

PickensPlan

T. Boone Pickens Media Coverage 6.3.10

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- Broadcast: 22

Coverage Summary:

The Tulsa World reported that Pickens predicts we will have an energy bill this year. Pickens made these comments at a speech on the OSU-Tulsa campus as part of a fund-raiser for Rep. John Sullivan. The article highlights the role natural gas can play in reducing our dependence on OPEC oil. *The Oklahoman* linked the piece to its site as well.

Video of Pickens discussing the energy bill can be viewed here:

http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/article.aspx?subjectid=49&articleid=20100603_49_E1_TB_oone215292

The Tulsa World and several TV stations in Tulsa and Oklahoman City covered Pickens' comments on the Gulf oil spill, discussing the "top kill" method that was used. Pickens said the government should leave BP alone and allow them to fix the problem.

Video of Pickens discussing this can be viewed at the following links:

<http://www.ktul.com/news/stories/0610/742133.html>

<http://www.koco.com/news/23767990/detail.html>

<http://www.newson6.com/Global/story.asp?S=12584198>

Greenwire on *NYTimes.com* quotes ANGA CEO Regina Hopper discussing GM's plans to offer a new line of fleet vans that run on natural gas. Hopper says this is a major step forward in expanding the use of vehicles that rely on clean fuels.

On *CSPAN's Washington Journal*, Dan Weiss with the Center for American Progress mentioned Pickens' plan to power heavy-duty trucks and buses on natural gas. He was on the program to discuss the Gulf oil spill.

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- **Pickens Predicts Energy Bill This Year** – *Tulsa World* – 6/3/10
 - *The Oklahoman*
- **Pickens: Oil Companies, Not Government Have Best Disaster Answers** – *Tulsa World* – 6/2/10
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Notable Natural Gas Coverage (Full Articles Below)

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HIGHLIGHTED COVERAGE

Pickens Predicts Energy Bill This Year – *Tulsa World* – 6/3/10

The billionaire continues to push his natural gas-based plan.

By Rod Walton

One of President Barack Obama's promises on the campaign trail two years ago was to develop an energy policy that would wean Americans from foreign oil within a decade.

Nothing has happened since then, says T. Boone Pickens, but he is still taking the president at his word.

"He's two years on the job and not done one thing to fulfill that commitment," Pickens said during a talk Wednesday at Oklahoma State University-Tulsa.

But the oilman also predicted, "We're going to have an energy bill this year."

According to his Pickens Plan, using U.S.-produced natural gas as a replacement for petroleum-based diesel fuel in the key to reducing oil imports.

"This is not a multiple-choice question," he said. "We have only one source."

Pickens was speaking at the Helmerich Research Center on the OSU-Tulsa campus as part of a re-election fund-raiser for U.S. Rep. John Sullivan, the Oklahoma Republican who is a sponsor

of a bill that includes incentives for researching, building and buying natural gas-powered vehicles.

The U.S. currently imports close to 11 million barrels of oil per day, 40 percent of that coming from nations that the State Department advises Americans to avoid. Pickens says that converting heavy-duty fleet vehicles to natural gas from diesel could eliminate the 5 million BPD bought from OPEC members.

"I don't consider those to be friendly to us," he said.

Pickens indicated he believes his plan will get support from Obama and Congress. The gas bills could pass as early as this summer, he and Sullivan told the gathering.

"It'll happen," Pickens said.

U.S. shale plays, such as the Marcellus, Barnett and Woodford shales, have pushed domestic natural gas reserves past 4,000 billion cubic feet with no end in sight, according to reports.

The price of natural gas, currently just over \$4 per thousand cubic feet, also is part of its attraction. One Mcf can move a truck the same distance as 7 gallons of diesel.

"Cleaner and cheaper replaces dirtier and foreign," Pickens quipped.

The Holdenville native, oil billionaire and investor has spent the past two years touting the national security benefits of natural gas. Pickens joked that he started this crusade "back when I was rich" and doggedly believes those efforts will pay off.

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Pickens verbatim

"Batteries don't move 18-wheelers"

— what Pickens told President Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain about their commitment to hybrid vehicles.

"We've got to start with renewables. They're expensive to start, and let's ease into it. But it's coming."

— on wind and solar energy supplementing natural gas.

"I've got a \$100 bet with Jim Cramer."

— on his wager with the CNBC investment guru who doubts any energy policy will get passed.

“I don’t know if there’s a difference between miners and rig hands.”

— on Obama attending a funeral for coal miners killed in a West Virginia explosion two months ago but not services for the 11 offshore workers killed in the BP accident.

Pickens: Oil Companies, Not Government Have Best Disaster Answers – *Tulsa World* – 6/2/10

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Pickens was there to talk about his plan to shift heavy-duty trucks from diesel to natural gas and cut the U.S. dependence on foreign oil. However, he took plenty of questions about the BP situation in the Gulf.

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The worst-case scenario, he added, is getting government involved. And Pickens was critical of President Obama's vow to take personal responsibility for the disaster.

"That's got to be the worst thing to do is assume responsibility for a blowout," he said.

Sullivan is a U.S. House sponsor of legislation promoting natural gas research, infrastructure and use in heavy-duty fleet vehicles. The similar Pickens Plan, as it is known, contends that shifting 8 million trucks to natural gas can offset the oil imported from hostile OPEC nations.

"I've never seen a guy work so hard in promoting this," Sullivan said of the 82-year-old Pickens' efforts.

The Holdenville native, oil billionaire and investor has spent the past two years touting the national security benefits of natural gas. The fuel is cheap, environmentally clean and abundant domestically, he noted.

Pickens is so optimistic about President Obama's eventual support that he discounts 40 years of political inactivity on the energy front.

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T. Boone Pickens Reacts To Oil Spill – KOCO – 6/2/10

TULSA, Okla. -- Oklahoma oilman T. Boone Pickens said BP is responsible for the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and should be allowed to fix it.

During a luncheon at Oklahoma State University's Tulsa campus, Pickens made a push for his plan to focus on natural gas and wind energy. The conversation quickly turned the crisis in the Gulf.

"Leave the BP people alone," he said. "Don't try and pin the blame. Get the problem there fixed. Leave them alone. Don't bother them. They are the best people to fix the problem."

He said BP should try again to plug the leak with mud.

"The reason they that down is because they ran out of mud," he said.

He also said that he expects the crisis to linger through the summer.

"I don't think they have much of a chance to do anything about it until the relief well is in position," Pickens said.

Pickens said the government should stay out of the issue.

"Those guys, I promise you, are working hard. They want this well under control more than anybody does," he said.

He said abandoning deep-sea oil drilling would be an overreaction.

"We need the deep water (oil) and the record is pretty damn good, as far as safety is concerned," he said. "It's a snapshot."

Pickens said he's not sure what the political fallout will be, but he said BP should ultimately be held responsible.

T. Boone Pickens: Feds Should Quit Picking On BP Over Oil Spill – KOTV – 6/2/10

By Ashli Sims

TULSA, OK -- Despite the company's missteps-steps, BP got a vote of confidence from a fellow oil man Wednesday. Billionaire T. Boone Pickens says critics should quit picking on British Petroleum.

Pickens was in Tulsa Wednesday for political fundraiser for U.S. Congressman John Sullivan. But he ended up talking about the politics of an oil spill.

Before he was a billionaire T. Boone Pickens worked off-shore as a geologist and a manager. He says his heart goes out to the rig hands who lost their lives, but now is not the time for finger pointing in the Gulf disaster.

"Leave the BP people alone," Pickens said. "Don't try to pin the blame. Get the problem fixed. Leave them alone. Don't bother them. They are the best people to fix the problem."

Left alone, British Petroleum has tried and failed again and again to control the leak. But Pickens says you can't rush a solution.

"I'm just saying I don't think you can make them be any better than where they are right now," Pickens said.

Pickens says he's been on the phone with BP talking over the problem. But the man who made billions in oil didn't have any rosy predictions.

"You're gonna go on another two or three months with this because it's going to take that long to get a relief well in position," he said. "And just getting a relief, well there doesn't mean they'll be able to kill that well."

Pickens says it could be six months before the spill is sealed.

As the oil slick closes in on the Gulf coast, the disaster is spilling over into national politics. But Pickens says he doesn't want to use BP's problems to push a political agenda.

"We're not going to try to capitalize on somebody's disaster, eleven people killed, and everything else," Pickens said. "Maybe you should go this way instead of that way. I want BP to get out of trouble as quickly as it can."

Pickens is working with Congressman John Sullivan to push for legislation, focusing on home-grown natural gas instead of foreign oil.

While he wouldn't say how long it would take to fix the leak in the gulf, he did say with great confidence we'd pass an energy bill this year.

NOTABLE NATURAL GAS COVERAGE

GM Places Bet on Natural Gas-Powered Vehicles – *NYTimes.com/Greenwire* – 6/2/10

By Jason Plautz

Automakers have had a mixed history with natural gas in the United States, but General Motors Co. is betting that a new line of fleet vans can bring the technology back.

The automaker is rolling out compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) alternatives to the Chevrolet Express and GMC Savana. The two full-sized vans are designed for those who must haul large amounts of equipment but don't need to drive long distances.

The new vans will be available for the 2011 model year. Pricing hasn't yet been released.

"We're listening to our fleet customers and dealers about offering options that help them achieve their business objectives," said Brian Small, general manager of GM's fleet and commercial operations, in a release. "The industry commitment to expand the CNG and LPG infrastructure in key fleet markets was an enabler to allowing us to introduce these options now."

Details about emissions and range aren't available yet, but the vans will meet U.S. EPA's and the California Air Resource Board's certification requirements, said Mike McGarry, the marketing manager for alternative fuels in fleet and commercial operations.

Customers had requested CNG and LPG engines, McGarry said. GM had explored electrifying the vans, but decided against it.

"You'd have a significant number of batteries, so you'd be carrying a lot of weight around, which would cut down on capacity," McGarry said. "A lot of these companies have looked at those options. They know someday there will be electric vans that will be commercially viable. But this is a next step, and one of multiple pathways."

The van revives natural gas vehicles at a time when many automakers are looking for alternatives to gasoline. The announcement matches this year's introduction of the Ford Transit Connect Electric, an all-electric small van geared toward repairmen and delivery services (Greenwire, March 17). AT&T Inc. emerged as a key buyer of the Ford vans, which are smaller and have less powerful engines than GM's.

Fleet vans are a good opportunity for automakers to try new technology, said Kim Hill, director of the Sustainable Transportation and Communities group for the nonprofit Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor, Mich. Most of the vehicles don't need to be able to travel long distances, and buyers purchase between 100 and 1,000 vehicles at a time.

"It's much easier and advantageous for a company to get vehicles out there at once through the fleets rather than through the consumer," Hill said. "The Savana van is ubiquitous as a service vehicle, same with these Transit Connects. There's a specific audience."

The vans can also have a significant environmental impact.

The center did a study for AT&T, which plans to convert 15,000 fleet vehicles to green technology. Researchers found that once the company replaced those vehicles with either hybrid or CNG vans, there would be savings of 31,533 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions a year, roughly the equivalent of taking 5,776 cars off the road. If half the country's corporate fleets adopt the same strategy, it would be the same as cutting 1.2 million vehicles from the road.

'Natural gas is becoming sexy again'

The GM plan thrilled America's Natural Gas Alliance.

"This is a major step forward for natural gas fleets all over the country," the trade group's president and CEO, Regina Hopper, said in a release. "This first of a kind commercial scale offering is a strong step in expanding the use of vehicles that rely on clean fuels produced right here in America."

An effort to put natural gas vehicles on the road in the 1990s sputtered for fear there would be an insufficient supply of gas in the long term. According to data from the International Association for Natural Gas Vehicles, the United States has just 110,000 natural gas vehicles, well behind Pakistan (2.3 million vehicles), Argentina (1.8 million) and Iran (1.7 million).

But the fuel has been making a comeback, and many cities, including Boston and Dallas, have built up capacity for the fuel source. Many public transportation agencies also use natural gas for their buses. Hill said that the discoveries of vast pockets of natural gas within the United States would bring even more interest from both the government and the industry.

"Natural gas is becoming sexy again, with all this new technology to get the gas out of the shale," Hill said. "We've got this huge supply, so that's another reason why GM may be approaching this. ... Looking it from the auto perspective, they're trying to cover the bases and provide products that reduce foreign oil dependency."

There's currently just one commercially available CNG passenger vehicle, the Honda Civic GX. Likewise, there is limited delivery for gas across the country, as many service stations lack the necessary infrastructure and entire cities may not have access.

"It's a chicken-and-egg thing," Hill explained. "If there were a lot of delivery points, [automakers] would make the vehicles. And fuel providers say that if there were more vehicles, they would provide the fuel. You probably needed some sort of government intervention to subsidize more fuel stations."

The "American Power Act," proposed by Sens. John Kerry (D-Mass.) and Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.), would not directly deal with fuel stations, but it does offer expanded tax credits for

purchasing natural gas fleet vehicles and incentives for automakers to explore more natural gas products.

McGarry said GM is exploring natural gas applications across its entire portfolio to see if it makes "practical economic sense" to convert other vehicles, including passenger cars, to natural gas.

PRINT COVERAGE

Land Line Now Celebrates Five Years On The Air – *Land Line Magazine* – 6/2/10

Land Line Now celebrated five years on the air on Wednesday, June 2. Land Line Now is the first daily news and information program designed specifically for America's truck drivers. Produced by OOIDA, the show is broadcast nationwide each day on Sirius XM Satellite Radio's Road Dog Trucking channel, Sirius 147 and XM 171.

Each day's show includes a newscast keyed to the most important and current issues in trucking; national and state legislative analysis; and longer pieces that cover everything from truckers' lifestyle to regulatory information.

This popular package is created by a team of veteran journalists and broadcasters, including Host Mark Reddig, News Anchor Reed Black and Senior Correspondent Terry Scruton. Barry "The Iceman" Spillman is the show's senior producer/engineer; Jim Fetzer is second engineer. Sherry Murry is the show's traffic coordinator.

The show features a range of guests with expertise in the trucking industry. They often include OOIDA's top brass plus Senior Editor Jami Jones, State Legislative Editor Keith Goble, other LL reporters, editors, OOIDA staffers and OOIDA's DC lobbyists.

When you tune in to Land Line Now, you may hear an exclusive interview with your state's governor or maybe somebody like T. Boone Pickens or Ralph Nader. You might hear the inside scoop straight from DOT Secretary Ray LaHood.

The show airs at 7-8 p.m. and again at 11 p.m.-12 a.m. Eastern.

In its five years on the air, Land Line Now has won more than two dozen local, regional, national and international awards for its work. It's good stuff.

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T Boone Pickens Discusses Energy, Oil Spill, At OSU Tulsa – KOTV – 6/2/10

By Ashli Sims, The News On 6

TULSA, OK -- Oklahoma's own billionaire oil baron weighed in on the gulf disaster in a stop in Tulsa Wednesday.

T Boone Pickens attended a fundraiser for Congressman John Sullivan at OSU Tulsa.

Pickens spoke to dozens about the nation's energy policy and independence from foreign oil. He defended British Petroleum, which has been vilified for its role in the disaster.

"Leave the BP people alone. Don't try to pin the blame," Pickens said. "Get the problem fixed. Leave em alone. Don't bother em. They are the best people to fix the problem."

Pickens says BP should be held responsible, but right now they need to concentrate on plugging the hole.

Hear Pickens' prediction on how long it will take to halt the oil spill, tonight on the News On 6 at 9 p.m. and 10 p.m.

T. Boone Pickens Reacts To Gulf Oil Crisis – KOCO – 6/2/10

What would T. Boone Pickens do?

That's the question Eyewitness News 5 posed to the oil tycoon today in Tulsa. Pickens is giving speech at OSU-Tulsa today. He agreed to sit down and talk about the oil crisis in the Gulf.

It's been more than 40 days since rig explosion caused the oil leak. So far, the blowout 5,000 feet below the sea surface has pumped between 21 million and 34 million gallons of oil into the Gulf

of Mexico using the current federal estimates of daily flow. Several environmental experts suggest the amount could be even higher.

T Boone on BP Oil Well Woes – KRMG – 6/2/10

By Glenn Schroeder

Everyone needs to leave BP alone so they can fix the problem they've created. That's how T Boone Pickens feels about the mess in the Gulf of Mexico. Pickens says BP should have been more candid about how difficult it was going to be to fix the broken oil well. Pickens says the only real solution involves building a relief well. And that - he admits - is something that won't happen overnight. Pickens was in Tulsa to speak at a fundraiser for Congressman John Sullivan.

Obama's Three Degrees of Separation – Business & Media Institute – 6/2/10

By Dan Kennedy

His fans are fond of saying how cool and “above the fray” President Obama always seems. His critics might call it arrogance or aloofness. Either way, it’s unsurprising, given his mastery at separating himself from unpleasant episodes, issues and characters.

Three distinct instances should suffice to prove that Obama is not above the slime of his Chicago political background. He’s just good at distancing himself from it.

From the Slime of the Sestak Bribery – It looks like Rahm Emanuel approached former President Clinton and his attorney to approach Sestak.

Fitting that Clinton was the buffer; he who questioned the meaning of “is.” But, gee, if this was so clean, why didn’t the president just invite Congressman Sestak to a beer summit at the White House and handle the matter himself, with all his personal charisma and charm?

We might wonder what bribe has now been offered Sestak to shut up and play along with this concocted, tortured evasion of truth? And we might even be more open-minded to Illinois ex-Governor Blago’s insistence that Emanuel and Obama are neck-deep in his bribery and Senate seat-selling scandal.

Imagine if President Bush were caught sending bullies and bag-men with bribes to keep a sitting Congressman out of a primary contest against the president’s desperately needed 60th vote provider in the Senate.

From the Slime of the Oil Spill – There’s the Army Corps of Engineers telling Gov. Jindal he can’t act to protect his state’s coast. The Engineers blame it on the EPA. The president could slice the red tape with stroke of pen and liberate the governor to act. But he’s trying to have it both ways, proclaiming he has been fully engaged and in charge since the beginning, but pointing blame at BP, TransOcean, and all advocates of offshore drilling while his bureaucracies dither.

Imagine if this were Bush responding to this mess after 35 or 41 days, leaving the oil company who created the accident alone and in charge of remedying it – with no hurriedly organized task force of experts from other firms, Corps of Engineers, NASA scientists, T. Boone Pickens, etc., Imagine Bush refusing the Louisiana’s governor’s request to create barriers to the spill reaching shore? Liberal/environmental activists would be burning Bush figures in effigy and hoisting them with nooses, trailing Bush to his own ranch and marching in protest at its gates.

Imagine if Bush’s EPA chief had continued his vacation as planned while this disaster was worsening. (The media screamed over his FEMA director finishing his dinner.) If Bush’s

regulators had been too busy watching porn on their office computers to police these off-shore operations.

To their credit, some liberal pundits – Carville, even Matthews – have ever so slowly and reluctantly come to criticize President Obama’s inaction and his “not my fault – not my job” routine. But most are still giving him a pass.

From the Slime of His Own Past – We know he had intimate and long-standing relationships with Rev. Wright, an apologist for terrorists, and Bill Ayres, a domestic terrorist. We know the purchase of his deeply discounted Chicago mansion was arranged by political fixer and now convicted felon Tony Rezko. (That episode is reminiscent of Hillary’s amazing windfall profits in cattle futures.) We know his career has intertwined with Acorn until the ultimate separation: the nomination of his party, and his election to the presidency. Now we’re seeing all the lying and stonewalling a more-Nixonian-than-Nixon gang of White House thugs can provide.

Obama has mastered the three degrees of separation game. Adept at placing straw men, bag men, middle men and fall guys between himself and accountability, with most of the mainstream media complicit.

Many people will pay a price on his behalf before this is over, as some already have. Those in his service would do well to consider this inevitability. Obama is a narcissistic, self-obsessed user, ready and willing to cynically manipulate anyone and throw anyone under the bus. All that matters to him is amassing of power, avoiding of accountability or scrutiny, and skirting if not violating – as well as de-constructing – the law.

Perhaps all this is ideologically driven, and thus well-intended, however misguided. Unfortunately, ideology leads to the ends-justify-the-means rationalizations by which almost all great crimes are committed against societies.

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www.NoBSBooks.com, and a free collection of his business resources including newsletters and webinars at www.DanKennedy.com.

One Possible Upside from the Disastrous Gulf Oil Spill – Benzinga – 6/2/10

By John Boyd

People forget that not too long ago

long ago the largest exporter of petroleum was the United States. Now we import the bulk of what we use primarily for transportation. My hope here is the president uses the challenges here as an opportunity to shift consumption to a next generation of engines and fuels. The clearest and easiest path is natural gas and hybrid engines.

The president just gave a speech where he talked about natural gas so that's a promising sign he may take the opportunity to shift on his feet here. The capital outflows, the impact on the dollar, and the employment ramifications of a shift to natural gas would be more positive than even the \$800 billion in stimulus Congress enacted a year ago. It's not a new spending program, it's an investment with an incredibly quick payback as well as guaranteeing more stable energy prices.

These things happen in increments so just shifting our trucking fleet a la "Boone Pickens

Boone Pickens" is a good start. Once infrastructure is in place nationally, it can expand to the rest of the fleet in the United States. Getting off of petroleum would also do a lot of the country's national security, and we'd be less subject to the whims of foreign dictators. Is it likely we'd be involved in less trillion dollar wars in the middle east if we were off oil? Probably. People don't factor those costs into the price at the pump

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People want jobs and this would create more jobs than any pork program Congress could come up with. I know I write a lot about cutting spending, but there are some place where we actually need to invest to stay competitive in the world market place. This is the kind of investment that eventually will allow us to pay off our debt more easily with an even stronger dollar.

Presidents care a lot about their "legacy". If President Obama actually got us off of oil, that alone would be an legacy that even those on the extreme right extreme right could not begrudge.

The disaster in the Gulf of Mexico is horrible to watch but maybe it will piss off enough Americans that measures like a gas tax and shifting to new fuels and engines will get the push they need. We only need a little momentum to reach orbit here.

BROADCAST COVERAGE

1. Washington Journal

CSPAN 1, National | DMA: 0

06/02/2010, 07:00 AM - 10:00 AM

[CC] 01:12:33 (guest is Daniel Weiss)... Guest: well, first the president has taken full responsibility for this oil disaster. But it's important to look at the fact that he ran agency for 14 months. Bush and Cheney ran it for the eight years before. In 2005 there was a proposal to make some safety measures mandatory instead they made it voluntary and if you want to check this out, you can go to "The Washington Post" which reported on this. In addition we're going to be having report issued today on Cheney's Katrina. It will be on the website after 12:00 noon. Talking about clean **energy** technologies, 15 years ago the United States made more solar panels than any country in the world. We made about half of them. Now China does. The reason? China has been investing heavily in clean **energy**. Conservative Senator Lindsay Graham has said every day we spend arguing about whether or not we're going to put a price on global warming pollution is another day that the Chinese, Germans and Spaniards among others are going to get ahead of us in making clean **energy** of the future. That's why it's important to put a declining limit on carbon pollution which will then drive investment towards wind energy, solar energy, geothermal and advanced biofuels that can be used in vehicles and other clean energy technologies that other countries are making and that are pulling ahead of us in the race to make the clean **energy** technologies that we need this century. Host: what provision do you foresee being included in **energy** legislation because of what's happening in the Gulf coast? Well, we like to see a number of things. First, we believe that there ought to be a goal in there that says we will reduce our **oil** use by 7 million barrels a day by 2030. Second, let's invest in **naturalgas**-powered medium and heavy trucks and buses. That's been promote bid **TBoonePickens**. Third, let's make plugin hybrid or all electric cars, we need places where people can recharge them. Let's also invest in the factories to build those cars. In addition, we need to be able to raise revenue that would pay for these incentives, because obviously we have a huge budget deficit right now.01:17:05

Audience: N/A Spot Cost: N/A

2. CTN Schedule

CT-N, Hartford/New Haven | DMA: 30

06/02/2010, 12:00 PM - 02:00 PM

[CC] 00:24:35 ... That was passed also this weekend, the the first of which is innovation, job creation, tax credits that will be available to various commercial enties account but it is however, a the states to make sure that the take advantage of this. And so, is my sincere hope, that the state of Connecticut and the general assembly and the governor engaged in this because, another winter will be approaching as we go through what we hope will be a mild summer in terms of the use of **energy**, but, as noted, **energy** costs are high here in the state of Connecticut's, but we have an opportunity in the state to embrace industries fear that in the long term will lower that cost, butthe industry that we're involved it is all high- and manufacturing which is stimulate job creation and get a high-paying kind of drops below key people here in the state of Connecticut, and accustomed to a great quality of life that exists here, but also will provide other jobs for the future, and I happen to be very bullish about **fuel** cell technology, but what is solar, **wind**, geothermal, and photovolta, whenever the opportunity that presents itself, I believe, like **T. BoonePickens**, we ought to embrace everything we can, and there is great news on the horizon. With the discovery of more than 200 years of **naturalgas** reserves that record below to go after. Certainly, we want to assure emil everything is going on in the gulf, that we go off to the correctly, as safely, but the technology exists, what is required here in this country is the will....00:27:32

Audience: N/A **Spot Cost:** N/A

3. Eyewitness News 5

KOCO-TV (ABC) CH 5, Oklahoma City | DMA: 45

06/03/2010, 06:00 AM - 07:00 AM

[CC] 00:36:47 And, **T-Boone** talks. The Oklahoma **oil** tycoon says we need to leave BP alone. Find out why.00:37:36

[CC] 00:52:47 Now for the latest on the gulf **oil** spill. Were just hours away from finding out if a second-attempt to cut a leaking pipe has worked. Youre looking live at the leak right now crews are using giant shears to finish cutting the pipe into two pieces. The concern now is that the shears wont cut the pipe smoothly enough to make the containment dome fit snugly. We are at the point of the leakage, where the crimp in the line or the kink, are applying sub-sea dispersants to minimise the **oil** that is coming to the surface while we do the cut theres also fear that the massive **oil** slick could wash ashore Floridas pensacola beach by tomorrow. This morning, were hearing from Oklahoma **oilmanT Boone Pickens** about the **oil** spill. **Pickens** spoke in Tulsa about his plan to rely more on **naturalgas** and **wind** for **energy** --rather than **oil**. During the speech, **Pickens** laid responsibility soley on BP to fix whats become the worst **oil** spill in US history. Leave the BP people alone. Don't try and pin the blame. Get the problem the fixed. Leave em alone. Don't bother them. They are the best people to fix the probm. **T . BoonePickens** also says this disaster should not threaten the future of deep sea **oil** drilling. He says the safety record overall is quite good. Our coverage of the gulf **oil** disaster doesnt stop here. Youll want to stay tuned after our newscast for live coverage from the gulf coast. Good Morning America has

several crews gathering the latest information. From capping the spill, the investigation in Washington and **oil** washing up on beaches. Watch for it all coming up at 7 on Good Morning America.00:55:51

Audience: 27,422 **Spot Cost:** \$144

4. Eyewitness News 5

KOCO-TV (ABC) CH 5, Oklahoma City | DMA: 45

06/03/2010, 05:00 AM - 06:00 AM

[CC] 00:36:46 And, **T Boone** talks. The Oklahoma **oil** tycoon says we need to leave BP alone. Find out why.00:37:17

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Audience: 13,843 **Spot Cost:** \$38

5. Eyewitness News 5

KOCO-TV (ABC) CH 5, Oklahoma City | DMA: 45

06/02/2010, 10:00 PM - 10:35 PM

[CC] 00:04:18 Back here at home, Oklahoma **oilmanT BoonePickens** is voicing his concerns about the **oil** spill. He told eyewitness news fives wendell edwards, that BP is the only one that can fix it. Its new at ten. Mr. **Pickens** didn't mince words. He says this **oil** spill is bps responsibility and its that **oil** companies job to fix it. And their job alone,. As the **oil** keeps spewing into the gulf bp the **oil** company at the center of this environmental disaster continues to try and come up with ways to put a stop to it all. And **TBoonePickens** says thats exactly what they should be doing. Leave the BP alone. Don't call them to shington to testify about this clean-up. Leave them alone. **Pickens** , the **energy** and **oil** tycoon, spoke at a luncheon in Tulsa he was there touth his plan for the us to switch to using **naturalgas** and **wind** for **energy** resources instead of relying on **oil**. But he gave his opinion on the cris down in the gulf, a disaster that at this point he says may be last long past the summer. I dont think they have much of a chance to do anything about it until the relief well is in position. **Pickens** says bp should focus its resources all plugging the leak. And the government should let them do it. Leave the BP people alone. Don't try and pin the blame. ...00:05:40

[CC] 00:06:12 ...**T. BoonePickens** also says this disaster should not threaten the future of deep sea **oil** drilling. He says the safety record overall is quite good. And our gulf **oil** spill coverage doesnt end here. Check out our website, K-O-C-O.com. Just search for gulf **oil** spill and youll find our special section. Its full of video, live pictures and this **oil** monitor. Its showing you how much **oil** is spilling, in real time.00:07:01

Audience: 75,781 **Spot Cost:** \$430

6. Eyewitness News 5

KOCO-TV (ABC) CH 5, Oklahoma City | DMA: 45

06/02/2010, 06:00 PM - 06:30 PM

[CC] 00:00:31 Rick mitchell at weather wall as always we are keeping you ahead of the storm at koco dot com. Use the interactive radar to see whats happening in your area and futurecast to know what to expect over the next few days. Just go to koco dot com and click on weater. Tonight, a break in the effort to contain the **oil** spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The US Coast Guard says underwater robots have freed the saw that had been stuck. Now BP can finish cutting the pipe and cap the leak. The process could temporarily increase the flow of **oil**, but BP says once the cap is in place --It will capture most of the **oil** flowing into the wers. BP has faced harsh criticism for the disaster ---The worst **oil** spill in US history. But Oklahoma **oilmanT BoonePickens** says BP is the only one that can fix it. Eyewitness News Five's Wendell Edwards spoke to him. **TBoonePickens** knows how to capture an audience. And today he spoke about how he would stop that **oil** leak a solution he says, could work. It is an idea BP already tried once. Using mud to plug a massive **oil** leak in the gulf of mexico. **TBoonePickens** says they should try again. The reason they shut that down is because they ran out of mud. **Pickens** was the featured speaker at a luncheon osus Tulsa campus the **energy** and **oil** tycoon was there to push his agenda for **naturalgas** and **windenergy**. But he ended up answering questions about the cris

in the gulf. Leave the bp people alone. Don't try and pin the blame. Get the problem the fixed. Leave em alone. Don't bother them. They are the best people to fix the problem. He says the government needs to stay out of it. Those guys I promise you are working as hard they want this well under control more than anybody does. And **Pickens** says abandoning deep-sea **oil** drilling. Would be an over-reaction. We need the deep water and the record is pretty damn good afar as safety is concerned. Its a snapshot a snap shot in time 45 days and counting with no end in sight. **Pickens** say in the end the relief well may be the final solution. And BP, should be allowed to fix it. **Pickens** is not sure what the politcal fall out will be. But he says, BP should be held responsible.00:03:03

Audience: 77,675 **Spot Cost:** \$525

7. Eyewitness News 5

KOCO-TV (ABC) CH 5, Oklahoma City | DMA: 45

06/02/2010, 05:00 PM - 05:30 PM

[CC] 00:02:12 Were also following late-breaking developments happening right now in the Gulf of Mexico. Reports are saying BP robots have just freed a saw thats been stk in a pipe most of the day. This is a live picture from the ocean floor right now. Crews are running robots. Theyre trying to cut through pipes, so they can put a cap over the leak. President Obama says hes ready to change how we use ergy, and how we drill for it. Today, he announced a thorough investigation to figure out what went wrong. The catastrophe unfolding in the gulf right now may prove to be a result of human error or of corporations taking dangerous short-cuts that compromised safety president obama says hes launched a national commission to figure that out. And we have live team coverage tonight. We have a live reporter on the Louisiana coast. But first, eyewitness news fives wendell edwards spoke with **oil**-man **T BoonePickens** today. He starts our team coverage. Wendell,? Mr. **Pickens** didnt mince words. He says this **oil** spill is bps responsibility and its that **oil** companies job to fix it. And their job alone,. As the **oil** keeps spewing into the gulf bp the **oil** company at the center of this environmental disaster continues Mr. **Pickens** did offer a solution **t. BoonePickens** the frustration the frustration is mounting along the gulf coast tonight. Now president obama is pushing for a shift toward clean **energy**. ...00:04:57

[CC] 00:07:41 ... As the Obama administration moves forward with criminal and civil investigations of the spill, BP President Tony Hayward apologized for saying this: I want my life back. Writing in a facebook posting that he was appalled at his own comments on the spill that killed 11 workers. President Obama who two months ago called for more offshore driling says that spill highlights the need for clean **energy**. Obama: we've to acknowledge that there are inherent risks to drilling four miles beneath the surface of the earth. Risks that include sending 800-thousand gallons a day pouring into the gulf of mexico. To encourage cleaner **fuels**, president ama says he wants to roll back billions of dollars in tax breaks for **oil** companies and levy a controversial new tax on carbon pollution. John, what is that federal investigation looking

for? And we have live team coverage tonight. We have a live reporter on the Louisiana coast. But first, Mr. **Pickens** didn't mince words. He says this **oil** spill is BP's responsibility and it's that **oil** company's job to fix it. And their job alone. As the **oil** keeps spewing into the gulf by the **oil** company at the center of this Mr. **Pickens** did offer a solution of his own. Find out what he has his own. Find out what he says may also help coming up tonight at six. **T. Boone Pickens** also says this disaster should not threaten the future of deep sea **oil** drilling. He says the safety record overall is quite good. ...00:09:28

Audience: 70,357 **Spot Cost:** \$428

8. News 9 At 10 PM

KWTV-TV (CBS) CH 9, Oklahoma City | DMA: 45

06/02/2010, 10:00 PM - 10:35 PM

[CC] 00:03:15 ... But don't think you're escaping the problem by staying in Oklahoma this summer. We're already seeing a spike in prices at the seafood counter. That's because the spill has left a large portion of the gulf off-limits to commercial fishermen. One local retailer tells us, he's now having to rely more on Hawaii for fresh seafood. And that's a growing trend. So with the supply down prices are going up. It looks like it's going to be a major hit for the seafood industry. **Watkins** says the prices will continue to rise as long as the **oil** is spewing. And as the **oil** spews so does the criticism toward BP. But today the company got a vote of confidence from a fellow **oil** man. **Boone Pickens** explains to our Ashley Sims, why the critics should lay off BP, new tonight. Before he was a billionaire, **T. Boone Pickens** worked off-shore as a geologist and a manager. He says his heart goes out to the rig hands who lost their lives, but now is not the time for finger pointing in the gulf disaster. Leave the BP people alone. Don't try to pin the blame. Get the problem fixed. Leave them alone. Don't bother them. They are the best people to fix the problem." Left alone, British Petroleum has tried again to control the leak. But **Pickens** says you can't rush a solution. I'm just saying I don't think you can make them be any better than where they are right now." **Pickens** says he's been on the phone with BP talking over the problem. But the man who made billions in **oil** didn't have any rosy predictions, you're gonna go on another two or three months with this because it's going to take that long to get a relief well in position and just getting a relief well there doesn't mean they'll be able to kill that well." Worst case scenario, **Pickens** says it could be six months before the spill is sealed. As the **oil** slick closes in on the gulf coast, the disaster is spilling over into national politics. But **Pickens** says he doesn't want to use BP's problems to push a political agenda. We're not going to try to capitalize on somebody's disaster even if it kills everything else. Maybe you should go this way instead of that way. I want BP to get out of trouble as quickly as it can." **Pickens** was in Tulsa for a fundraiser with Oklahoma Congressman John Sullivan. Together the two are pushing for legislation that would promote home-grown natural gas, instead of foreign oil.00:06:41

Audience: 128,718 **Spot Cost:** \$744

9. Good Morning New Orleans

WGNO-TV (ABC) CH 26, New Orleans | DMA: 51

06/03/2010, 06:00 AM - 07:00 AM

[CC] 00:32:57 Changing the plan. A slight set back yesterday forced BP to try again today, to stop the leak in the gulf, and, push this morning for the government to stay out of the **oil** spill recovery efforts, **oil** tycoon **TBoonePickens** speaks out, plus, Jorden Vandersloot, the man who last saw Natalie Holloway, is back in headlines, this time he's wanted for question in the murder of yet another young girl. This morning BP is being forced to switch gears after yet another failed attempt to plug the **oil** leak. Engineers are now using a pair of giant shears to try to snip the pipe. Meanwhile, more federal fishing areas in the Gulf of Mexico have been declared off limits, and the spewing **oil** is coming ever closer to Florida beaches, ABC's TJ Winick has the latest from Washington. It was another day of frustration in the gulf, when the diamond-studded saw got lodged in the 21-inch pipe that continues to gush **oil**. Adm. Thad Allen partially through that cut the saw got stuck, not unlike you were sawing through a piece of wood. BP engineers will now try to use a pair of giant shears instead --A less precise, but more reliable tool. Officials say they're confident they can hack through the pipe and cap it with another containment dome to siphon the **oil** to the surface. 140 miles of coastline and beaches have been hit --In Louisiana, and smaller stretches of Mississippi and Alabama. Gov. Charlie Cristy the leading edge of the **oil** plume could impact the Florida panhandle as early as this week, possibly in a day or two. The **oil** is less than ten miles from the sunshine state. Sot peter burke we are possibly in a day or two. The **oil** is less than ten miles from the sunshine state. Sot peter burke we are gonna take pictures because we may not see it this pretty for awhile. Nearly 90-thousand square miles of gulf fisheries are closed. On pensacola beach, Florida, tourists and business owners worry the slick may bring an end to summer before it even begins. Sot les burke are we gonna be out of business just this summer? Is it gonna take longer than one year? I mean, they haven't even stopped it yet. Standup winick bp has agreed to pay for the construction of six giant sand agreed to pay for the construction of six giant sand berms off the coast of Louisiana to try and keep some of the **oil** at bay the pricetag: \$360 million. TJ Winick, ABC News, Washington. Billionaire **oilmanTBoonePickens** is speaking out about the massive gulf **oil** spill. **Pickens** says the government should stay out of the disaster and allow BP to fix it. But he says it could take months before the flow of **oil** is stopped. **TBoonePickens** "leave the BP people alone. Don't try to pen the blame. Get the problem fixed. ...00:35:31

Audience: 5,438 **Spot Cost:** \$28

10. Good Morning New Orleans

WGNO-TV (ABC) CH 26, New Orleans | DMA: 51

06/03/2010, 05:00 AM - 06:00 AM

[CC] 00:00:13 **BoonePickens** calls for the government to stay out of the way as BP works to stop the gulf oil leak.00:00:25

[CC] 00:02:45 Billionaire **oilmanTBoonePickens** is speaking out about the massive gulf **oil** spill. **Pickens** says the government should stay out of the disaster and allow BP to fix it. But he says it could take months before the flow of **oil** is stopped. **TBoonePickens** "leave the BP people alone. Don't try to pen the blame. Get the problem fixed. ...00:04:10

Audience: 3,260 Spot Cost: \$20

11. Channel 2 News Today

KJRH-TV (NBC) CH 2, Tulsa | DMA: 61

06/03/2010, 06:00 AM - 07:00 AM

[CC] 00:10:39 Disaster in the gulf, day 45. Next, **TBoonePickens** weighs in on the **oil** spill, and what he would have done differently.00:11:12

[CC] 00:17:03 Meantime, a **native** Oklahoman and well-known **energy** expert, says he would have handled the spill differently. **T BoonePickens** made a stop in Tulsa as part of a fundraiser for Congressman John Sullivan. One of the **energy** topics he discussed was the massive **oil** spill in the gulf. He says, ultimately, the responsibility will fall on British Petroleum. (**Pickens**) if I would've been BP, I would've said look the chances of us doing something to stop this, the odds are bad. The only way we're going to get it done is with a relief well. **Pickens** also discussed the importance of using **naturalgas**.00:18:36

Audience: 24,617 Spot Cost: \$94

12. Channel 2 News Today

KJRH-TV (NBC) CH 2, Tulsa | DMA: 61

06/03/2010, 05:00 AM - 06:00 AM

[CC] 00:47:01 **TBoonePickens** is making a big push for **naturalgas**. The **energy** expert made a visit to Tulsa yesterday afternoon. 2news reporter Marla Carter tells us how Tulsa Transit plans to take advantage of the **natural** resource. Different things bring Bob Gaines junior to the downtown bus stop. (Bob) get up catch a bus, I may go work out, something like this here, I may come downtown and take care of some business, like I'm doing today. Whatever the journey --

He depends on the bus to get around, and soon --All city buses will see a major upgrade, (bill) to do that, we're going to start buying CNG vehicles, to replace the diesel vehicles and we're going to build our own, on-site, **fueling** station. (25) And we're also going to be converting some of our existing vehicles to CNG. That same concept is just what **TBoonePickens** talked about at fundraiser Wednesday for John Sullivan. (**Pickens**) it's the only resource that we got and we've got an abundance of it, and it's cheaper. A lot cheaper --**Pickens** says not only does **naturalgas** cost less --But you also need less of it. (**Pickens**) one mcf of **naturalgas** moves the vehicle the same distance as seven gallons of diesel. It's all part of a bigger plan to go green and save green, right at our own bus stops. (Bill) we're sitting on a bunch of **energy** right here in the middle of the United States. They're also building a **fueling** station. It should be complete by the end of 2010 --The money in **fuel** savings from using **naturalgas**, instead of diesel, will pay for it.00:49:53

Audience: 11,172 **Spot Cost:** \$24

13. 2 News 10:00

KJRH-TV (NBC) CH 2, Tulsa | DMA: 61

06/02/2010, 10:00 PM - 10:35 PM

[CC] 00:06:38 A sense of frustration and anger continues to grow along the gulf coast tonight, as the **oil** spill spreads from Louisiana to Alabama. Meanwhile British Petroleum says it was about halfway done slicing through a pipe on the blown-out gulf well when the diamond-tipped saw snagged. The company says it took 12 hours to free the saw and that preparations are underway to resume cutting. Authorities say when the pipe is cut off, the **oil** flow could temporarily increase as much as 20 percent, but this attempt will only contain the **oil** and send it to the surface. Stopping the leak is still months away. A native Oklahoman and well-known **energy** expert, says he would have handled the spill differently. **T BoonePickens** made a stop in Tulsa as part of a fundraiser for Congressman John Sullivan. One of the **energy** topics he discussed was the massive **oil** spill in the gulf. He says, ultimately, the responsibility will fall on British Petroleum. (**Pickens**) if I would've been bp, I would've said look the chances of us doing something to stop this, the odds are bad. The only way we're going to get it done is with a relief well. **Pickens** also discussed the importance of using **naturalgas**.00:09:12

Audience: 42,450 **Spot Cost:** \$205

14. 2 News 6:00

KJRH-TV (NBC) CH 2, Tulsa | DMA: 61

06/02/2010, 06:00 PM - 06:30 PM

[CC] 00:00:00 Turning to our home state for energy --That's the message from **TBoonePickens**. The **energy** expert made a visit to Tulsa this afternoon --his big push --**naturalgas**. It's a resource Tulsa Transit plans to take advantage of. 2News reporter Marla Carter is live at it's main office to tell us about upgrades that are coming. Marla? Russ, soon the entire fleet of 100 plus buses will run solely on compressed **naturalgas** --It's all thanks to the help of two federal grants - -and **Pickens** says Tulsa Transit has the right idea. Different things bring Bob Gaines Junior to the downtown bus stop, (Bob) get up catch a bus, I may go work out, something like this here, I may come downtown and take care of some business, like I'm doing today. Whatever the journey --He depends on the bus to get around, and soon --All city buses will see a major upgrade, (Bill) to do that, we're going to start buying CNG vehicles, to replace the diesel vehicles and we're going to build our own, on-site, **fueling** station. 5) And we're also going to converting some of our existing vehicles to CNG. That same concept is just what **TBoonePickens** talked about at fundraiser Wednesday for John Sullivan. (**Pickens**) it's the only resource that we got and we've got an abundance of it, and it's cheaper. A lot cheaper --**Pickens** says not only does **naturalgas** cost less --But you also need less of it. (**Pickens**) one mcf of **naturalgas** moves the vehicle the same distance as seven gallons of diesel. It's all part of a bigger plan to go green and save green, right at our own bus stops, (Bill) we're sitting on a bunch of **energy** right here in the middle of the United States. They're also building a **fueling** station out here --It should be complete by the end of 2010 --The money in **fuel** savings from using **naturalgas**, instead of diesel, will pay for it. Reporting live from midtown, Marla Carter, 2news Works For You. Again, federal grants are paying for the Tulsa transit project. Coming up tonight at ten, **Pickens** weighs in on the gulf oil spill.00:03:51

Audience: 49,106 **Spot Cost:** \$312

15. 2 News 5:00

KJRH-TV (NBC) CH 2, Tulsa | DMA: 61

06/02/2010, 05:00 PM - 05:30 PM

[CC] 00:25:55 Tonight for six o'clock, **T. BoonePickens** makes a visit to Tulsa to talk about **energy**. What he had to say coming up tonight at six o'clock.00:26:23

Audience: 38,488 **Spot Cost:** \$210

16. Fox 23 News

KOKI-TV (FOX) CH 23, Tulsa | DMA: 61

06/02/2010, 05:00 PM - 05:30 PM

[CC] 00:06:51 Less government pressure, not more, is the best solution to finally figuring out a plan to stop **oil** from gushing into the Gulf of Mexico. That's the message given today by **oilman T Boone Pickens**. He made the statement during a campaign benefit for state representative John Sullivan at OSU Tulsa. **Pickens** says while BP is ultimately responsible for the spill, it needs to be given the space to figure out how to stop the leak. "BP is the operator so what ever happened they're going to have to assume responsibility for it. Leave them alone right now, concentrate on getting it fixed." Meantime, folks in meantime, folks in Florida fear the massive **oil** spill could soon be washing up on their beaches. As Fox's Steve Harrigan reports, many Gulf coast states are now preparing marketing campaigns....00:08:03

Audience: 29,144 **Spot Cost:** \$159

17. The News On 6 At 10:00 Update

KOTV-TV (CBS) CH 6, Tulsa | DMA: 61

06/02/2010, 10:00 PM - 10:35 PM

[CC] 00:00:00 "Leave the BP people alone. Don't call em into Washington to testify while this cleanup is going on." A protective **Pickens** sounds off about the Gulf **oil** spill. Why BP is consulting **T Boone** about what to do next.00:01:22

[CC] 00:07:32 Now the latest from the Gulf of Mexico, where an underwater saw being used to sever the leaking pipe is stuck, and so, too, is the effort to cap the leak. Engineers were trying to cut the pipe in an effort to stop the gusher. Now, even more oil is pumping into the Gulf. Despite the company's missteps, BP got a vote of confidence from a fellow oil man today. Billionaire **T Boone Pickens** says critics should quit picking on British Petroleum. News on six reporter Ashli Sims has the new developments. Terry, **T Boone Pickens** was in for Congressman John Sullivan. But he ended up talking about the politics of an oil spill. Before he was a billionaire, **T Boone Pickens** worked off-shore as a geologist and a manager. He says his heart goes out to the rig hands who lost their lives, but now is not the time for finger pointing in the Gulf disaster. Leave the BP people alone. Don't try to pin the blame. Get the problem fixed. Leave em alone. Don't bother em. They are the best people to fix the problem." Left alone, British Petroleum has tried and failed again and again to control the leak. But **Pickens** says you can't rush a solution. I'm just saying I don't think you can make them be any better than where they are right now." **Pickens** says he's been on the phone with BP talking over the problem. But the man who made billions in **oil** didn't have any rosy predictions, you're gonna go on another two or three months with this because it's going to take that long to get a relief well in position and just getting a relief well there doesn't mean they'll be able to kill that well." Worst case scenario, **Pickens** says it could be six months before the spill is sealed. As the **oil** slick closes in on the Gulf coast, the disaster is spilling over into **national** politics. But **Pickens** says he doesn't want to use BP's problems to push a political agenda. We're not going to try to capitalize on somebody's disaster even people killed an everything else. Maybe you should go this way instead of that way. I want BP to get out of trouble as quickly as it can."

TBoonePickens is working with Congressman Sullivan to push for legislation, focusing on home-grown **naturalgas** instead of foreign **oil**. While he wodn't say how long it would take to fix the leak in the gulf, he did say with great confidence we'd pass an **energy** bill this year. Ashli Sims, The News On 6 Tonight.00:10:25

Audience: 83,970 **Spot Cost:** \$388

18. The News On 6 At 5:00

KOTV-TV (CBS) CH 6, Tulsa | DMA: 61

06/02/2010, 05:00 PM - 05:30 PM

[CC] 00:07:26 There's another setback in the race to plug the leaking **oil** well in the gulf. Plus, what billionaire **oilmanTBoonePickens** has to say about the disaster, and his push for moreind power.00:09:06

[CC] 00:11:19 ... Effort to stop **oil** from gushing into the gulf. This time equipment problems have brought the operation to a standstill. The latest setback happened when a remote-controlled saw blade jammed while crews were cutting the well pipe. Engineers say they need to make a smooth cut so they can then fit a cap with a rubber seal over the break. If that doesn't work, they say they'll try something else. Adm. Thad Allen, Coast Guard incident commander: "if we don't get as clean a cut as we want we will put something called a top hat over it which is a little wider fitting, but you have an increased chance some **oil** will come out around the sides." Engineers say that even if the well is capped soon, the final solution a relief well is still a few months down the road. So far, about 45-million gallons of **oil** have made their way into the gulf. Oklahoma's own billionaire **oil** baron weighed in on the gulf disaster in a stop in Tulsa today. **T** . **BoonePickens** attended a fundraiser for Congressman John Sullivan at OSU Tulsa today. **Pickens** spoke to dozens about the nation's **energy** policy and independence from foreign **oil**. He defended British petroleum, which has been villified for its role in the disaster. **TBoonePickens:** "leave the bp people alone. Dot try to pin the blame. Get the problem fixed. Leave em alone. Don'tbother em. They are the best people to fix the problem." **Pickens** says BP should be held responsible, but right now they need to concentrate on plugging the hole. You'll hear **Pickens'** prediction on how long it will take to halt the **oil** spill, tonight at nine and ten.00:14:00

Audience: 53,186 **Spot Cost:** \$289

19. The News On 6 At Noon

KOTV-TV (CBS) CH 6, Tulsa | DMA: 61

06/02/2010, 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

[CC] 00:55:57 **TBoonePickens** comes to Tulsa. What the billionaire **oilman** has to say about the gulf **oil** spill, and his push for alternative **energy**.00:56:23

Audience: 35,474 **Spot Cost:** \$125

20. Good Morning Oklahoma First News

KTUL-TV (ABC) CH 8, Tulsa | DMA: 61

06/03/2010, 05:00 AM - 06:00 AM

[CC] 00:29:10 We'll hear from **T BoonePickens** on the disaster in the gulf. What the oilman has to say about his conversation with BP officials.00:29:13

[CC] 00:32:11 **OilmanTBoonePickens** comes to Tulsa to talk about the **oil** spill. Find out why he says.00:32:26

[CC] 00:38:53 ... Nearly 90-thousand square miles of gulf fisheries are closed. **Energy** billionaire **T BoonePickens** is speaking out about BP's efforts to stop the massive **oil** leak. **Pickens** was at a fundraiser yesterday at osu-Tulsa and said he spoke with a BP Official about the "top kill" process. That's where mud was being pumped down against pumped down against the **oil** flow. It was working, but **Pickens** says BP stopped the process because they simply ran out of mud. It looked to me like they actually stopped the **oil**, back through the blowout preventer. That's what you are asking me? Yes sir. Just looked like if you want to mix up enough mud, just keep pouring it in there. **Pickens** says he told BP officials his idea, but they didn't think too much of it.00:39:31

Audience: 12,522 **Spot Cost:** \$26

21. News Channel 8 At 6

KTUL-TV (ABC) CH 8, Tulsa | DMA: 61

06/02/2010, 06:00 PM - 06:30 PM

[CC] 00:08:07 But first, **oilmanT BoonePickens** comes to Tulsa to talk about the gulf **oil** spill. Find out what he says about politicians questioning executives at British Petroleum.00:08:42

[CC] 00:12:28 **Energy** tycoon **T. BoonePickens** was in Tulsa today to speak at a political fundraiser. But it was his comments about the ongoing crisis in the gulf that sparked interest. Newschannel 8's Burt Mummolo reports on the new light he shed on the ongoing battle to stop the **oil** leak. For weeks just one word has been associated with BP's efforts to conquer the raging

goliath on the sea floo. failure. We've we've made numerous attempts to overcome the flow. Over the weekend bp official doug suttlles said the "top kill" attempt, where mud and junk are pumped down against the spewing **oil**, had failed. We have not been able to stop the flow. But today, a shocking announcement by **energy** tycoon, **T. BoonePickens**. It looked to me like they actually stopped the **oil**. **Pickens** says he spoke with a bp official who described a top kill kill process that was having success. One of the BP guys told me yesterday that they had gas coming back out that choke line on the preventer, had gas coming back out with mud and I said well, one thing about it, gas isn't **oil**, so its not leaving anything in the water. According to **Pickens**, bp had 30 to 40 thousand barrels of mud to push back against the **oil**. Why did they stop? And the reason they shut that down is because they ran out of mud, that's all the mud they had mixed. **Pickens** said he suggested using 10 times that amount, 300,000 barrels to keep the **oil** controlled until the relief well could be drilled into place. They let me know that they already thought of that idea and they didn't think much of it. A stunningly rare peek behind the scenes of a massive crisis, desperately seeking a solution, that may have already presented itself. Just looked like if you want to mix up enough mud, just keep pouring it in there. ...00:13:38

Audience: 51,157 **Spot Cost:** \$323

22. KTEN News Today

KTEN-TV (NBC) CH 10, Sherman/Dennison | DMA: 161

06/03/2010, 05:00 AM - 06:00 AM

[CC] 00:33:49 Billionaire **oilman TBoonePickens** is speaking out about the massive gulf **oil** spill. He says the government should stay out of the disaster and allow BP to fix it. But he says it could take months before the flow of **oil** is stopped. Leave the bp people alone. Don't try to pin the blame. Get the problem fixed. Leave them alone, don't bother them. They are the best people to fix the problem. ...00:34:36

Audience: 2,217 **Spot Cost:** \$20