THE GRAND CANYON TRUST'S BOARD of DIRECTORS

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There are 21 members of the GCT Board. Among them is this group of powerful industrialists/capitalists/entrpreneurs. The biographical text is from GCT's web site. They include...

Ty Cobb: Chair, Washington D.C.

Mr. Cobb is a partner at Hogan & Hartson LLP, where he is a Litigation Practice Group Director and the Chair of the firm's White Collar Defense and Investigations Practice Group and also Chair of the Securities Enforcement Practice Grou

Patrick Von Bargen, Vice-Chair

Patrick Von Bargen joined the government relations and public affairs firm of Quinn Gillespie & Associates in October of 2008 and focuses on clean technology, renewable energy, and natural resources issues.

Bud Marx, Secretary-Treasurer: Laguna Beach, California

Oscar (Bud) Marx is a retired Ford Motor Company executive. After 32 years with Ford, in 1995 he became CEO of TMW Enterprises, a private equity partnership with diversified investments in electronics, plastics, metal-forming, technology, and real estate. He has also been Chairman of the Board of Amerigon Inc., a high-tech developer of heating and cooling products based on Thermo-Electric technology, since 1999

Carter F. Bales: New York, New York

Carter Bales is Chairman and a Founding Partner of NewWorld Capital Group. Before NewWorld, he was Managing Partner Emeritus of The Wicks Group of Companies, a private equity firm focused on the information industries. He co-founded Wicks in 1989 and was a Managing Partner until his Emeritus role in late 2006. Mr. Bales was a Director of McKinsey & Co. from 1978 to 1998...

David Bonderman: Fort Worth, Texas

David Bonderman, Partner in TPG, Fort Worth, Texas, is a private investor with holdings in banking, airlines, media, and other areas

William D. Budinger: Aspen, Colorado

Bill Budinger, inventor, holder of over three dozen patents, founded and served for 33 years as Chairman and CEO of Rodel, Inc., a privately held manufacturer of products for the semiconductor industry.

Louis H. Callister: Salt Lake City, Utah

Lou Callister is a founder, former chair, and currently of counsel to the law firm of Callister, Nebeker & McCullough in Salt Lake City and is listed in "The Best Lawyers in America" in banking law

Mathew Garver: Atlanta, Georgia

Mathew Garver, Partner in Arcadia Capital Group, based in Atlanta, GA is a private middle market investment company. He also serves as a consultant to DLA Piper on large infrastructure development projects in the US and Europe.

William Grabe: Greenwich, Connecticut

William O. Grabe joined General Atlantic in 1992 and retired as a Managing Director in 2010. He continues to support GA in an advisory capacity. Mr. Grabe currently serves on the boards of AKQA, Quality Technology Services, Lenovo, Gartner, Inc., and Compuware Corporation.

Pam Hait: Phoenix, Arizona

Pam Hait is a writer and author and principal with STRATEGIES, a marketing firm specializing in tourism, development, Native American issues, and community relations.

John W. Milliken: Salt Lake City, Utah

John Milliken is the owner of Milcom, Inc., which was founded in 1993 to own and manage real estate investments in Utah, all of which have since been sold. Raised in the east, John spent 10 years working for W. R. Grace & Co. in New York City before moving to Utah.

Hansjörg Wyss: West Chester, Pennsylvania

Hansjörg Wyss is Chairman of Synthes, Inc., an international company that manufactures and distributes surgical implants and instruments. His success as an entrepreneur has afforded him the time and the resources to develop his skills as a true explorer.

DAVID BONDERMAN...

Some links to one of America's most controversial environmentalists/venture capitalists.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In addition to being a major contributor to many environmental groups, and serving on the boards of the GCT and the Wilderness Society, David Bonderman is the founder of Texas Pacific Group (TPG Capital) and is Charirman of the Board and Director of Ryanair discount airlines in Ireland...Forbes lists his private wealth at $1.9 billion.

FROM GOOGLE SEARCHES...

COAL BILL A GOLD MINE FOR PRIVATE EQUITY BARONS . ....

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/business/coal_regs_goldmine_vVfok6t16nG6rM8iw14rDJ

AN EXCERPT: *Proposed clean air rules recently released by President Obama's Environmental Protection Agency that aim to cut mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants, while likely to benefit workers in key swing states, will also produce other, unexpected winners -- private-equity heavyweights Henry Kravis and David Bonderman.*

The two, whose firms have invested in an energy company that runs coal power plants, will see more than $1 billion in savings because the EPA's proposed rules go easy on the type of coal used in their plants.

TPG AND GIC INVEST IN INDONESIAN COAL

http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/93525/20101218/tpg-and-gic-to-invest-inindonesian-coal-company.htm

AN EXCERPT: *TPG is teaming up with Singapore's sovereign wealth fund to take a significant minority stake in Delta Dunia, a coal mining services company, in one of the largest private equity deals ever done in Indonesia.*

Harrah's to Build Retail Strip in Las Vegas in 2011, CEO Says

http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-06-30/harrah-s-to-build-delayed-las-vegas-retail-strip-with-ferris-wheel-in-2011.html

AN EXCERPT: *Harrah's Entertainment Inc., the world's biggest casino company, plans to build a postponed retail development next year between its Flamingo and O'Sheas casinos in Las Vegas that includes a giant Ferris wheel....Leon Black's Apollo Management LP and David Bonderman's TPG Inc. took Harrah's private for $30.7 billion including debt and transaction costs in January 2008.*

The Billionaires Betting On Internet Gambling

http://www.forbes.com/sites/nathanvardi/2011/10/31/the-billionaires-betting-on-internet-gambling/

AN EXCERPT: *In 2008 private equity firm Apollo Global Management, run by billionaires Leon Black, Joshua Harris and Marc Rowan, joined with TPG, the buyout shop run by billionaire David Bonderman, to purchase Harrah's Entertainment in a massive $30 billion leveraged buyout. The deal has so far not been a good one, but Black and Bonderman are still trying to make it work. The company, now called Caesars Entertainment, has been investing heavily in its online operations and backing a new Washington D.C. lobbying effort that includes former FBI Director Louis Freeh. If online gambling in the U.S. opens for business, it would certainly help Black and Bonderman, two investing legends, get out of a tough spot.*

RyanAir CEO: "Global Warming Is Bull$#it

http://www.businessinsider.com/michael-oleary-ryanair-global-warming-2010-9

AN EXCERPT: *The CEO of Europe's largest airline Ryanair has called global warming "bullshit" and "horseshit" in an interview with the Irish Independent. Michael O'Leary's scathing assault on the scientific theory targeted not just the idea of global warming itself, but those who perpetuate it.*

From the Irish Independent:

"Do I believe there is global warming? No, I believe it's all a load of bullshit. But it's amazing the way the whole fucking eco-warriors and the media have changed. It used to be global warming, but now, when global temperatures haven't risen in the past 12 years, they say 'climate change'."

TPG Capital Forms Venture to Buy Oil and Gas Properties in North America

http://www.fxnonstop.com/index.php/component/content/article/44736-my-art27823

AN EXCERPT: *TPG Capital, the private-equity firm that manages more than $47 billion, has formed a venture to buy North American oil and gas properties, starting with an acquisition in Mississippi...*

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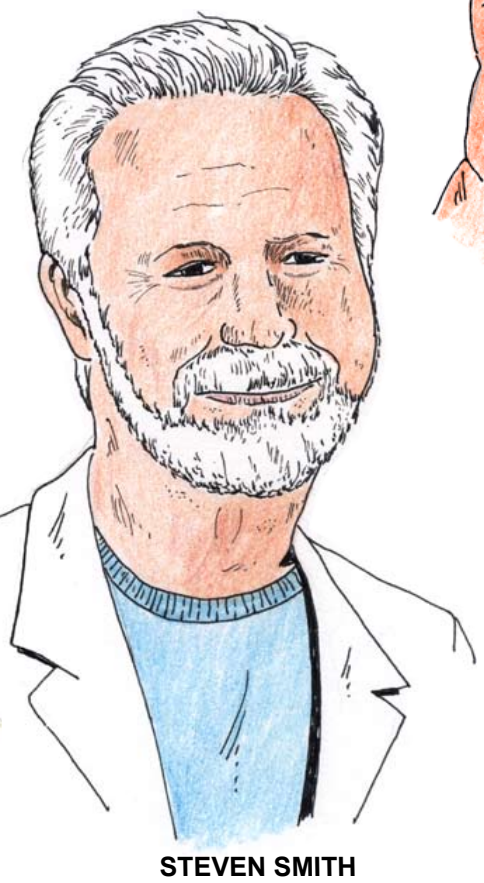

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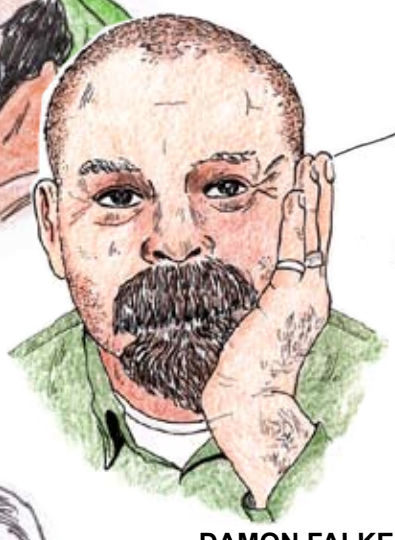

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