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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE NCPA

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Bush Taps Saving for Social Security Reform Commission

On May 2, 2001, President Bush appointed Thomas R. Saving to his bipartisan commission on Social Security reform.

Cochaired by former Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) and AOL-Time Warner CEO Richard Parsons, the commission is charged with studying the financial crisis facing our nation's retirement system, and developing a reform proposal that includes allowing younger

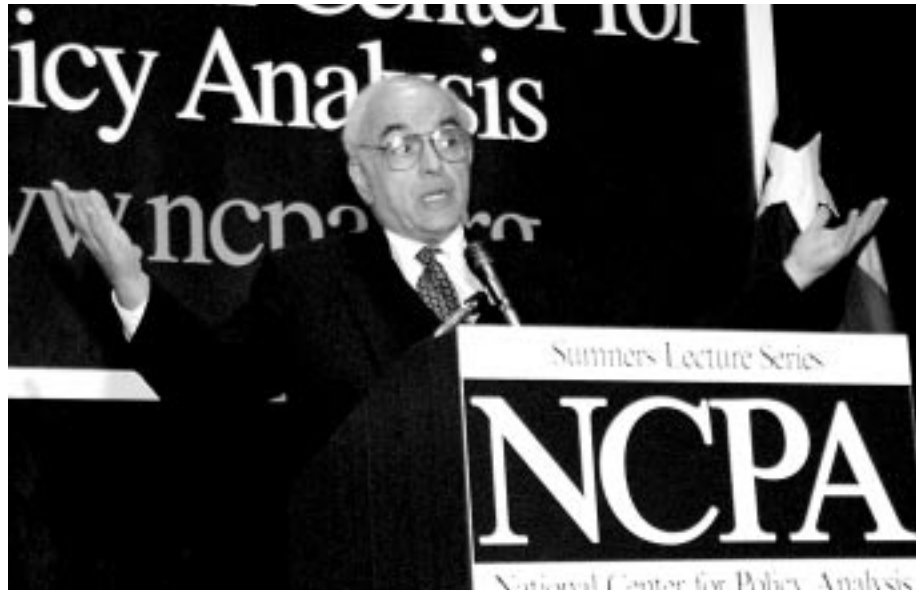


Thomas R. Saving, NCPA Senior Fellow

workers to invest a portion of their payroll tax dollars in a personal retirement account. Saving, who also serves as one of two public trustees for the Social Security and Medicare trust funds, is the director of the NCPA's multi-year project on reform of Social Security, including developing the statistical model behind the NCPA's Social Security calculator — www.mysocialsecurity.org. The calculator allows users to compare what they can expect to receive in Social Security benefits to what they could have received from the private capital market.

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Columnist Robert Novak evaluates the Bush Administration for the Hatton W. Summers Distinguished Lecture Series. See additional coverage on page E-3.

Pennsylvania Enacts NCPA Education Reform Idea

In May Pennsylvania became the second state to enact a law providing tax credits to corporations for donations to groups that finance scholarships to private schools, or to public schools outside a student's district. According to NCPA Senior Fellow Linda Morrison, who pioneered the concept, the Pennsylvania approach is not perfect (only corporations qualify), but it's a good start. Morrison's groundbreaking NCPA study showed how a tax credit approach could create school choice without undesirable governmental interference with private schools.

Arizona is the only other state that provides tax credits for donations that help finance scholarships to private schools, although their tax credit program is targeted to individual givers. Minnesota and Iowa both allow certain deductions for education expenses.

NCPA Cofosts Health Care Conference With U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Driven by advances in technology, increased access to health information and new thinking about how to control costs and manage benefits packages, the private sector health market is transforming the way it does business.

To highlight the transformations taking place in the business health community, the NCPA joined forces with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the American Medical Association and the Galen Institute to cofhost a conference at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C.

NCPA Senior Fellow Greg Scandlen moderated a panel on the newest thinking among employers about managing health benefits to control costs while ensuring quality care for their employees. Scandlen is the nation's foremost expert on this movement, commonly referred to as defined-contribution health plans, where employers provide a set amount of funds for their employees's health benefit, rather than a set health benefit plan.



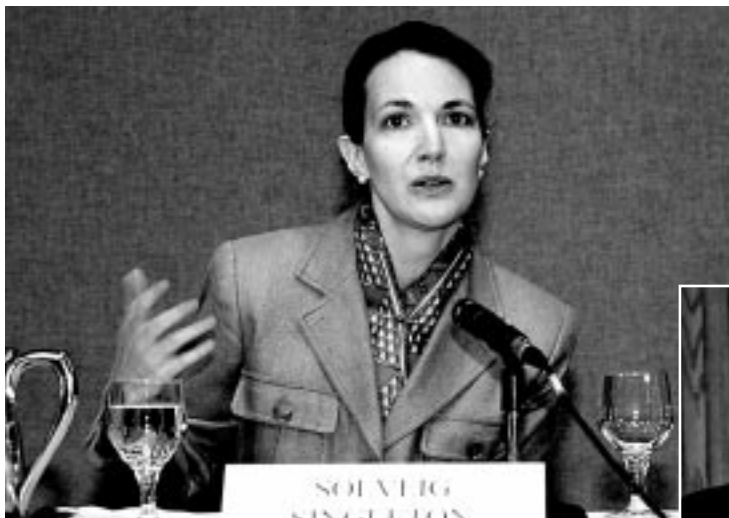
Thomas A. Scully, in his first public appearance as the new administrator of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration)



(Left to Right) Greg Scandlen, NCPA Senior Fellow; John Hoff, health care attorney and Trustee of the Galen Institute; Ken Linde, President and CEO of Destiny Health; Dave Ogden, Consulting Actuary at Milliman & Robertson; and Walton Francis, President of the Public Policy Network.



Sally Canfield, Counselor to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.



Solveig Singleton, senior analyst at the Competitive Enterprise Institute (top), and Don Ogilvie, Executive Vice President of the American Bankers Association (right), give presentations at an NCPA briefing at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.



NCPA Hosts Privacy Briefing

Threats to individual privacy have never been greater due to the spread of electronic databases in government, medicine, business and the workplace. However, unwise legislation could destroy many benefits of information sharing for private individuals.

That was the topic of a briefing hosted by the NCPA at the National Press Club, which also discussed what policies should be implemented to protect privacy in the United States. The briefing also featured the release of several new reports including one of the most comprehensive studies on the issue to date: "Privacy in a Free Country: In Search of Reasonable Principles," by attorney Solveig Singleton, senior analyst at the Competitive Enterprise Institute.

Outreach



1. Dan Cook visits with NCPA's Celeste Colgan. J.L. Jackson looks on.



2. Hatton W. Summers Foundation's Hugh Akin with Robert Novak.



3. Former Speaker of the House Jim Wright with Secretary Baker.

4. Cliff Rae and his wife Joan (left) with NCPA's Jeanette N. Goodman.

5. Secretary Baker speaks with members of the Dallas media following the luncheon.

6. Michael Cox, Vice President of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, introduces Stephen Moore at a recent Policy Forum.

7. Patricia M. Patterson, Deputy Chairman of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank and President of Patterson Investments, Inc., shares a laugh with Al Casey, Distinguished Executive Resident at SMU and former Chairman of American Airlines.

8. Stephen Moore, president of the Club for Growth, answers a question about the Bush tax cut at a recent Policy Forum.





Smith Joins NCPA as Online Marketing Manager

The NCPA welcomes Rick Smith as the new Online Marketing Manager. In this role, Rick will oversee the marketing and maintenance of the NCPA's many Internet Web sites. He also will work closely with the other departments to expand the NCPA's usage of cutting edge technology for increased efficiency and effectiveness.

Prior to joining the NCPA, Rick started his own Internet services company — Dragon Street Pictures. His company, which later merged with Springbow Solutions, provided online consulting, marketing and managing services to a wide array of Fortune 1000 companies.



Goldberg Defends Drug Patents

Robert Goldberg, NCPA Senior Fellow, spoke at a recent briefing hosted by the Washington Legal Foundation on prescription drug patents. According to Goldberg, by artificially ending a company's patent life on popular prescription drugs, the government risks the future development of drug breakthroughs to cure life-threatening diseases such as cancer.

Dallas Summer Interns

The Dallas office welcomes four new interns this summer, who will contribute to NCPA research and write and publish op-eds. Listed left to right:

Denise Venable is a graduate of Howard Payne University and is a former Summers Scholar. This summer Denise is assisting the development department and will be contributing research assistance to the Women in the Economy project.

Jason Meyer is a student at the University of North Texas, and is spending the summer assisting the public affairs department with its media relations efforts.

Wess Mitchell is a graduate of Texas Tech University, and is the Russell and Pheobe Perry Public Policy Intern. Wes is spending his summer assisting the domestic policy department with its research, with a special emphasis on health policy.

Jean Nixon is a graduate of Shriner University and is a former Summers Scholar. Jean is assisting the Women in the Economy project.



Burnett Hits Airwaves on Bush Energy Plan

As environmental groups like the Sierra Club launched a highly charged attack on President Bush's new national energy strategy, even before it was announced, NCPA Senior Policy Analyst H. Sterling Burnett was called upon by media outlets across the country for needed balance. In a half-hour appearance on CNN International, Burnett debated the merits of the energy plan with George Passacantando, head of Greenpeace, U.S.A. He also discussed the plan during interviews with the ABC Radio network, National Public Radio and Radio America, among others.

NCPA 2001 Event Schedule

The NCPA is pleased to announce the following events for 2001. Details for each event will be forthcoming. Please contact the Events Department at 972-386-6272 to reserve your place at one of these exciting events.

September 13
Philip K. Howard
Policy Forum

November 16
J. Robert Kerrey
Summers Lecture Series

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Daniel Patrick Moynihan
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