trade and Alternative Energy: The Real Danger in Obama's Policies** – *Canada Free Press* – 3/2/09

By Dr. Tim Ball

Charles Dickens noted, "I have known a vast quantity of nonsense talked about bad men not looking you in the face. Don't trust that conventional idea. Dishonesty will stare honesty out of countenance, any day of the week, if there is anything to be got by it." The stimulus package is a classic example of dishonesty staring down honesty.

It ignores and exacerbates the underlying financial problems as the stock market reaction indicates. It will create few private sector jobs, but government departments will grow greatly in numbers and power and that will require more and continuing funding. If you want to see how much government grows under such liberal policies look at the growth in United Kingdom bureaucracies under Gordon Brown when he was in charge of treasury and then as Prime Minister.

Perhaps the largest growth with Obama's stimulus package will be in implementing and controlling the energy plans within the package. This will also be the most lasting and damaging legacy. It will increase the total cost of living and of doing business while making US businesses less competitive in world trade. It will set back the growth of new sources of energy by many years. Look at those who have tried the 'green' approach. The UK energy needs are in serious problems and closer to home California is suffering from green energy plans and involvements with Enron and alternative energies. The Canadian Province of Ontario energy needs were mismanaged by Maurice Strong and badly influenced by environmentalist David Suzuki.

Dishonesty is also evident because they have moved the goalposts again. First it was carbon credits, then it was carbon tax and now it is cap and trade. They are all the same idea falsely presented as methods of reducing CO2. In fact, they don't reduce it at all but they do give government control and put more money in government hands. They are an environmental form of sin tax like those on tobacco and alcohol. The new name eliminates reference to CO2 (carbon) and taxes. A Cap, determined by the government, will limit the amount of CO2 you can produce. Details were expanded in Obama's first budget proposal. He estimates a return of \$625 billion from the cap and trade. It allows him to punish certain industries, as Obama indicated he would with the coal industry. The word Trade incorrectly implies some sort of business like approach. It is really an unnecessary transfer of wealth, just as carbon credits were in the Kyoto Protocol. As House Minority Leader John A. Boehner, Ohio Republican said. "We've got real concerns about his plan on cap and trade," "Let's just be honest and call it a carbon tax that will increase taxes on all Americans who drive a car, who have a job, who turn on a light switch, pure and simple."

Dishonesty is also evident in the energy plans proposed in the Stimulus Package and the \$15 billion to fund renewable energy in the Budget. It is part of the commitment to promote 'green energy'.

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Massive funding to promote 'green energy' ignores the science and demonstrates lack of understanding climate and renewable energy. It is a purely political approach. Those involved in it fit George Bernard Shaw's comment "He knows nothing; he thinks he knows everything – that clearly points to a political career." It is applicable to Obama. It is too late for Al Gore, he has already put it into practice and the same applies to former Senator Timothy Wirth. Their lack of knowledge about climate and environment has not stopped them presenting themselves as experts and pushing wrong policies and plans. Their formal education indicates no training in climate science or any related area, but they are the architects chosen to implement Obama's naïve and dangerous vision.

They have recently joined with T Boone Pickens in a troika to plan the most unnecessary and destructive energy policy hidden within Obama's stimulus package. Mr Pickens made money in the oil market, but knows little or nothing about climate and climate change. But none of what Obama, Gore and Wirth are proposing is about science or climate change it is about politics.

A week before Gore received the Nobel Prize for his climate change campaign a UK court ruled on his central vehicle the movie "An Inconvenient Truth." The judge ruled:

"It is now common ground that it is not simply a science film – although it is clear that it is based substantially on scientific research and opinion – but that it is a political film, albeit of course not party political. Its theme is not merely the fact that there is global warming, and that there is a powerful case that such global warming is caused by man, but that urgent, and if necessary expensive and inconvenient, steps must be taken to counter it, many of which are spelt out."

The court wrote that litigant, Paul Downes, identified the agenda.

Paul Downes, using persuasive force almost equivalent to that of Mr Gore, has established his case that the views in the film are political by submitting that Mr Gore promotes an apocalyptic vision, which would be used to influence a vast array of political policies, which he illustrates in paragraph 30 of his skeleton argument:

Fiscal policy and the way that a whole variety of activities are taxed, including fuel consumption, travel and manufacturing ...

Investment policy and the way that governments encourage directly and indirectly various forms of activity.

Energy policy and the fuels (in particular nuclear) employed for the future.

Foreign policy and the relationship held with nations that consume and/or produce carbon-based fuels.

Former Senator Wirth is frighteningly blunt, but maybe that is a good thing. "We've got to ride the global-warming issue. Even if the theory of global warming is wrong, we will be doing the right thing - in terms of economic policy and environmental policy."

The difficulty is the theory of global warming is wrong and it is wrong thing for the economy and environment.

T Boone Pickens introduced his energy proposal last year primarily to achieve energy independence from foreign oil. A major part was development of wind power from a grid primarily running down the centre of the continent. I wrote about the limitations of wind power and his proposal here;

He made the comment that, "A fool with a plan is better than a genius with no plan, and we look like fools without a plan,"

Unfortunately, the comment is not correct when it is the wrong plan. It is worse when it addresses a non-existent problem and will cause more problems at great expense. It is hard to believe Pickens is not aware of the political agenda of Gore and Wirth. His self-sufficiency from foreign oil is commendable, but if the price is a massive increase in government control and taxes to pay for it then he may be a fool, but with a very bad plan.

The three men came together at a meeting under the Chair of Mr. Wirth organized by The Center for American Progress to develop The National Clean Energy Project. This evolved from a 2008 "National Clean Energy Summit" sponsored by Senator Harry Reid. There they decided the serious limit to renewable "green" energy was access to a transmission grid. The usual people were in attendance including Nancy Pelosi and Bill Clinton.

It is commendable that business people and environmental groups participated. It is an outrage that only one scientist, Stephen Chu, Secretary of Energy who is not qualified in climate was there. Of course, it is necessary to guarantee Gore's claim that the science is settled. It isn't; yet the entire Obama energy strategy is built around the false assumption that CO2 is causing warming and climate change. It provides the platform for Gore's claim that, "If we resolve ourselves, we will create a clean energy revolution that will create hundreds of thousands of jobs, strengthen our economy, reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and oil and save our planet."

Alternate energies look attractive but they all have serious limitations. We have seen the limitations of biofuels and the negative impact on world food supplies.

Wind and solar energy both need full back up systems to cover periods when these natural energies are not available. Concern about the grid system is created by the need to offset these limitations. All forms of energy are put into the grid with the idea that if one is not there is still sufficient from other sources to supplement. This ignores such problems as the limits of the distance you can transmit electricity (500 miles even if you convert to DC power); the need for full-scale backup when the wind doesn't blow or the sun doesn't shine; the limits on the amount of variable power you can inject without overloading the grid

The actual viability of these systems is almost impossible to determine because government subsidies come in so many different forms that a meaningful cost benefit is gone. Even with the subsidies the alternate energies offer a very small potential to the total energy need. Collectively they can only replace a fraction of the need. There are much better ways of producing reliable energy to meet growing needs and reduce independence on imported oil.

So they look you "in the countenance" and tell you patriotism and environment are the reasons for their policy. No! What is "to be got by it" is political and economic power and control. Of course, they also appear likely to make money. We know Gore has already made a great deal of money from carbon credits so he will make more from Cap and Trade. Pickens will make money?

It's not clear of Wirth's potential but he was very much involved with the machinations of Ken Lay and Enron.

Perhaps the ultimate dishonesty is that CO2 (carbon) is not a problem, is not causing global warming, is not a pollutant, so none of the policies are environmentally necessary.

Clean coal, natural gas and nuclear power make independence from foreign oil equally unnecessary.

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## **Range Reports Profit for 4Q08; Quicksilver Posts Loss – Fort Worth Business Press – 3/2/09**

By John-Laurent Tronche

Two Fort Worth-based oil and gas exploration companies operating in the Barnett Shale and beyond reported very different fourth quarter 2008 earnings results – Range Resources Corp. posted a 54 percent jump in revenue to reach \$345 million, while Quicksilver Resources Inc. reported a \$465.9 million loss during the same three-month period, due to various impairment charges.

For the year, Quicksilver Resources reported net loss of \$374 million, down from fiscal year 2007's net income of \$479.4 million. Total production average 263 million cubic feet equivalent per day, a 23 percent increase over 2007.

For the fourth quarter, Quicksilver Resources averaged daily production of 327 MMcfe compared to 220 MMcfe per day for the same period in 2007, an increase of about 48 percent, according to the Feb. 25 earnings report.

“Quicksilver’s strength is being a low-cost producer,” said Glenn Darden, president and CEO, in a statement. “We expect to become an even lower cost company in the current environment. Capitalizing on this platform, we have locked in attractive margins by hedging more than 75 percent and 65 percent of our expected natural gas production for 2009 and 2010, respectively, which underpins our anticipated cash flows.”

The company expects to drill about 180 wells in the Fort Worth Basin during 2009.

Meanwhile, Range Resources posted a \$309 million net income for the year, 22 percent compared to 2007, with a 20 percent increase in production. Range Resources also added about 400,000 acres to its leasehold, most of which is in the Marcellus Shale, which runs through parts of New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

“Our drilling plans for 2009 have been scaled back to focus on the Barnett Shale, the Nora Field and the Marcellus Shale,” said John H. Pinkerton, chairman and CEO, in the Feb. 24 release. “Each of these areas provides attractive rates of return at current price levels.”

The company’s 2009 budget of \$700 million should put it on track for a 10 percent annual growth target, according to the earnings report. About 500 wells will be drilled during the coming fiscal year.

### **New gas lobbying group founded**

More than 20 independent natural gas exploration and production companies comprise the American Natural Gas Alliance, a new industry lobbying group aimed at increasing awareness and appreciation of natural gas among consumers and policy makers, according to a press release.

“Our mission is to increase market appreciation for American natural gas as the clean, abundant, affordable and dependable solution to the most challenging energy and environmental issues facing the U.S.,” said David A. Trice, president and CEO of Newfield Exploration Co. and chairman of ANGA, in the Feb. 25 statement.

Member companies include Chesapeake Energy Corp., Devon Energy Corp., and others that collectively account for about 40 percent of total U.S. gas supply, producing 9 trillion cubic feet of natural gas per year, said Rodney W. Lowman, the group’s president. Lowman previously served

as president of the Abundant Forests Alliance, promoting forest-related products, president of the American Plastics Council and vice president of the American Chemistry Council.

Pickens buys, sells gas stock

T. Boone Pickens shuffled his stake in several natural gas companies, and sold off many of his holdings in oil companies and oilfield services firms – moves that reflect a sentiment that exploration activity will be muted throughout 2009 and into early 2010.

The Oklahoma-born, Texas businessman, through his Dallas-based BP Capital, bought shares in Chesapeake Energy while reducing his stake in Dallas-based Denbury Resources Inc., Devon Energy, and several other oil and gas exploration companies, according to documents filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Pickens divested his shares in XTO Energy Inc., Schlumberger Ltd., Halliburton Co., National Oilwell Varco Inc. and oil firms Valero Energy Corp. and Chevron Corp.

Pickens, a champion of natural gas as a possible fuel for more vehicles, also sold his stake in Clean Fuels Energy Corp., a natural gas provider for vehicles notable because Pickens is founder of the Seal Beach, Calif., company.

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#### **Monday's Talk Shows – Los Angeles Times – 3/2/09**

The Early Show David Spade ("Rules of Engagement"). (N) 7 a.m. KCBS 70043

Today Gabrielle Anwar ("Burn Notice"); teaching parents to deal with stress and aggression. (N) 7 a.m. KNBC 646956

KTLA Morning News (N) 7 a.m. KTLA 83531

Good Morning America (N) 7 a.m. KABC 18227

Rachael Ray Chelsea Handler. (N) 9 a.m. KCBS 25192

Live With Regis and Kelly David Spade ("Rules of Engagement"); Taylor Hicks performs. (N) 9 a.m. KABC 89314

The View Digital TV conversion; T. Boone Pickens. (N) 10 a.m. KABC 97734

The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet Dr. Debbie Magids and Dr. Ian Kerner. (N) 11 a.m. KTTV 42208

The Bonnie Hunt Show John C. McGinley ("Scrubs"); Jill Zarin and Bethenny Frankel ("The Real Housewives of New York City"). (N) noon KNBC 70444

The Tyra Banks Show The cast of "The Secret Life of the American Teenager"; teens who live secret lives; the recently eliminated contestant from "True Beauty." 1 p.m. KTTV 68260

The Martha Stewart Show 2 p.m. KNBC 35482

Oprah Winfrey 3 p.m. KABC 36550

Dr. Phil 4 p.m. KCBS 2579

The Ellen DeGeneres Show Neil Patrick Harris ("How I Met Your Mother"); Kaley Cuoco ("The Big Bang Theory"). (N) 4 p.m. KNBC 7647

The Tyra Banks Show Women's health. (N) 4 p.m. KTTV 99043

Dr. Phil 7 p.m. KCAL 26685

Tavis Smiley Repeat segment: Mickey Rourke. 7 and 11 p.m. KCET 55666, 32314

The Daily Show With Jon Stewart (N) 11 p.m. Comedy Central 6853869

Charlie Rose (N) 11:30 p.m. KCET 128531

Late Show With David Letterman Katie Couric; U2 performs. (N) 11:35 p.m. KCBS 61316918

The Tonight Show With Jay Leno Larry the Cable Guy; Malin Akerman; the Fray performs. (N) 11:35 p.m. KNBC 61334314

Nightline Rachael Ray. (N) 11:35 p.m. KABC 11200482

Jimmy Kimmel Live Evangeline Lilly; Jason Mesnick; the New Kids on the Block perform. (N) 12:06 a.m. KABC 3674067

The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Paris Hilton; author Dee Dee Myers. (N) 12:37 a.m. KCBS 1211999

Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Robert De Niro; Justin Timberlake; Van Morrison performs. (N) 12:37 a.m. KNBC 1206067

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**Editorial: Texans in the Nation's Capital** – *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – 2/28/09

Sometimes, sassy know-it-alls are best ignored, lest you give 'em the attention they so crave.

Other times, there's no other choice but to call them out with a "hush!"

Last weekend in The Washington Post, writer Bryan Burrough was nyah-nyah-ing about Texas' "new" irrelevance on the national stage, what with the Bush dynasty finally having left town.

Pointing out the obvious wasn't so much an insult as a yawn.

But then he tossed out fightin' words.

Besides Libertarian Ron Paul, this fellow scoffed, "I can't even name another Texas congressman."

Let us introduce you to Chet Edwards, to name one.

He's the only Democrat to thwart Tom DeLay's dastardly plan for redistricting powerful Texas Dems out of Congress.

You might have heard that Edwards made candidate Barack Obama's short list of potential vice presidential running mates. Or maybe you didn't see those headlines. Darned if Edwards never has quite gotten the gist of shameless self-promotion.

Just because he's a low-key guy from an out-of-the-way place like Waco and leads an important appropriations subcommittee, fancy writers from Vanity Fair might not know him.

But military veterans are glad they do.

OK, so Burrough really was spinning this piece of hyperbole to plug his book about a quartet of Texas oilmen, including Sid Richardson.

But that's no excuse for being factually challenged.

In Burrough's telling, when oil prices slumped, T. Boone Pickens "grumped his way back to Amarillo," where he lives.

Well, that's a hoot.

Just last September, Texas Monthly's Skip Hollandsworth had Pickens living in a "mansion in the Preston Hollow estates area of North Dallas," less than half a mile from his office.

Close to another formerly famous Texan who recently scooted the Beltway for a quieter life.

Burrough, who calls himself a Texan, claimed that "none of the East Coast Texans I know want to talk too much about their heritage these days."

Clearly, he needs to get out more.

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Coming up T. Boone Pickens is scheduled to speak 4:30 p.m. Monday at TCU's University Union Ballroom.

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### **Coen Brothers Lend Voices to "Clean Coal" Debate With Controversial TV Spot – *Hollywood Today – 2/27/09***

By Janine Theriault

HOLLYWOOD, CA(RushPRnews/Hollywood Today/) 02/27/09 - Academy Award Winning directors Joel and Ethan Coen have become the most recent participants in the on-going war of words concerning so-called clean coal, lending their talents and repute to the media debate with a TV spot which aired Thursday.

The brothers, who won three Oscars in 2007 for "No Country for Old Men" and one in 1996 for writing "Fargo", have directed a searingly satirical TV spot for the Reality Coalition, a group whose yellow canary add campaigns have been gaining recognition since their "This is Reality" campaign began last year.

The add, entitled "Air Freshener", features a modern take on a 50's-esk suburbia, directing aim at the use of the word "clean" itself in relation to coal. States the add's air freshener salesman, " 'Clean Coal' harnesses the awesome power of the word 'clean' ". The add ends with the Reality Coalition's tag line, "In reality, there's no such thing as clean coal."

As the Obama administration's call for clean, homegrown energy sources have heated up the multi-million dollar debate as to the future of domestic energy production, the nation's coal industry has gone on the offensive. The resulting trade group, the American Coalition for Clean

Coal Electricity, has spent \$18 million so far on television spots in an effort to create a cleaner image for this notoriously dirty energy source.

The problem with the coal industry's throwing it's financial weight around, according to environmentalists and many scientists, is the false impression Americans now have that "Clean Coal" technologies already exist. In fact, the much-touted clean technologies have yet to be developed, and are unlikely to be cost effective for coal companies, according to Bruce Nilles, national coal campaign director for the Sierra Club.

Signs of the times: Even good ol' oil billionaire T Boone Pickens is talking alternative energy sources such as natural gas and wind, spending generous amount of his own money promoting an end to foreign oil dependency.

Enter into the fray, the Reality Coalition and the Coen Brothers. Coalition spokesman Brian Hardwick says the celebrated brothers were taken with the group's biting proposed script for the TV spot.

"They thought it was their style," he said.

Said the Coens in a statement, "We were excited to be part of this important project and tell another side of the 'clean' coal story."

The spot can be seen on CNN, MSNBC, and Comedy Central, and can also be viewed at [www.thisisreality.org](http://www.thisisreality.org) and on YouTube.com.

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## **BLOG/ONLINE COVERAGE**

### **Greening the Grid – *Living On Earth* – 2/27/09**

The U.S. has some of the world's greatest potential for power from the wind and sun. But getting that clean electricity to where it's needed means many miles of new electric transmission and building new power lines is a costly and often controversial job. *Living on Earth's* Jeff Young reports on a new high-power effort to green the grid.

GELLERMAN: It's *Living on Earth*, I'm Bruce Gellerman.

[SOUND FROM CONGRESS "MADAME SPEAKER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES" APPLAUSE.]

GELLERMAN: It wasn't officially a State of the Union address. But President Barack Obama's first speech to Congress had all the trappings and high expectations of one as he laid out his plan to jumpstart the stalled economy.

OBAMA: It begins with energy.

GELLERMAN: Energy is so important to President Obama's plans for the future of the nation he put it at the very top of his speech. And he challenged lawmakers to top their agenda with limits on the green house gases from burning fossil fuels.

OBAMA: So I ask this Congress to send me legislation that places a market-based cap on carbon pollution and drives the production of more renewable energy in America. [Applause] That's what we need. [Applause.]

GELLERMAN: Selling credits for carbon emissions would be a new source of revenue for the federal government, raising as much as 300 billion dollars a year. Money that would be used for tax cuts and re-tooling the energy economy including thousands of miles of new high-tension power lines. But *Living on Earth's* Jeff Young says there are some high hurdles to building a greener grid.

YOUNG: Senate majority leader Harry Reid, the Democrat from Nevada, drew a high-power crowd to his clean energy summit at Washington's gleaming Newseum Building.

President Bill Clinton took the seat next to Reid and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi settled in nearby. Legendary oilman turned wind power advocate T. Boone Pickens found himself sandwiched between two Nobel laureates—Al Gore and new energy secretary Steven Chu.

PICKENS: I hope there is a camera here and has me between the two Nobel leaders. It would be very exciting if my mother was still alive to see that. [Laughter]

YOUNG: Moderator Tim Wirth, former Colorado senator, hopes the assembled star power will put the spotlight on an otherwise low wattage issue: the nation's electric grid.

WIRTH: As I would call it one of the most anesthetizing issues there is. If you ask a constituency what do they think about the grid they go blank right away and move on to the next question.

YOUNG: The two dozen panelists piled on the reasons people concerned about climate and energy should be thinking about the grid. In short, it's the missing link in the path to a clean energy future. Some called for an electron superhighway, much the same way we once built an interstate highway system. Massachusetts democratic representative Ed Markey likened it to early efforts to electrify the country.

MARKEY: Back in the 1930s, urban America decided they were going to fund construction of electric lines to bring it out to rural America. Now we have to decide how to get it in from the prairies into the cities.

YOUNG: It will not be easy or cheap. The recently passed economic stimulus bill includes 11 billion dollars in support for grid improvements and expansion. That figure's dwarfed by cost estimates for new lines that would link the Great Plains to cities in the Midwest and Northeast.

But money might not be the biggest obstacle. New transmission lines run into a briar patch of siting and permitting problems. High voltage lines can cut through scenery and carve up sensitive habitat. Landowners fear lost property value, and local governments fear getting saddled with costs for projects that don't benefit them. Former New York Republican Governor George Pataki offered the panel a reality check.

PATAKI: Tell someone you're going to run wires through their community that come from one state and run through to another state? You don't have to take a poll. No one is gonna be for it! What is missing is the ability of those who desire to build this transmission system to actually get approval and the permit to do it. It takes years, it takes hundreds of millions of dollars, and at best the outcome is uncertain.

YOUNG: Even when the purported goal is to carry clean energy, power lines can still end up generating controversy. Case in point: a line called Sunrise Powerlink. It's supposed to link San Diego to new solar generation planned in the desert to the east. A natural way to win support from eco-conscious Californians, right? Wrong.

ZICHELLA: It's a poster child for how to do a transmission line wrong.

YOUNG: That's Sierra Club's Carl Zichella. He says the 150-mile line would threaten desert habitat with few assurances that it would really carry solar power. A natural gas facility lies nearby to the south. The Sunrise project got preliminary approval from the state but now faces legal challenges from environmental groups.

Zichella's been fighting that and other power line proposals for years. But he recently joined a coalition of renewable energy advocates and businesses who want to find a way they can support new power lines.

ZICHELLA: For folks that have been advocating for renewable energy for years as a solution to the climate crisis you can't love renewable energy if you don't like transmission. And we're gonna have to learn to like transmission. And the only way we'll learn to like it is by putting it in the right places.

YOUNG: Zichella says those who want new lines have to learn from past mistakes. They should include more people in the planning process and guarantee those new lines will really carry clean energy.

John Podesta says the key to resolving these issues is to start thinking big. Podesta's a power player in Washington these days. He led then President-elect Obama's transition team. And Podesta's think tank, the Center for American Progress, helped Senator Reid organize the energy summit.

PODESTA: What's happened is people understand energy is a national problem that needs a national solution. And I think that what is gonna be essential is that state sensibilities are taken into account. But it has to feed into a national system. If we had had the same attitude in 1950s about every road needs to be only thought about by local communities we'd have never built the interstate highway system.

YOUNG: Podesta calls the current patchwork of state regulations "byzantine, balkanized and broken."

But state officials are leery of a federal approach that would put them on the sidelines. Fred Butler directs the National Association of Regulated Utility Commissioners. The commissioners oppose more federal control. But Butler can also read the writing on the political wall and says his group is reconsidering.

BUTLER: We kind of see this movement gaining some momentum and we want to be at the table to discuss it. So if our position is no, no, no, a thousand times no, then we kind of feel that we might not be part of the discussion.

YOUNG: One thing is sure: All these tough questions about how to best plan, permit and pay for clean energy transmission will no longer be in the political shadows. They'll be front and center as congress considers a bill by Senator Reid that would give the federal government a greater role.

REID: You should be aware that what we're talking about doing is making it possible for this energy that we're creating all over the United States to take it where it's needed. But we're going to move beyond – and that's part of the conversation today – one state being able to hold up forever something that needs to be done for the rest of the country.

YOUNG: And as for concerns from state officials, well, Reid, a former boxer, made it clear he's ready to flex some muscle.

REID: Whatever we pass at the federal level trumps all that. Okay?

YOUNG: Reid's proposal is winning early support from clean energy advocates, who call it a nice balance of state and local input and federal authority to get projects done. But it could still be a tough sell on Capitol Hill where lawmakers want to make sure their voters back home still have some power over power line decisions.

For Living on Earth, I'm Jeff Young in Washington.

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### **The Future of Clean Energy – Center for American Progress Action Fund – 2/27/09**

"The next generation that's coming after us will look back and assess what we did or didn't do. And they'll ask either one of two questions: Either, 'what were you thinking? How could you have done this?' or they'll ask, 'How did you find the courage to step up to the plate and do the right thing?'" said former Vice President Al Gore Monday at the National Clean Energy Project held in Washington, D.C. and sponsored by the Center for American Progress Action Fund. Gore joined the moderator, former Senator Tim Wirth (D-CO), in a discussion that focused on the future of clean energy production in the United States. CAPAF CEO and President John Podesta hosted the event, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) was Honorary Chair.

Joining Wirth, Podesta, and Gore on the panel were former President Bill Clinton, Energy Secretary Steven Chu, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Representative Ed Markey (D-MA) and energy executive T. Boone Pickens. Also participating in the conversation were AFL-CIO president John Sweeny, CAPAF Senior Fellow Van Jones, Waterkeeper Alliance Board Chairman Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and former Governor George Pataki (R-NY).

After Gore's comments, Speaker Pelosi stressed that "we have to have an enormous vision about this as we go out to the American people," while Senate Majority Leader Reid pointed to the

recently passed recovery bill as progress on addressing energy security and climate. “[The economy recovery bill] was a giant step in the right direction, with \$11 billion alone for the national energy grid—or as some have said, such as Energy Secretary Chu—a national energy highway.” The panel concurred that the stimulus bill passed by Congress and signed into law in February was a significant down payment on a clean energy future for America. Reid added that the federal government must be a key player in the nation’s efforts to produce clean energy and fight global warming.

Interior Secretary Salazar agreed that government must be involved, especially in the area of energy transmission. “On a personal note,” he added, “we must remember the REA [Rural Electrification Administration]. We didn’t get energy out into the San Luis Valley of Colorado until 1981. And as we all know, energy, especially green energy, is dependent on transmission.” Many participants supported proposals for a government build out of the transmission grid that will be primarily responsible for carrying this new green energy from rural areas where it’s produced to major cities and rural communities across the nation.

President Bill Clinton highlighted energy efficiency as a critical element of global warming reduction plans. “If the United States, India, China, and Russia met the current efficiency standards of the Japanese, it would take us 25 percent of the way to reducing 80 percent of the world’s carbon emissions by 2050,” he said. Although the funding for clean energy provided by the stimulus was an important first step, Clinton concluded that working with other nations was one of the most critical steps the U.S. government could take that would ultimately affect climate change.

Green job creation is another area in which the United States can take the lead, noted AFL-CIO President John Sweeny. “There is an important opportunity here for the United States to become a leader in technology and manufacturing capacity,” he noted. The National Building and Construction Trades Department, a national alliance headed by AFL-CIO, has put in place 11,000 apprenticeship-training programs for green job training.

Van Jones, a Senior Fellow at CAP, also thought education should be a core component to building out American green infrastructure. He mentioned the Green for All Academy he started with Gore to specifically address the issue of training America’s skilled workers for a shift into green energy production.

Lee Scott, chairman of the executive committee of the board of directors at Wal-Mart, focused on consumer choice, noting that the “average working people in America do care [about green products]—but they cannot afford to pay more” for them. According to Scott, businesses must improve energy efficiency and offer increasingly green options to customers. “What we have found at Wal-Mart,” he added, “is that when we give a choice that allows working people to save money and do things that are good for the environment, they pick the things that will save money and are good for the environment.”

The push for green energy production has been picking up steam among a few prominent business leaders such as Scott and T. Boone Pickens, founder of BP Capital and principal of BPC and TBP Investments Management. Pickens has championed a new energy model for American in recent years. While warning that the United States must cease its dependence on foreign oil, he reminded the panel “it is important to remember that wind does not power an 18-wheeler.” Pickens believed that clean natural gas would be a viable alternative for heavy diesel-run trucks and machinery, while a clean energy grid for residential and commercial uses is essential to expand the use of wind and solar power..

The discussion concluded with Wirth repeating the primary goal of the conference. “Rather than spending more time admiring the problem,” he said, “the purpose of today was to break through and see if we could find real solutions.” Overall, the panel accomplished its primary purpose—to

raise the visibility of climate change and find working solutions among prominent policymakers and leaders from the business, labor, and nonprofit communities.

Find out more about the National Clean Energy Project at its homepage.

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### **T. Boone Pickens Addresses Leaders in Helena – *Montana's News Station* – 2/27/09**

T. Boone Pickens, one of the nation's most influential energy leaders, spoke at the 2009 Montana Ambassadors Conference in Helena on Friday.

T. Boone Pickens has been recognized nationally and internationally for his campaign to reduce the country's foreign oil dependency by 30% within ten years.

He told the group of state business representatives the credibility of the United States is suffering because the country is not in control of its energy situation.

Pickens said, "We have never been tasked in this country to solve an energy problem. Why? Because we had cheap oil. So, you know, there it was and we used it and no question about it, it did the job and we let it do the job for us and then now we're in kind of a tough spot."

Pickens says the new Obama administration is serious about getting to work on the energy issue.

He says as soon as April we could see big oil companies switching to domestic fuel and the utilization of more solar and wind energy.

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### **Stocks for Tree Huggers and Everyone Else – *Barrons.com* – 3/2/09**

By Avi Salzman

Eco-friendly fund manager Jack Robinson likes to buy companies that are attracting a breed of more traditional, profit-seeking managers.

LONG BEFORE THE HOLLYWOOD set started using energy-saving lightbulbs, Jack Robinson was investing in environmentally friendly companies.

He founded Winslow Management in 1983 to test his theory that an environmentally friendly investing strategy could produce market-beating returns, as well as contribute to a healthier earth. In 2001, he founded the Winslow Green Growth Fund (ticker: WGGFX), which regularly beat the market -- until last year, when, according to Morningstar, it trailed the Standard & Poor's 500 by 24 percentage points. To Robinson, however, the future looks promising.

He talked to Barrons.com last week about the future of green investing.

Barrons.com: Given the sorry state of the stock market, are people more likely to shun their environmental principles for the stocks they think are most likely to go up, whether they're green or not?

Jack Robinson: People are definitely investing. We are net cash positive year-to-date and [investors put money in the fund] very significantly last year even at the end. There is just a lot of interest in the green space, and that is now being driven by the government taking a proactive position on climate change and energy security, and tying it into green jobs. Our investors generally have some level of green personal commitment. But what they also all share in common is what I call "G-squared" -- the other green is making money.

Awareness about the environment by investors in this country has never been as high as it is today. And why is that? Well we have just gone through a great deal of volatility in oil. We've had a lot of discussions about energy security. I mean we've got Boone Pickens saying we are sending billions every day to the Mideast and Barack Obama saying the same thing. So, we've got the left and the right pretty much on the same wavelength.

Q: A lot of these stocks -- solar stocks for instance -- have been very volatile. Why invest in them if they could flame out because of either technological or political reasons?

A: It has already become slightly less volatile. As the companies continue to put up good numbers and the consolidation in this particular industry goes on, I know you will see less volatility in the space by the winter...No. 1, people investing in the space know that it is new. No. 2, it is volatile because most of the most compelling "green companies" in the space are small-cap growth companies and by design are volatile. And No. 3, we try to tell them every which way we can that our portfolio is concentrated, and that you should not be looking to trade it, because you need to stay in it over a longer time period.

Q: In some ways, green investing has become more mainstream. The industries have matured somewhat. Does that change how you invest in this space?

A: Historically a lot of the green companies have been run by what you might call tree huggers, or types of people who are committed to the environmental side but not necessarily to the money-making side. And what we see happening as in the example of Energy Conversion Devices (ENER) with Mark Morelli who is the new CEO -- you are seeing proven management teams come in -- CEOs, CFOs joining up with these companies because they see the opportunity. These are not stupid people and they are not doing it just out of passion, because they see this as part of the solution and an opportunity to do extremely well financially.

In the case of First Solar (FSLR), you have a management team that is second to none. And all you have to do is look at the financial record of [Toronto-traded] WaterFurnace Renewable Energy (WFI.TO), for example, over the last five years and you'll be pleasantly surprised. It looks a whole lot better than many, many larger U.S. companies that have been touted to be the best-managed companies in the world when in fact they've blown up. This "too big to fail" doesn't cut the mustard anymore, and the nice thing about these companies is that they are continuing to grow in an economic downturn.

Q: Are there any other reasons green stocks are attractive?

A: The technologies are now much lower cost. Wind has been around a long time, as has geothermal and solar. Wind and geothermal today are a compelling investment because of the new tax offsets that have been introduced at the state level for a number of states. And also now at the federal level through the \$18 billion footnote on the TARP [Troubled Asset Relief Program] bill gave major extensions of tax credits for renewable energy and the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act] that was just approved had another \$60 billion going into green stuff directly that we know of -- that doesn't include what's flowing into the states.

Q: What affect will the stimulus and other new government policies have on environmental stocks specifically?

A: The most recent bill that was passed which was part of the stimulus act took the cap off the amount you can spend for a green building project. For example, there used to be a \$2,000 cap for a home or a small business. The \$2,000 cap has now been eliminated, and so you get a 30% tax credit for an infinite amount of improvements. In theory you could set up a \$10 million system and get \$3 million back. That is just one of a whole series of things that has been going on.

Q: There have been some studies that looked at vice stocks versus more environmentally friendly or "morally upright" sort of stocks and found that vice stocks did better. How do you deal with that reality?

A: I think [vice stocks] tend to be defensive kinds of investments that do quite well in difficult times. But they are a target -- I mean the cigarette tax is being increased everywhere in this country. Not to mention the problems we are having with cancer caused by primary and secondary smoke. The only reason the tobacco companies are growing is that they are selling a lot more to the developing world that doesn't really know any better. I think that if you make a product or have a service that kills people, has a toxic element to it, you are asking for trouble.

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### **A Chinese T. Boone Pickens? – *Sustainablog* – 3/2/09**

By Elizabeth Balkan

Hong Kong tycoon Stanley Ho is most famous in business for his vast and infamous casino empire and unofficial title as one of Asia's richest people (his estimated US\$8 billion net worth earned him the 113th rank in Forbes' 2007 list of "the World's Billionaires"). Might news of his recent clean energy joint venture with Portugal's top power company bring him a new title: "the Chinese T. Boone Pickens"?

According to Macauhub, a government-sponsored news publication-cum-commerce division that reports business-related news in the Pearl River region and in Portugese-speaking countries, Ho has created a renewable energy partner firm with Portugal's Energias de Portugal (EDP), which will be known as EDP-Energy Solutions Asia.

The octogenarian magnate will be a minority partner in the firm, with EDP controlling 60% of the entity. Business activities will be in Mainland China.

It is unclear whether the firm will be active only in providing consulting services or will also invest directly in the development and deployment of clean technologies in China. EDP's website has not issued any press release on the subject.

The newly established partnership, along with EDP's existing ownership of Macau's sole electric utility Companhia de Electricidade de Macau, represents EDP's strategic move to strengthen its position in Asia.

For the notorious Stanley Ho, whose personal life and business moves consistently generate interest and sometimes controversy, this is a first investment in the renewable energy sector. Yet, with twice the assets of T.B. Pickens, he is well poised to build an, ahem, cleaner empire.

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## BROADCAST COVERAGE

### 1. CNN Newsroom

CNN (---) National

02/28/2009

04:00 PM - 05:00 PM

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00:42:02 TZ; **Energy**: The panel consisting of Denise Bode, American **Wind Energy** Assn., and Carrie Budoff Brown, Politico.com discuss President Obama's **energy** plans and what it means to most Americans. SI; Bode notes that **Boone Pickens**, **wind** power proponent, calls the US the Saudi Arabia of **wind**. SI; Budoff Brown talks about solar and **wind** power as well as Obama's commitment to creating clean coal. V; **Wind** turbines, solar panels. I; Josh Levs, CNN, reads viewer emails which are discussed by the panelists. GR; Viewer questions. 00:47:34

### 2. CNN Newsroom

CNN (---) National

02/28/2009

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[CC] 00:51:54 We've had had people in the community say I don't want to look at that. Reporter: turbines can be deadly for migrating bats. When they're trying to fly and there's a low pressure system and any time a blade moves through the air they die from hemorrhaging. Reporter: most bats migrate in the fall before skiers hit the slopes and the benefit far outweighs the costs. This is a sign of the future. ... That's a long way. You that is so kohl. Wait a minute, we saw the before picture of reynolds of you and the after, but the in between climbing up that turbine, that's the fats nating point to me. It was freaky. That was really weird. The inside is a cylinder and you climb up in three different stages and it's taller than the Statue of Liberty and when we climbed up we had this weird-looking harness on us and the clip and the clip is attached to a wire that's made as thick as my pinky and if that thing were to break and you were to slip, it was nice knowing you. Do you rock climb? No. So this was the first to do something like this? Absolutely. But the people at Chimney Creek Resort were wonderful people and it was great to give the opportunity to see this thin first hand. We hear congressmen and **T. Boone Pickens** talk about **wind** power and it's hard to get the concept and wrap our minds around it, but by going up close and seeing it personally it strikes it home. ... 00:53:23

### 3. CSPAN-1 Schedule

CSPAN 1 (---) National

03/01/2009

04:00 PM - 06:00 PM

DMA: N/A

[CC] 00:05:15 So thank you for what you're doing, thank you for the opportunity to share some thoughts about how we intend to proceed in the house on this issue. Thank you. Thank you very much, speaker pelosi. It is hrtening for America and for the world to have the kind of political leadership that we see here from majority leader reid and from the speaker. It's really an extraordinary shift in change. If the inside leadership is extremely important, so is the outside framework in which we operate, and I want to pay a special thanks to **Boone Pickens** and to Steve Bing, among others here, who have really helped to put a frame around this issue publicly. **Boone**, could you share with us some thoughts from your perspective, which has been very aggressive, and certainly, very public, on the issue? Thanks for joining us. Thank you. I hope that there is a camera here and has m between the two noble leaders. [Laughter] it would be very, very excited if my mother was still alive to see that. But I also would be very exciting for the faculty at Oklahoma State University to see me in this chair, between these two honorees. I would like to mention, you and I almost solved corporate America's problems back in the '80s on those hearings that we had, but there were others that were there that didn't --You all don't know what we're talking about, but we, back in the '80s, well, Senator Wirth and I had real ideas about how to fix corporate America, but we didn't get it done. ... 00:07:12

[CC] 00:11:04 ..., and I know we've covered the grid here, I mean, we've talked about it, and there's going to be more said about it, but I am very hopeful that --Even more than that, I know it's going to happen, it's got to happen, because I'm running out of time, so it's got to happen before I go, but we are going to have an **energy** plan for America. Thank you. **Boone**, thank you very much. And we'll send that picture to the provost of Oklahoma state. Very good. He was horrified about the past history. You've made up for it all today. Yes. John Podesta has been not only the gold standard but a remarkable conceptual and political figure for all of us. John, thank you for bringing us all together. Thank you, Tim, and I want to come back to the question you posed to President Clinton, which is what's different than the last 35 years and I say after this beginning, it's that we have new leadership to move this issue forward, and I just want to commend all the people who have spoken. It's just inspiring to think that we can get the job done, President Clinton, Vice President Gore, Speaker Pelosi, the President, President Obama, and his great team that's here, **Boone Pickens**, and I want to make a special acknowledgement of Senator Reid, who got us going on this project last August in the forum that we did in Las Vegas and I think a lot of the ideas that were on the table at that forum made their way into this recovery bill and the ideas put on the table today will make their way, I hope, into the effort that Senator Bingaman is going to lead. I think we have to recognize we're living through a terrible recession, we've got **oil** prices, a dependence on fossil **fuels**, and of course the tremendous, almost existential threat of global warming that the Vice President spoke about.... 00:12:50

[CC] 00:13:05 ... We have to get on with this project, to get the economy going again, to get jobs growing again, to take this challenge on and do something that, as the current White House chief of staff is fond of saying, we can't let this crisis go to waste. The plan will upgrade to thousand miles of the electricity grid and put smart meters into American homes. Consumers can reduce their **energy** bills by increasing efficiency. Those investments are vital to a sustainable economic recovery, but those are just step one. The electricity grid is outdated. Outdated lines prevent moving cleaner **energy** to meet demand in major cities. We have got these tremendous resources in the southwest and midwest offshore. We have got to get where consumers live. Rebuilding our a to z grid. It is inadequate. --Rebuilding our electricity grid. So we have got to redouble our efforts and end our dependence on **oil** by building the infrastructure for delivery of clean, a domestic alternative transportation **fuels**. We need a fresh approach. We need a plan, as my friend Mr. **Pickens** says, and that is why we are here with people from the business and in farming community. I think we are doing is trying that will help put **wind** at your back so we can finish the job, take the next step... 00:15:49

[CC] 00:59:17 .... Harry Reid has given this tremendous attention. The President, when asked what was his number one thing, he said climate change. Denise came from the American Petroleum Association to the American Wind Association, and this is a statement I thought I would never make, ... and my statement by saying that I agree with everything that **Boone Pickens** said, and I never thought I would say that --And I can and my statement by saying that. Thank you. ... 01:02:01

[CC] 01:12:18 ... So just a very quick comment. Thank you very much. I want to ask Carl Pope and Ross McKinney James that question you asked to begin with. Do people understand the connection between the energy they use and the world in which they live? People understand it a lot better than they did even 24 months ago. People like **Boone Pickens** and Al Gore and Bill Clinton get a lot of the credit for that. I was really struck as I went around in 2006 campaigning. I could get an audience to talk about how green energy was a big part of the American economic future if I went to places like the Cleveland City Club. That was news. I mean, prior to 2006 those of us to talk about this issue were by and large relegated to the free speech zone at national conventions.... 01:14:49

[CC] 01:21:53 ... So let me see if I can just sort of set the engagement for the remaining time together. We would like to get Michael Fomon from Owens-Corning to talk some about the technologies that are available and ask Nat Simons to give us a bit of a view on his perspective of the role of outside philanthropy and advocacy to get this to happen. Then close with Vice

President Gore, **Boone Pickens**, and finally John Podesta. What we think our special guests for being here, political leadership.... 01:23:53

[CC] 01:30:45 ... There was a question about doing the standards for the smart grid. It has to be done. As Dr. Chu said, faster. We need to get moving on that faster. If we do that consumers to understand how they are part of this grant process. Being a part of that great process. Thank you, John. Fred Butler? I'm going to come back to **Boone Pickens**. Thank you, senator. 01:31:48

[CC] 01:33:53 ... Thank you. Thank you very much, Fred. You certainly point to two of the major issues that Senator Reid and his legislation are going to have to grapple with other regulatory jurisdiction issue and the citing issue. Very complicated, very difficult, absolutely critical. **Boone Pickens**, as we have had this discussion if I were sitting where you were I would have a certain amount of, from time to time, discomfort as some of the fuels that have been responsible for driving society have been a little bit maligned. Others have been encouraged. There have to be ways in which we can deal technically with so many of these to bring a more natural gas on line with that has been possible to engage, as Steve Chu was suggesting, on many of the problems that exist in the coal world. ... 01:35:39

#### 4. CSPAN-1 Schedule

DMA: N/A

**CSPAN 1 (---) National**

**03/01/2009 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM**

[CC] 01:30:07 That is the way they did things back then. Nobody was really bothered by it then. We are bothered by that now. That is coming up tonight. You can also listen to it on radio or on line. Former President Bill Clinton, **T. Boone Pickens**, and Al Gore took part in an **energy** forum on Monday. The focus on alternative and renewable **energy** sources and their relationship to the economy. This was hosted by the center --The American center for progress. It is about two 0.5 hours. --Is about 2.5 hours. Good morn thank you for coming to the national clean **energy** project Grenoble's program. I am the president of United Nations Foundation. This even today has been signed primarily by the center for American progress and a number of allies like Senator Harry Reid and **Boone Pickens** and people around the table. In 2008, it was hosted in November by Senator Reid. Last August, the group identified in adequate access to transmission as a major barrier to renewable **energy**. The goal today is to identify the policies necessary to address the problem. We had an opening breakfast upstairs and touched upon the central issues we have to think about like siting, finance, and government cooperation, 01:32:17

[CC] 01:32:18 ...We have a constituency on the outside that looks at this issue, as I would call it, one of the most issue there is. How do you think about the grid they go blank right away and go on to the next question and one of our jobs is also to make sure that we get this as high in the lights as possible and that's again why we are so indebted to **Boone Pickens**, Steve Bing and others to help us get us to where we are today. Both of these are coming online.... 01:34:41

[CC] 01:39:24 We didn't have the votes before. [Laughter] **Boone Pickens** and I were talking about on the way down here one of the best things that's happened in the last couple months in these miserable last four or five months is that this coalition has held together and intensified its conviction in the face of falling prices for oil and coal. In other words, nobody changed their position because we got it finally. There's a glue here holding people together understanding that we have to build a new economy.... 01:41:17

#### 5. CSPAN-2 Schedule

DMA: N/A

**CSPAN 2 (---) National**

**02/27/2009 08:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

[CC] 01:09:26 We have a base barrel of petroleum in our rates. If it goes above that level each month on the internet we adjust it with a **fuel** surcharge so it's really irrelevant to us except to the extent that it affects the overall economy and the macroeconomic issues. When **fuel** prices run

up, we're a little bit behind the power curve because the **fuel** surcharge doesn't keep up with the run-up and the reverse is true on the way down. So we would be neutral in that area except to say, as I did, if it's the consensus of the congress that it wants to reduce carbon utilization, in my opinion, the easiest way is a direct direct. Moving on from gas we have **wind**, solar. **T. Boone Pickens** is pushing for alternative **wind** and solar. What are your comments about the hot air here in Washington? Well, first of all, I would like to commend Mr. **Pickens**. I think he's done the nation a great service by talking about many of the themes that we in the eslc he talked about and I watched him this morning on TV giving an interview and he made many of the remarks that I made. We're importing 70% of our petroleum. We're going to have future **oil** crises if we don't act. Churchill, when he was the --In charge of the British admiralty and converted them from coal to **oil**, I famously remarked that the only security, **energy** security, is the diversity of supplies. And the same is true today and one of the things that the recommendations that the eslc has made is that it's much easier to deal with whatever issue, the environment or **fuel** supplies at a relatively small number of electrical power-generating stations than in tens of millions of automobiles. So if we can effectively produce **energy** he at the power station level by solar, by **wind**, geothermal....  
01:12:10

**6. Living On Earth**  
**NPR (---) National**  
**02/28/2009**

**06:00 AM - 07:00 AM**

**DMA: N/A**

00:19:31 TZ; Smart Grid: Senator Harry Reid hosted a clean **energy** summit, which included talk about electric grids. SB: Introduction of President Obama. SB: Obama talks about **energy**. Bill Clinton, Nancy Pelosi, Al Gore, Stephen Chu, and **T. Boone Pickens** were at Reid's clean **energy** summit. SB: **Pickens** talks about sitting next to Nobel Prize winners. SB: Tim Worth talks about people going blank when asked about electric grids. SB: Rep. Ed Markey, Democrat from Massachusetts, talks about America funding electric lines. SB: Former Gov. George Patacki, Republican from New York, says no one will support moving wires from one state to another. Sunrise Powerlake was to connect San Diego to solar **energy**. SB: Carl Zakella, Sierra Club, talks about lines going through the desert. SB; John Podesta, Center for American Progress, says **energy** needs a nationwide answer. SB: Fred Butler, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, says there is a movement to more federal control on **energy**. SB; Reid talks about **energy**. Jeff Young reporting. 00:27:31

**7. CBS 11 News This Morning**  
**KTVT-TV CH 11 (CBS) Dallas/Fort Worth**  
**03/02/2009**

**06:00 AM - 07:00 AM**

**DMA: 5**  
**Spot Cost: \$538**  
**Est. Audience: 38,164**

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[CC] 00:44:37 Here's your chance to ask one of the richest people in America some questions. **Oil** tycoon and philanthropist **t. Boone Pickens** holds town hall meetings on the TCU campus on the third floor of the union. The town hall meeting is free and open to the public. 00:45:33

**8. CBS 11 News This Morning**  
**KTVT-TV CH 11 (CBS) Dallas/Fort Worth**  
**03/02/2009**

**05:00 AM - 06:00 AM**

**DMA: 5**  
**Spot Cost: \$171**  
**Est. Audience: 23,166**

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[CC] 00:37:52 And billionaire and **oil** tycoon **T Boone Pickens** is holding a meeting today and would like to hear from you. 00:37:52

[CC] 00:44:26 Billionaire and **oil** tycoon **T. Boone Pickens** will hold a town hall meeting at TCU campus at 4:30 this afternoon on the third floor of the university union. It's free and open to the public. 00:44:37

**9. NBC 5 Today**

**DMA: 5**

**KXAS-TV CH 5 (NBC) Dallas/Fort Worth**  
**03/02/2009 05:00 AM - 06:00 AM**

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**Spot Cost: \$338**  
**Est. Audience: 45,699**

[CC] 00:22:16 Today's your chance to **pick** the brain of a big-time **oil** tycoon. TCU's **energy** club is hosting a town hall meeting with **T. Boone Pickens** in the Brown University Union Ballroom. The event is open to the public. **Pickens** is going to have a question and answer session with guests after that meeting. 00:22:29

**10. News 8 At Six**  
**WFAA-TV CH 8 (ABC) Dallas/Fort Worth**  
**02/28/2009 06:00 PM - 06:30 PM**

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**DMA: 5**  
**Spot Cost: \$2,141**  
**Est. Audience: 93,664**

[CC] 00:09:04 It's **T Boone Pickens'** grand plan, **wind energy**. Tonight details on a setback for the billionaire. 00:09:07

[CC] 00:13:18 Mesa Power, the company owned by Texas billionaire **T Boone Pickens**, laid off two employees this week. The company's slowing down work on a massive wind farm. A company spokesman says the plans keep developing and the wind farm will still be the largest in the country. But the economy delayed the project's schedule by at least a year. 00:13:32

**11. Forum**  
**KQED-FM 88.5 (NPR/APR) San Francisco**  
**02/27/2009 09:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

**DMA: 6**  
**Spot Cost: \$944**  
**Est. Audience: 87,300**

00:34:00 (discussion about proposition process )...you look California politics over last twenty or twenty five years can you compare the record on the props over what comes out of the legislature and I think the props stand up pretty well over the long haul... the reality is most of these never get a yes vote...they almost all go down... **Boone Pickens** putting one up the last time around...they almost always fail... 00:35:59

**12. Clean Skies Sunday**  
**WJLA-TV CH 7 (ABC) Washington, DC**  
**03/01/2009 09:30 AM - 10:00 AM**

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

**DMA: 9**  
**Spot Cost: \$394**  
**Est. Audience: 40,076**

[CC] 00:00:17 We owe it to the American people now, all the rest of us, after the president and the congress have done this good thing for us, to maximize the impact of these stimulus funds in a way that generates the largest number of jobs and the most rapid reduction in greenhouse gases. Former President Bill Clinton talks **energy** at a clean **energy** summit in D.C. Hello, and welcome to "Clean Skies Sunday " a weekly half-hour look at **energy** issues facing Washington and America. I'm Susan McGinnis. This week's show comes from our editorial page. Jim Martin with the American Clean Skies Foundation sat down with several attendees of the center for American Progress's Clean **Energy** Project Summit to ask more about what really can and should be done to bring this nation to a clean **energy** future. At the Newseum, the roundtable forum put on by the Center for American Progress and Clean **Energy** brought together mostly democrats, all focused on cleaner **energy** and a smarter grid. Among the speakers, former President Bill Clinton. And every time **oil** dropped, people said, "give me my Hummer back." and that's not what they're saying now. Martin: and his vice president, al gore. We really do have a planetary emergency, and that phrase still sounds shrill to many ears. We are not used to thinking in these terms. But the generation that's coming on after us will look back and assess what we did or did not do. Along with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Obama cabinet members, **Energy** Secretary Steven Chu and Interior Secretary Ken Salazar. Another headliner --**T. Boone Pickens**. 00:01:54

[CC] 00:01:57 ...Last year we spent about \$500 billion --A half a trillion dollars --Giving money to these countries for oil, which has created a three-prong problem for us, a three-pronged threat -- What it does to our economy, what it does to our national security, and of course what it does to our environment. Martin: it was good news, according to former Colorado senator tim wirth, who said the move is the key to expansion of clean energy in the United States. The grid can be an anesthetizing issue. People just look at you and you talk about the grid and they, "oh, my lord." yet **Boone Pickens** has given it a kind of attention, a kind of an edge that really makes it again as interesting as it is, and as important as it is. Now it's our job to support Senator Reid and his great efforts to put together the coalition and to put together the legislation and to get that legislation passed. Martin: Obama's stimulus plan allocates \$11 billion for grid related projects, but is that enough to rebuild the nation's electric infrastructure and velop a reliable and clean grid? Most said it's a start. ... 00:03:44

[CC] 00:14:48 .. Let's head back to Jim Martin, who sat down with andrew littlefair, he is present and ceo of clean **energy fuels**, this past week, when he was in town for the Clean **Energy** Summit. We've been talking a lot about renewable **energy** sources, natural gas being one of them. What's the current status of natural gas? Joining me to talk more about that and much more is andrew littlefair, ceo of clean **energy**, the leading provider of cng and lng for transportation in North America. Mr. Littlefair is in town for the National Clean **Energy** Summit underway here in D.C. , With guests from Former President Bill Clinton to current Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. Andrew, thanks for being here with us today. Jim, thanks for having me. So, tell us a little bit about clean **energy** first and what you guys do. Sure. Clean **Energy** was founded by **Boone Pickens** and myself almost 11 or 12 years ago, and we're totally focused on natural gas as a transportation **fuel**, so our mission is to build stations to **fuel** fleets. We have about, ... 00:16:28

[CC] 00:19:11 --**Boone Pickens**, as I said, was our founder --We started fooling around with this business at mesa petroleum almost 20 years ago, so we've been at it. But five years ago, in the world, you had not very many natural gas vehicles. Just, I'd say, a couple hundred thousand. Today you have almost 10 million natural gas vehicles in the world. And just two years ago there were 5 million ngvs. So around the world, this is growing amazingly. Here in the united state though, we've been slow, I think. We have 150,000 vehicles. We've really focused on the heavy-duty and the fleets becae we've had to. I think **Boone** --I don't know if you've seen it, I know he's been on your network, and you've seen the **Pickens** Plan --I think **Boone's** done just a great job for America, trying to make them understand that the importedil situation is really crical and national security --That is the lack of national security with importing 70% of our **oil**. I think **Boone's** done a tremendous job highlighting that this past six months or so, so I think it's made an impact, here on capitol hill, where there's a lot more talk about **energy** security and the use of natural gas in transportation. The stimulus plan was just passed and they're going to be working on the **energy** bill pretty soon. What do you see in either one of those plans for cng infrastructure? Was there anything included? Well, there's a little bit of stuff in the stimulus bill. There's an incentive for home refueling, which would be pretty small. 00:20:38

[CC] 00:20:42 There's an incentive for natural gas **fueling** infrastructure. Up to \$50,000. That was an increase from the current infrastructure tax credit. There's about \$600 million, though, in the stimulus bill to help local municipalities, local transit agencies to buy clean vehicles, and we happen to think natural gas, the cleanest, ought to do well on that. So there is some money in there, but I think it's going to be the **energy** bill --Probably the right place for this kind of thing to be --That I guess is --You probably have a better handle on it than I do, jim. Probably in the next two, three, four weeks, I understand there will be kind of the beginnings of an **energy** bill, and I'd like to think that natural gas and other alternative **fuels** will be incented in that bill. And what I really think people need is an incentive. I think it's the appropriate role of government to give a tax incentive to encourage, incent people to move to a cleaner **fuel**. And in the case of natural gas, it would be a domestic **fuel**. Buwe think that there will be a lot of the alternatives --Battery and others --Will have different, you know, roles to play, but natural gas, I think, will be, you'll see, as I said earlier, in the heavy-duty segment. How would you respond to folks that would say, well, those natural gas incentives that you're pushing and that **Boone** are pushing are really just a way

for clean **energy** to make money rather than -- well, you know, we've been at this a long time. ... We've put up a lot of money. We've spent about a quarter of a billion dollars of **Boone's** money and our shareholders' money to develop the infrastructure, and we just complete an **ing fueling**, an **ing** plant --First one ever built in California --To **fuel** these heavy-duty trucks. So we've put our money up as well and taken a lot of risk.... 00:23:59

### 13. Oklahoma Horizon

**KETA-TV CH 13 (PBS) Oklahoma City**  
**03/01/2009 03:00 PM - 03:30 PM**

**DMA: 45**  
**Spot Cost: \$105**  
**Est. Audience: 15,393**

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[CC] 00:13:34 And according to our economic optimization analysis, for twenty percent vision, Oklahoma would, if everything was based on economics, which it's not, would generate more **wind** than any other state in the country. Alisa: so, what's the drawback? Flowers: of **wind**? In the Great Plains, I don't think there is a drawback. I think Oklahoma is really well positioned to embrace the **wind**, in a sense of the economic impacts, as well as the environmental impacts. As I mentioned this morning, a really bold future for **wind**, in the twenty percent vision, will save four trillion gallons of water. And, almost a trillion gallons of that water will be saved in Texas and Oklahoma. And water is critical for agriculture, and right now we have a train wreck that's coming on toward us, which is, we have growing loads in the west, we have ethanol production which uses a lot of water, consumes a lot of water per gallon of ethanol. We have power plants coming on, thermal power plants coming that require a lot of water. Thermal power plants use more water than agriculture in our country. And so, water, it's a big water savings. There's going to be carbon legislation. The Obama administration has committed to that. Carbon legislation is going to add to the cost of fossil **fuels** making **wind** even a better deal. But most importantly, I believe, and this is what I think **T Boone Pickens** main theme that resonates so well in rural America is, **energy** security. This is a resource that we're going to have in our backyards, forever, and not developing it, and continuing to import **oil** and natural gas seems, almost, non-patriotic. So, it's really an opportunity for America to look toward itself and its resources and at the same time helping rural America in its economic development. Rob: and if 2008 is any indication, **wind energy** is an economic and job creation dynamo. Currently, about 85,000 people are employed in the **wind** industry, up from about 50,000 just one year ago.... Com, you can visit a classroom where the next generation of **wind** workers is being trained. Plus, we have part of my conversation with **oilman** and **wind** proponent, **Boone Pickens**, about why he believes **wind** is the new **oil**. To see both of these stories, simply go to okhorizon.com and click on value added. Announcer: coming up next on Oklahoma Horizon, an Oklahoma school going green. And later, a look back at our **wind** history. Rob: well with **wind** power projects sweeping across our great state, some schools are looking to the skies to help cut their **energy** costs.... 00:18:22

### 14. Eyewitness 5 News In The Morning

**KOCO-TV CH 5 (ABC) Oklahoma City**  
**02/28/2009 06:00 AM - 06:30 AM**

**DMA: 45**  
**Spot Cost: \$66**  
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[CC] 00:07:34 Harnessing the **wind**, **T Boone Pickens** is taking his **wind energy** plan to other states where **wind** whips across the plains. 00:10:02

[CC] 00:12:59 **T. Boone Pickens** is taking his push for alternative **energy** up north. He spoke about options in McAlester back in August. This week he was in Helena, Montana. He says the state needs to think about offsetting **oil** and natural gas with **wind energy**, because it's part of a gusty corridor. **Pickens** also says he doesn't think **oil** prices will stay low throughout the year. 00:14:24

### 15. Eyewitness 5 News In The Morning

**KOCO-TV CH 5 (ABC) Oklahoma City**  
**02/28/2009 05:00 AM - 05:30 AM**

**DMA: 45**  
**Spot Cost: \$49**  
**Est. Audience: 8,669**

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[CC] 00:10:02 **T. Boone Pickens** is taking his **wind energy** plan to other states where **wind** whips across the plains -- 00:10:10

[CC] 00:13:37 **T. Boone Pickens** is taking his push for alternative **energy** up north. He spoke about options in McAlester back in August. This week he was in Helena, Montana. He says the state needs to think about offsetting **oil** and natural gas with **wind energy**, because its part of a gusty corridor. **Pickens** also says he doesnt think **oil** prices will stay low throughout the year. 00:14:55

**16. Eyewitness News 5**

**KOCO-TV CH 5 (ABC) Oklahoma City**  
**02/27/2009 10:00 PM - 10:35 PM**

**DMA: 45**  
**Spot Cost: \$371**  
**Est. Audience: 53,356**

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[CC] 00:09:28 **T. Boone Pickens** is taking his push for alternative **energy** up north. He spoke about options in McAlester back in August. Today hes in Helena, Montana. He says the state needs to think about offsetting **oil** and natural gas with **wind energy**, because its part of a gusty corridor. **Pickens** also says he doesnt think **oil** prices will stay low throughout the year. 00:10:47

**17. ABC 17 News At 6**

**KMIZ-TV CH 17 (ABC) Columbia/Jefferson City**  
**02/27/2009 06:00 PM - 06:30 PM**

**DMA: 137**  
**Spot Cost: \$139**  
**Est. Audience: 14,052**

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[CC] 00:10:10 The first ever statewide energy summit is coming to M-U. In tonight's closer look, the Columbia Tribune outlines the conference which will bring billionaire Oklahoman **T. Boone Pickens** to Columbia. To see what the summit is all about, pick up a copy of tonight's Tribune. 00:12:01

**18. News At 10**

**KECI-TV CH 13 (NBC) Missoula**  
**02/27/2009 10:00 PM - 10:35 PM**

**DMA: 166**  
**Spot Cost: \$219**  
**Est. Audience: 12,784**

Available formats: QuickView, transcript

[CC] 00:07:55 Texas **oil** tycoon **T. Boone Pickens** says says he doubts low **oil** prices will continue through the year. He says that's why the United States needs to reduce its dependence on foreign **oil**. **Pickens** spoke in Helena today and praised the governor for his work in clean **energy**. Governor Schweitzer signed "the **Pickens Pledge**" in September. It recognizes a mutual interest in developing the state and nation's new **energy** future. And **Pickens** says he thinks the governor is on the right track. He's coming up with great ideas. Ideas that make sense and people you start conovernor? Tell us now where we're headed, **Pickens'** Plan calls for offsetting **oil** with natural gas and **wind energy**, a strategy that could be good for **wind-rich** places like Montana. 00:09:33

**19. News At 6**

**KECI-TV CH 13 (NBC) Missoula**  
**02/27/2009 06:00 PM - 06:30 PM**

**DMA: 166**  
**Spot Cost: \$139**  
**Est. Audience: 12,718**

Available formats: QuickView, transcript

[CC] 00:07:07 **Oil** tycoon **t. Boone Pickens** praised Montana's governor today for his work in clean **energy**, **Pickens** has received international attention for his campaign to reduce foreign **oil** dependency in the United States. Governor Schweitzer signed "the **Pickens Pledge**" in September. It recognizes a mutual interest in developing the state and nation's new **energy** future. **Pickens** says he thinks the governor is on the right track. **Pickens'** Plan calls for offsetting

**oil** with natural gas and **wind energy**, a strategy that could be good for **wind**-rich places like Montana. The Texas **oil** tycoon says he doubts low **oil** prices will continue through the year.  
00:08:36

**20. News At 5**

**KECI-TV CH 13 (NBC) Missoula**  
**02/27/2009 05:00 PM - 05:30 PM**

Available formats: QuickView, transcript

**DMA: 166**  
**Spot Cost: \$99**  
**Est. Audience: 7,977**

[CC] 00:01:52 **Oil** tycoon **T. Boone Pickens** pitched s plan to decrease the nation's dependence on foreign **oil** today to Montana governor brian schweitzer. **Pickens** says he doubts low **oil** prices will continue through the year. His plan calls for offsetting **oil** with natural gas and **wind energy**. The strategy could be good for **wind**-rich places like Montana. That's one reason **Pickens** says Montana can lead the rest of the country to **energy** independence. In September Governor Schweitzer signed what is known as the **Pickens'** pledge, demanding an end to America's addiction on foreign **oil**. 00:05:19

**21. KPAX News At 10**

**KPAX-TV CH 8 (CBS) Missoula**  
**02/27/2009 10:00 PM - 10:35 PM**

Available formats: QuickView, transcript

**DMA: 166**  
**Spot Cost: \$222**  
**Est. Audience: 12,943**

[CC] 00:06:47 Texas **oilman T. Boone Pickens** spent the day speaking to the 2009 Montana Ambassadors Conference. He said the US needs to break its dependence on foreign **oil** and concentrate on alternative sources like **wind** and solar **energy**. 00:08:24

**22. The 10:00 News**

**KTVQ-TV CH 2 (CBS) Billings**  
**02/27/2009 10:00 PM - 10:35 PM**

Available formats: QuickView, transcript

**DMA: 170**  
**Spot Cost: \$270**  
**Est. Audience: 15,234**

[CC] 00:07:21 . Texas **oil** tycoon **T. Boone Pickens** was visiting Helena today pitching his plan to reduce America's dependence on foreign **oil** by 30 percent within ten years. **Pickens** spoke to business and education leaders pitching his plan that calls for offsetting **oil** with natural gas and **wind energy**, a strategy that could be good for **wind**-rich places such as Montana. **Pickens** says he believes the obama administration is serious about getting to work on a new **energy** plan for the county and believes as early as April we could see big **oil** companies switching to domestic **fuel** supplies. 00:09:08

**23. The 5:30 News**

**KTVQ-TV CH 2 (CBS) Billings**  
**02/27/2009 05:30 PM - 06:00 PM**

Available formats: QuickView, transcript

**DMA: 170**  
**Spot Cost: \$310**  
**Est. Audience: 20,362**

[CC] 00:09:28 Texas **oil** tycoon **T. Boone Pickens** is in Montana, pitching his plan to reduce America's dependence on foreign **oil**. Today, he appeared with the governor in Helena, and spoke at an **energy** conference for leaders in business and education. **Pickens'** plan calls for offsetting **oil** with natural gas and **wind energy**, a strategy that could be good for **wind**-rich places such as Montana. **Pickens** says he doubts low **oil** prices will continue through the year. He says as soon as April we could see big **oil** companies switching to domestic **fuel** and the use of more solar and **wind energy**. 00:11:45

**24. KULR 8 News At Ten**

**KULR-TV CH 8 (NBC) Billings**  
**02/27/2009 10:00 PM - 10:35 PM**

Available formats: QuickView, transcript

**DMA: 170**  
**Spot Cost: \$146**  
**Est. Audience: 8,526**

[CC] 00:03:38 Governor Schweitzer brought **T. Boone Pickens** to Montana today to be the keynote speaker at the Montana Ambassadors' annual conference. In September, Schweitzer signed the "**Pickens** pledge" and reaffirmed Montana's commitment to developing its abundant **energy** resources. **Picks** says the U.S. Should aim to reduce its foreign **oil** dependence by 30% within ten years by focusing on the development of domestic **energy** resources. In addition to reducing the need for foreign **oil**, it would also create **oil**, but as it unfolds I think the way it's gonna go is you are going to be amazed ... 00:05:57

**25. KULR 8 News At Six**  
**KULR-TV CH 8 (NBC) Billings**  
**02/27/2009 06:00 PM - 06:30 PM**  
Available formats: QuickView, transcript

**DMA: 170**  
**Spot Cost: \$102**  
**Est. Audience: 7,752**

[CC] 00:03:05 Governor Schweitzer brought **T. Boone Pickens** to Montana today to be the keynote speaker at the Montana Ambassadors' annual conference. **Pickens** has received national and international attention for his plans to reduce the nation's dependence on foreign **oil**. In September, Schweitzer signed the "**Pickens** Pledge" and reaffirmed Montana's commitment to developing its abundant **energy** resources. **Pickens** says the U.S. should aim to reduce its foreign **oil** dependence by 30% within ten years by focusing on the development of domestic **energy** resources. In addition to reducing the need for reign **oil**, it would also create many new jobs. "We really haven't had to work on our **energy** because of cheap **oil**, but as it unfolds I think the way it's gonna go is you are going to be amazed at the ideas that come out of the people in this country." **Pickens** says one of the state's greatest strengths is the dedication of Monatans in reducing the US dependence on foriegn oil 00:05:39

**26. KULR 8 First News At Five**  
**KULR-TV CH 8 (NBC) Billings**  
**02/27/2009 05:00 PM - 05:30 PM**  
Available formats: QuickView, transcript

**DMA: 170**  
**Spot Cost: \$155**  
**Est. Audience: 10,972**

[CC] 00:03:43 Schweitzer brought Texan **T. Boone Pickens** to Montana today to be the keynote speaker at the Montana Ambassadors' annual conference. **Pickens** has received national and international attention for his plans to reduce the nation's dependence on foreign **oil**. In September, Schweitzer signed the "**Pickens** Pledge" and reaffirmed Montana's commitment to developing its abundant **energy** resources. **Pickens** says the U.S.... 00:05:59

**27. The 10:00 News**  
**KBZK-TV CH 7 (CBS) Butte/Bozeman, MT**  
**02/27/2009 10:00 PM - 10:35 PM**  
Available formats: QuickView, transcript

**DMA: 190**

[CC] 00:09:41 Texas **oil** tycoon, **T. Boone Pickens** appeared with Governor Schweitzer to pitch Montana on his plan to decrease the nation's gas and **wind energy**. A strategy that could be good for **wind**-rich places like Montana. 00:11:33

**28. The 5:30 News**  
**KBZK-TV CH 7 (CBS) Butte/Bozeman, MT**  
**02/27/2009 05:30 PM - 06:00 PM**  
Available formats: QuickView, transcript

**DMA: 190**

[CC] 00:11:35 Texas **oil** tycoon, **T. Boone Pickens** appeared with Governor Schweitzer to pitch Montanans on his plan to decrease the nation's dependence on foreign **oil**. **Pickens** spoke at an **energy** conference today, and doubts low **oil** prices will continue through the year. **Pickens'** plan calls for offsetting **oil** with natural gas and **wind energy**. That's a strategy that could be good for **wind**-rich places like Montana. In September the governor signed the **Pickens'** Pledge,

demanding an end to America's addiction on foreign **oil**. The governor says Montana can lead the rest of the country to **energy** independence from its position in a powerful **wind** corridor that gusts from Canada to Texas. 00:12:51

[CC] 00:17:38 **Boone Pickens** appeared with ...nation's dependence on today, and doubts low **oil** prices will continue ... 00:18:16

#### 29. News At 10

**KTVM-TV CH 42 (NBC) Butte/Bozeman, MT**  
**02/27/2009 10:00 PM - 10:35 PM**

Available formats: QuickView, transcript

**DMA: 190**  
**Spot Cost: \$89**  
**Est. Audience: 3,212**

[CC] 00:00:23 He made his money in **oil** but he's made a new name for himself promoting alternative **energy**, now he's come to big sky country. Good evening. I'm Jonathan Athens. We're talking about Texas **oil** tycoon ---**T. Boone Pickens**. **Pickens** praised Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer earlier today for his work in pursuing and promoting alternative **energy**. Schweitzer signed "the **Pickens Pledge**" in September demanding an end to America's addiction to foreign **oil**. He's coming up with great ideas. Ideas that make sense and people, once you start connecting with those things everybody will start saying what's the next initiative governor? Tell us now where we're headed, **Pickens** was speaking at an **energy** conference for business and education leaders. He said he doubts low **oil** prices will continue through the year 00:01:21

#### 30. News At 5

**KTVM-TV CH 42 (NBC) Butte/Bozeman, MT**  
**02/27/2009 05:00 PM - 05:30 PM**

Available formats: QuickView, transcript

**DMA: 190**  
**Spot Cost: \$57**  
**Est. Audience: 3,359**

[CC] 00:01:51 **Oil** tycoon **T. Boone Pickens** pitched his plan to decrease the nation's dependence on foreign **oil** today to Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer. **Pickens** says he doubts low **oil** prices will continue through the year. His plan calls for offsetting **oil** with natural gas and **wind energy**. The strategy could be good for **wind**-rich places like Montana. That's one reason **Pickens** says Montana can lead the rest of the country to **energy** independence. In September Governor Schweitzer signed what is known as the **Pickens' Pledge**, demanding an end to America's addiction on foreign **oil**. 00:05:14

#### 31. The Ten O'Clock News

**KFBB-TV CH 5 (ABC) Great Falls**  
**02/27/2009 10:00 PM - 10:35 PM**

Available formats: QuickView, transcript

**DMA: 191**  
**Spot Cost: \$71**  
**Est. Audience: 2,336**

[CC] 00:06:06 He's become known as the face of alternative **energy**. Billionaire **t. Boone Pickens** came to Montana today to be the key note speaker at the Montana Ambassadors' annual conference. News channel 5's Christina Marrazza has this story from Helena vo: Governor Schweitzer and **T. Boone Pickens** see eye to eye on issues involving **energy**. This past September, the governor signed the "**Pickens Pledge**" and reaffirmed Montana's commitment to developing its abundant **energy** resources. G ov. Schweitzer:"What we need to do it, we need be producing our **fuels** in the heartland and moving it to our refineries the other way around-We got everything backwards here cause it's all geared to bring **oil** from dictators. **T. Boone Pickens**:you're exactly right." **T. Boone Pickens** believes that the United States should aim to reduce its foreign **oil** dependence by 30% within ten years by focusing on the development of domestic **energy** resources. In addition to reducing the need for foreign **oil**, this would also create many new jobs. Both **Pickens** and the governor emphasize the need for American **energy**, produced by American workers, made right here at home. **T. Boone Pickens** "we really haven't had to work on our **energy** because of cheap **oil**, but as it unfolds I think the way it's gonna go is you are going to be amazed at the ideas that come out of the people in this country." There was a positive tone in the room today as **T. Boone Pickens** praised Governor Schweitzer

for his leadership and commitment toward reducing U.S.... 00:07:25

**32. 5:30 Report**  
**KFBB-TV CH 5 (ABC) Great Falls**  
**02/27/2009 05:30 PM - 06:00 PM**  
Available formats: QuickView, transcript

**DMA: 191**  
**Spot Cost: \$60**  
**Est. Audience: 3,317**

[CC] 00:03:39 He's become known as the face of alternative **energy**. Billionaire **T. Boone Pickens** came to Montana today to be the key note speaker at the Montana Ambassadors' annual conference. **Pickens** has received national and international attention for his plans to reduce the nation's dependence on foreign **oil**. News channel 5's Christina Marrazza has this story from Helena vo: Governor Schweitzer and **T. Boone Pickens** see eye to eye on issues involving **energy**. This past September, the governor signed the "**Pickens Pledge**" and reaffirmed Montana's commitment to developing its abundant **energy** resources. " Gov. Schweitzer:what we need to do it, we need to be producing our **fuels** in the heartland and vin it to our refineries the other way around-We got everything backwards here cause it's all geared to bring **oil** from dictators. Here cause it's all geared to bring **oil** from dictators. **T. Boone Pickens**:you're exactly right." **T. Boone Pickens** believes that the United States should aim to reduce its foreign **oil** dependence by 30% within ten years by focusing on the development of domestic **energy** resources. Addition to reducing the need for foreign **oil**, this would also create many new jobs. Both **Pickens** and the governor emphasize the need for American **energy**, produced by American workers, made right here at home. **T. Boone Pickens** "we really haven't had to work on our **energy** because of cheap **oil**, but as it unfolds I think the way it's gonna go is you are going to be amazed at the ideas that come out of the people in this country." There was a positive tone in the room today as **T. Boone Pickens** praised Governor Schweitzer for his leadership and commitment toward reducing U.S. Dependence on foreign **oil**. He also said that one of Montana's greatest strengths is the dedication of its people toward this effort. 00:07:31

**33. KRTV 10:00 News**  
**KRTV-TV CH 3 (CBS) Great Falls**  
**02/27/2009 10:00 PM - 10:35 PM**  
Available formats: QuickView, transcript

**DMA: 191**  
**Spot Cost: \$366**  
**Est. Audience: 12,191**

[CC] 00:03:31 The Montana Ambassadors welcomed one of the country's richest men and most-influential **energy** leaders to their annual conference. **T. Boone Pickens** has been recognized internationally for his campaign to reduce the country's foreign **oil** dependency by 30-percent within ten years. He told the group of state business representatives the credibility of the United States is suffering because the country is not in control of its **energy** situation. "We have never been tasked in this country to solve an **energy** problem. Why? Because we had cheap **oil**. So, you know, there it was and we used it and no question about it, it did the job and we let it do the job for us and then now we're in kind of a tough spot." **Pickens** says the new presidential administration is serious about getting to work on the **energy** issue, he says we could see big **oil** companies switching to domestic **fuel** as early as April. 00:07:25

**34. KRTV 5:30 News**  
**KRTV-TV CH 3 (CBS) Great Falls**  
**02/27/2009 05:30 PM - 06:00 PM**  
Available formats: QuickView, transcript

**DMA: 191**  
**Spot Cost: \$271**  
**Est. Audience: 15,484**

[CC] 00:00:11 And he today.... Has a plan, **T. Boone Pickens** shared his **energy** Montana business plan with leaders, ... More on the **T. Boone Pickens** presentation in a moment,... 00:01:19

[CC] 00:05:13 . Also in Helena, one of the countries most influential **energy** leaders spoke to 2009 Montana Ambassadors Conference, **T. Boone Pickens** has been recognized nationally and internationally for his campaign to reduce the country's foreign **oil** dependency by 30-percent

within ten years. He told the group of statebusiness representatives the credibility of the United States is suffering because the country is not in control of its **energy** situation. "We have never been tasked in this country to solve an **energy** problem. Why? Because we had cheap **oil**. So, you know, there it was and we used it and no question about it, it did the job and we let it do the job for us and then now we're in kind of a tough spot." **Pickens** says the new presidential administration is serious about getting to work on the **energy** issue.... 00:07:09

**35. Beartooth News At 10**  
**KTVH-TV CH 12 (NBC) Helena**  
**02/27/2009 10:00 PM - 10:35 PM**  
Available formats: QuickView, transcript

**DMA: 206**  
**Spot Cost: \$162**  
**Est. Audience: 4,211**

[CC] null **Boone Pickens** today. Beartooth Nbc's Brooke **Boone** reports Montana could play a significant role in **Pickens** plan to slash US foreign **oil** imports. Governor Brian Schweitzer along with Montana Ambassadors welcomed **T. Boone Pickens** to their annual conference in Helena. **Pickens** has received international attention for his campaign to reduce foreign **oil** dependency in the United States. The "**Pickens** plan" to reduce **energy** use by at least 30-percent within ten years is based on developing **energy** resources on the home front. **T. Boone Pickens** "i can tell you the American people can take care of themselves and this we will do. In September, Governor Schweitzer signed "the **Pickens** Pledge" recognizing a mutual interest in developing the state and nation's new **energy** future. Gov. Brian schweitzer we need to be producing our **fuels** in the heartland and moving it to our refineries, we've got it backwards here, it's all geared to bring **oil** from dictators. The governor says Montana can lead the rest of the country to **energy** independence from its position in a powerful **wind** corridor that gusts from canada to Texas **T.Boone Pickens** he's coming up with great ideas. Ideas that make sense and people, once you start connecting with those things everybody will start saying what's the next initiative governor? Tell us you're going to lead them in the right direction. **Pickens'** plan calls for offsetting **oil** with natural gas and **wind energy**, a strategy that could good for **wind**-rich places such as Montana. The Texas **oil** tycoon says he doubts low **oil** prices will connue through the year. **Pickens** says US credibility suffers around the world because the country does not yet have **energy** independence 00:01:58

**36. Beartooth News At 6**  
**KTVH-TV CH 12 (NBC) Helena**  
**02/27/2009 06:00 PM - 06:30 PM**  
Available formats: QuickView, transcript

**DMA: 206**  
**Spot Cost: \$143**  
**Est. Audience: 3,915**

[CC] 00:00:06 Beartooth Nbc's Brooke **Boone** reports Montana could play a significant role . **Pickens** plan to slash US foreign **oil** imports. Governor Brian Schweitzer along with Montana Ambassadors welcomed **T. Boone Pickens** to their annual conference in Helena. **Pickens** has received international attention for his campaign to reduce foreign **oil** dependency in the United States. The "**Pickens Plan**" to reduce **energy** use by at least 30-percent within ten years is based on developing **energy** resources on the home front. **T. Boone Pickens** "I can tell you the American people can take care of themselves and this we will do. In September, Governor Schweitzer signed "the **Pickens Pledge**" recognizing a mutual interest in developing the state and nation's new **energy** future. Gov. Brian Schweitzer we need to be producing our fuels in the heartland and moving it to our refineries, we've got it backwards he, it's all geared to bring **oil** from dictators." The governor says Montana can lead the rest of the country to **energy** independence from its position in a powerful **wind** corridor that gusts from Canada to Texas **T. Boone Pickens** he's coming up with great ideas. Ideas that make sense and people, once you start connecting with those things everybody will start saying what's the next initiative governor? Tell us now where we're headed, and you're going to lead them in the right direction. **Pickens'** plan calls for offsetting **oil** with natural gas and **wind energy**, a strategy that could be good for **wind**-rich places such as Montana. The Texas **oil** tycoon says he doubts low **oil** prices will continue through the year. Reporting in Helena Brooke **Boone** Beartooth Nbc. **Pickens** says US Credibility suffers around the world because the country does not yet have **energy** independence . 00:01:57

**37. The 10:00 News**  
**KXGN-TV CH 5 (CBS) Glendive**  
**02/27/2009 10:00 PM - 10:35 PM**  
Available formats: QuickView, transcript

**DMA: 210**  
**Spot Cost: \$253**  
**Est. Audience: 700**

00:09:13 Texas **oil** tycoon **T Boone Pickens** was visiting Helena today to pitch his plan to reduce America's dependence on foreign **oil** by thirty percent within the next ten years. Pickens spoke to business and education leaders in Helena pitching his plan that calls for offsetting **oil** with natural gas and **wind energy**, a strategy he said that could be good for wind rich places such as Montana. Pickens says he believes the Obama administration is serious about getting to work on a new **energy** plan for the country and believes as early as April we could see big **oil** companies switching to domestic **fuel** supplies 00:11:23