



## Social Security Wars

There is a financial crisis facing the nation's Social Security system. That was the conclusion of NCPA Senior Fellow Thomas Saving and other members of the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security in an interim report approved at their second official meeting July.

Left-wing opponents of the commission sponsored 40 events on the day of the meeting. Supporters sponsored two events – a NCPA press conference the day before and a Cato Institute briefing the day after.

At its news conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., the NCPA released a new study showing that investing the Social Security surplus in the stock market is less risky than maintaining the status quo. That study was covered by Brit Hume on *Fox News*, *ABCNews.com*, *CBS Marketwatch.com*, *Bloomberg TV*, *The Dallas Morning News* and the *Houston Chronicle*.

In the days following the interim report's release, NCPA's team of Social Security experts hit the airwaves and opinion pages to discuss and explain the crisis. Saving had articles published by *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*. Goodman appeared on "Lou Dobb's Moneyline" on CNN and CNNfn, and authored an article for United Press International. NCPA Policy Chairman Pete du Pont authored several articles for the Knight Ridder Tribune News Service and *The Wall Street Journal's OpinionJournal.com*. NCPA Senior Fellow Bruce Bartlett discussed the trust fund several times in his twice-weekly column, and policy analyst Matt Moore appeared on several local television newscasts and radio talk shows across the country.



NCPA Senior Fellow Thomas R. Saving (above) discusses the problems facing Social Security during a meeting of the President's reform commission. Saving is a member of the commission. NCPA Senior Fellow Andrew Rettenmaier (left), speaks at a NCPA news conference on Social Security.

## NCPA Promotes Benefits of Tax Cut

The single most important achievement of the Bush Administration has been the passage of a major tax cut. Over the past 12 months, the NCPA has led the way in informing the public, policymakers and the media about its benefits. For example:

- NCPA Senior Fellow Bruce Bartlett had 38 columns on the tax cut (and/or its components) in *The Washington Times*, since these columns were syndicated, many of them also appeared in other newspapers across the nation.
- He also wrote two articles for *The Wall Street Journal* and three in *The New York Times*.
- NCPA Policy Chairman Pete du Pont wrote 19 syndicated columns on the tax cut, and three columns for *The Wall Street Journal's OpinionJournal.com*.
- He also produced 19 "Focus Point" radio commentaries on these issues, broadcast over more than 160 radio stations.
- NCPA scholars also participated in nine television interviews about the tax cut, including PBS, CNN and Fox News.
- And the NCPA's online journal *Daily Policy Digest* summarized virtually everything of value on the tax cut.
- The NCPA Web site provided direct access to more studies and articles on these topics than all other right-of-center think tanks combined.

# Board Retreat



The NCPA Board of Directors and guests gathered this summer to discuss the recent success of the NCPA and to plan a vision for the future at Camp Topridge, in the Adirondacks of New York.

1. Board members Virginia Manheimer and Gov. Pete du Pont.
2. Tom Smith, Chairman of the Board.
3. Kim and Mike Walen.
4. Celeste Colgan, Kim Walen and Dorothy Thompson.
5. Dr. Phil Gausewitz.
6. Board member Jimmie Thompson, Jr. and Jeanette Goodman.
7. Board member Harlan Crow.
8. David Knowlton.





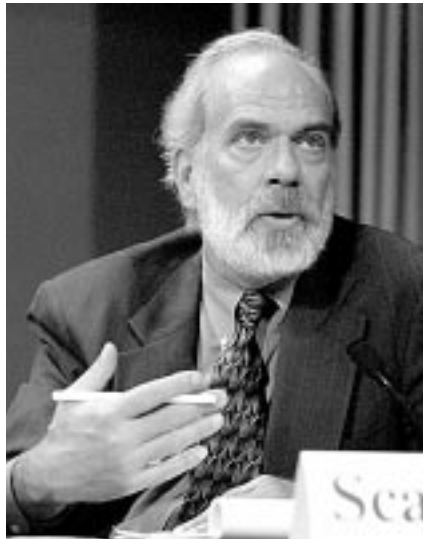
*Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman listens to NCPA President John C. Goodman at an Atlas Foundation Conference.*

## NCPA Experts Speak Across the Country

NCPA experts continue to travel the country, speaking to business leaders and allied organizations.

NCPA Senior Fellow Greg Scandlen spoke on a defined contribution approach to health care in June to Aetna's senior executives in Hartford, Connecticut; Health Care America's conference on Consumer-Driven Health Care in Chicago, Illinois; and to a town meeting on "Health Care in the New Millennium," Englewood, Colorado. In July, he spoke about the problems with HIPAA to a Cato conference in Washington, DC. In August, he returned to the topic of defined contributions for a presentation for the Institute for the Future in San Francisco, California.

NCPA President John Goodman joined other think tank leaders from around the world to help the Atlas Economic Research Foundation celebrate its 20th Anniversary. The celebration featured "An Evening with Milton and Rose Friedman," a two-hour discussion with the free-market icons, which was moderated by Walter Williams and broadcast live to Atlas network institutions throughout Latin America. Goodman, participated in a discussion of how business-



*Senior Fellow Greg Scandlen speaks at a conference at the Cato Institute.*

men and think tanks are joining forces to tackle the important issue of education reform.

Celeste Colgan, director of the NCPA's Women in the Economy project, spoke about the connection between choices women make and public policies that impact those decisions to a group of business women in Dallas. The group was convened by Advocare – a national convention of distributors of nutrition products. She also addressed a group of senior women at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.



*Celeste Colgan, director of the Women in the Economy project, presents new NCPA findings on the role of women in the economy.*

## Women in the Economy Launches Web Site

The Center for the Study of Women in the Economy, the NCPA's newest project, has unveiled a new Internet site. The Center's site [www.WomenintheEconomy.org](http://www.WomenintheEconomy.org) is a virtual study place for anyone interested in women's interaction with American economic life. It seeks to:

- Provide information and perspective regarding women's contribution to the economy;
- Inform citizens of their stake in public policies that particularly impact women;
- Promote constructive, pragmatic conversations about women;
- Suggest solutions that empower individuals and foster fairness, as well as champion individual rights and free enterprise; and
- Raise the level of awareness about public institutions that particularly affect women and their households.

If you would like to support this important project, contact the NCPA Development Department, at 972-386-6272.



*We are especially saddened by the recent loss of our friend, Charlie Ragus, the late president of Advocare. We will always remember his counsel: "Be a difference-maker in others' lives." Charlie certainly made a big difference in ours, and we will miss him greatly. —The NCPA Staff*

## 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, 2001**

**Policy Forum with PHILIP HOWARD**  
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

**October 11, 2001**

**Policy Forum with WAYNE ANGELL**  
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

**October 26, 2001**

**Summers Lecture Series with BILL O'REILLY**  
Wyndham Anatole Hotel

**November 2, 2001**

**Summers Lecture Series with BOB KERREY**  
Wyndham Anatole Hotel

**December 6, 2001**

**Summers Lecture Series with HENRY HYDE**  
Wyndham Anatole Hotel



*NCPA Senior Economist Barry Asmus gives more than 50 speeches a year.*

## New Asmus Book

The epic struggle between interventionist government and free markets is over. The market won. That's the message of *The Best is Yet to Come*, an insightful new book about America's economic future by NCPA Senior Economist Barry Asmus.

The message: Globalization is replacing the Cold War. Driven primarily by capitalism, the Internet is the technology that will reshape the world. America's gift to the world is freedom, the institutions that provide its nexus and the inevitable prosperity that follows. It is the most promising approach to overcoming poverty the world has ever seen.

Whether for business or personal use, this book is a must read if you are interested in what lies ahead for America! For more information or to order a copy, see: <http://www.bestisyet.com>



## Washington Interns

The Washington, D.C. office welcomed four interns, who spent the summer attending Congressional hearings, press conferences and policy forums. They also wrote several opinion-editorials on subjects as far ranging as anti-globalists' neo-colonialism agenda to European biotech restriction's impact on trade. (listed left to right).

**Lisa Young**, a senior majoring in policy analysis and management at Cornell University, joined the NCPA via the Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) based at George Mason University.

**Brad Lega**, a Rice University pre-med senior majoring in philosophy also joined the NCPA via the Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) based at George Mason University.

**Moira O'Brien**, is a senior majoring in government and foreign affairs at the University of Virginia.

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