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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE NCPA

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NCPA Hosts Women's Agenda Conference

The most important social and economic change in the last half-century has been the entry of women into the labor market, but most of our institutions assume women are still in the home. That was the conclusion of scholars at an NCPA conference on Women in the Economy at the National Press Club in March.

Conference speakers discussed a variety of issues, from how the tax law systematically discriminates against two-earner couples to how federal policies toward pensions discriminate against women who move in and out of the labor market and change jobs.

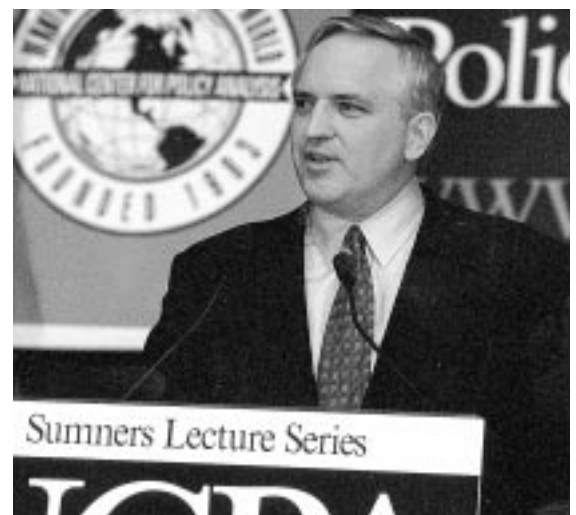


Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison speaks at the NCPA's Women in the Economy conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.



NCPA Board Member Thompson Honored

NCPA President John C. Goodman and NCPA Board Member James Cleo Thompson, who was named "Chief Roughneck" for 2001 in Houston at the recent annual meeting of the Independent Petroleum Association of America. This lifetime achievement award is the most prestigious award among independents in the petroleum industry. It is presented to those leaders who inspire the highest ideals in serving the industry and the community. In March, 2002 Thompson was appointed to serve as a member of the National Petroleum Council, a key advisory body to the Secretary of Energy, Spencer Abraham.



Gigot Speaks at Sumners Lecture

Paul Gigot, editorial page editor of *The Wall Street Journal*, told a recent NCPA Sumners luncheon that the NCPA frequently figures in their editorial deliberations noting that, "on topics ranging from health to Social Security, we look to the NCPA."



R. Glenn Hubbard, Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors.

Health Briefing on Capitol Hill

“People who buy their own health insurance need tax relief,” said R. Glenn Hubbard, Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors, at a congressional briefing co-hosted by the NCPA and the National Association of Business Economics’ Health Economics Roundtable. Hubbard suggested that Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) legislation is one opportunity the administration can use to get Bush’s tax credit proposal “off the ground.”

Hubbard said that tax credits are a way to encourage the uninsured to obtain private health insurance.



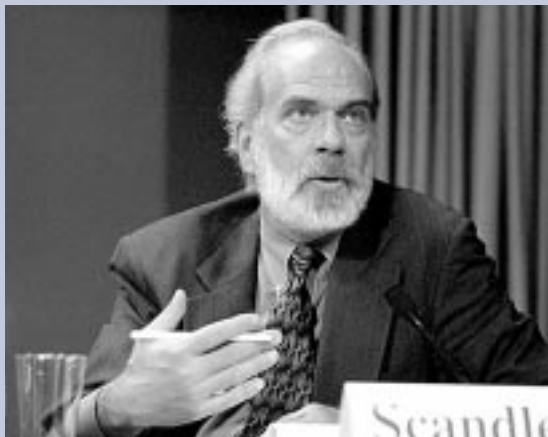
Jim Rodgers, Vice President of the American Medical Association.



Len Nichols, Center for Studying Health System Changes.

Scandlen Speaks to State Legislators

NCPA Senior Fellow Greg Scandlen spoke at an annual meeting of the American Legislative Exchange Council - a national group of state legislators - about the need to reform the structure of state employee health benefits. Ironically, according to Scandlen, public employers have far more flexibility to reform their benefit programs than do private employers because they are not subject to the same federal rules. Unlike the private sector, they are able to set up tax-advantaged MSAs today, under current law, regardless of employer size. They are also able to establish personal and portable health benefits for employees, rather than locking them into one particular plan dependent upon employment.



NCPA Senior Fellow Greg Scandlen.



Colgan Speaks at Cato

NCPA Senior Fellow Celeste Colgan, speaking at a conference in April at the Cato Institute, said that Social Security is unfair to married women who work. Colgan told attendees that when married women enter the labor market the couple’s taxes almost double, but they get only a meager increase in benefits.

Women in the Economy Conference

1. Labor Secretary Elaine Chao, Celeste Colgan and Gov. Pete du Pont.
2. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and John C. Goodman.
3. Gail Wilensky, John M. Olin Senior Fellow, Project HOPE, former Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration.
4. Vickie Bajtelsmit, Associate Professor, Colorado State University.
5. Elaine Chao.
6. Edward McCaffery, Maurice Jones, Jr. Professor, University of Southern California Law School.
7. June O'Neill, Wollman Professor of Economics, Baruch College, City University of New York, former Director of the Congressional Budget Office.
8. Rudolph G. Penner, Senior Fellow, Urban Institute.





Caire , NCPA Book Featured at Forum

“We are losing thousands and thousands of children every year,” said NCPA author Kaleem Caire at a recent forum on the NCPA book, “Myths About School Choice,” hosted by the Cato Institute. Caire suggested that school choice advocates focus too often on the theory of school choice and therefore allow opponents to derail actual programs by spreading false information about them.

NCPA Spring 2002 Event Schedule

The NCPA is pleased to announce the following events for Spring 2002. 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 or register online at www.ncpa.org, on our new user-friendly, secure registration form.



May 9, 2002

Policy Forum with **Harry Stein**

Author of “How I Accidentally Joined the Vast Right-Wing Conspiracy: And Found Inner Peace”

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas



May 28, 2002

Sumners Lecture Series

With Senator **Daniel Patrick Moynihan**

Wyndham Anatole Hotel, Dallas

Conerly Joins NCPA



Bill Conerly, one of the best-known economic consultants in the Pacific Northwest on business and economic issues, has joined the NCPA as a Senior

Fellow. He is also currently an Adjunct Fellow at the American Institute of Full Employment and is the Chairman of the Board of the Cascade Policy Institute. Conerly is a member of Gov. John Kitzhaber’s (OR) Council of Economic Advisors. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from Duke University, and is a chartered financial analyst.

Thom Joins Washington Office



Krista Thom will be holding down the fort at NCPA’s office in Washington as our new office manager. Her assignment is to keep the office running as a “well-

oiled machine.” In this role, she will be responsible for monitoring Congressional activities, including hearing schedules and legislation, and assisting NCPA scholars and supporters when they come to town to deliver speeches, testimony and media appearances. A graduate of the University of Dallas, Krista comes to the NCPA from the Washington office of Senator Phil Gramm. She will be reporting to Senior Fellow Greg Scandlen.

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