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President's Message

When I heard that, on Monday's address to the National Governors' Association, President Obama devoted most of his speech to education, I took note. "We are calling for a redesigned Elementary and Secondary Education Act..." said Obama. Oh no. For, nowhere has the liberal assault on America been more pervasive than in the area of education.

Our public school children have been dumbed-down as a result of years of liberal education policies and curricula. By design, these policies have diminished the ability of our children to become independent thinkers. Having a nation of sheeple who are conditioned to rely on their government for guidance and support will guarantee generations of liberal-minded voters.

Ever more insidious is the attack on our sovereign identity. The

wisdom of the Founders, along with the history of our Constitution and our great Nation, is being revised or stricken from our history books. Erasing the origins of our liberties and Republic will develop a nation of Globalists suitable to the goals of an international liberal agenda. And now this agenda has arrived here in North Carolina. Most recently, the Tarheel State's Department of Instruction proposed to not teach American history prior to 1877. (see the Legislative Report on page 4 for more information).

When I lived and taught History in Hawaii, American history prior to the Civil War was not being taught. Recently on talk radio, teachers across our nation have called in about the revisions to history curricula, in some places getting rid of American history altogether. As Karl Marx once said, "If you can cut peo-

ple off from their history, they can be easily persuaded."

Our Nation is still the greatest nation on Earth. We must keep it that way. We must not feel guilty about being the best. Most importantly, we must have our children learn about America's true heritage. "Obamao" and his comrades are eager to use the same tactics that the Soviet Union and China used to condition generations of children into good, loyal socialists. It is, therefore, imperative that we support and vote for solid, conservatively-minded Republicans who recognize and are willing to stop this madness.

Nota bene: Our March 8th meeting will be held at a new venue, **Moka Joe's Coffee Shop** at 202 Wilmington Hwy. Although no purchase is required, the full Moka Joe's menu will be available.

Suzanne Brown



Mark Your Calendar!

February 26: Lincoln-Reagan Day Dinner, Swansboro Rotary Club, 6pm

March 8: OCRW meeting, Moka Joe's Coffee Shop, 202 Wilmington Hwy, 6:30pm

March 13: Onslow County Republican Con-

vention and Precincts Meeting, Onslow County Courthouse, 8:30am registration, 9am start

April 12: OCRW meeting, 6:30pm

April 17: Third District Convention, Swansboro High School, 9am registration, 10am start

Quotes & Inspiration

"A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul."

— George Bernard Shaw

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NC Federation of Republican Women www.ncrfw.com

North Carolina Republican Party www.ncgop.org

John W. Pope Civitas Institute www.nccivitas.org

The Heritage Foundation www.heritage.org

FreedomWorks www.freedomworks.org

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Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute www.cbipi.org

The Patriotic Resistance www.resistnet.com

Did You Know?

Obama's First Year

A By-The-Numbers Look

13 million—Number of people 16 and older unemployed as of January 2009.

14.7 million—Number of people 16 and older unemployed as of December 2009.

7.7 percent—Unemployment rate January 2009

10.0 percent—Unemployment rate December 2009

34,400—U.S. troops in Afghanistan in January 2009.

70,000—U.S. troops in Afghanistan as of Jan. 12, 2010.

539—Appointments to top federal policy positions submitted to the Senate

352—Appointments confirmed by the Senate

12—Formal news conferences.

21—Foreign countries visited.

29—States visited.

10—Visits to Camp David.

2—Vacations.

Article of Interest

THE UNPRESIDENTIAL PRESIDENT

JENNIFER RUBIN/COMMENTARYMAGAZINE.COM

The New York Times has a rather jaw-dropping look into the inability of Obama to do his job. This report recounts a meeting with lawmakers in mid-January:

As the clock neared 1 a.m., the two sides were at an impasse. Mr. Obama stood up. "See what you guys can figure out," one participant remembers him saying, adding that the failed effort left the president mad. Another Democrat who was there, Representative Henry A. Waxman of California, said Mr. Obama left "frustrated that while he was putting out ways to bridge the problem, we hadn't reached a conclusion."

Everything is so hard, it seems, for Obama. The Middle East is hard. Health-care reform is hard. None of it just "happens," as he might have imagined would happen when he appeared on the scene.

The Times tries to put it gently, suggesting that "Mr. Obama has not been the sort to bludgeon his party into following his lead or to intimidate reluctant legislators." Maybe "it is not clear whether his gentle, consensus-building style will be enough." He is just too darn "lofty" and also doggone devoted to "appeals to conscience and history that were his hallmark on the campaign trail." Hmm. Could it be none of that is really the problem – and rather that he's just not very effective when it comes to getting things done?

A little reality slips in via one lawmaker, who says Obama needs more "toughness" and doesn't, come to think of it, really dominate the room. What?! The President of the United States doesn't dominate the room? What's he there for, then?

Well, his spinners say it's not like the old days, when LBJ could twist arms and get things done. Perhaps. But Bill Clinton got things done. Ronald Reagan got things done. And in the first term George W. Bush got things done as well. They all, you see, were up to the task of being president, which includes figuring out where a deal is plausible, persuading recalcitrant lawmakers, and coming up with proposals that have some chance of passing.

This is all a bit bracing, isn't it? A president who can't make deals, who doesn't dominate the room, and who, as a result, really hasn't accomplished anything. It turns out he lacks some basic skills and the disposition that make for a successful president. It doesn't mean he can't improve, but it's been a year and there's no sign of things getting any better.

Legislative Report

The Obama Administration's Push for Climate Legislation

Reuters has reported that President Obama is "optimistic about climate change legislation." On Feb 16 President Obama announced an \$8.3 billion loan guarantee to assist the Southern Company in building two nuclear reactors. President Obama wants legislation that would "cap greenhouse emissions from industry and expand the use of renewable energy such as wind and solar." But with cap and trade legislation in jeopardy, the Obama administration has plans to side-step legislation and to direct the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate greenhouse gases. **Senator Lisa Murkowski R- Alaska** is working on legislation to prevent the EPA from having that power.

Because of the controversies, several prominent companies such as **British Petroleum (BP), Conoco-Phillips and Caterpillar, Inc.** recently said they will not continue their membership in the U.S. Climate Action Partnership whose mission was to garner support for capping greenhouse gas emissions. Arizona's governor, **Jan Brewer**, has also suspended Arizona's participation in an initiative that joins with other states in fighting

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Article of Interest

Washington Remains Clueless

They say that the first step to a recovery is accepting that you have a problem.

Well, in Washington, D.C. spend-happy politicians haven't taken that step. They're clueless as to why our country remains in an economic recession with a national unemployment rate in double digits. And even though lawmakers have repeatedly tried and failed to stimulate our economy with costly spending bills, they're considering even more spending in the months to come.

Instead of looking at other ways at stimulating our economy, Congress is bent on sticking to their spend-happy ways – which would further add to our ballooning deficit.

Just a year ago, President Obama signed the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act," promising us a swift economic recovery by putting more Americans to work. However upon closer inspection, it's clear that the so-called "stimulus bill" was nothing more than pork-barrel spending.

Skeptics of the stimulus bill have been vindicated a year after we faced harsh criticism from many on the Left. Recent statistics show the unemployment rate hovering around 10 percent. And according to The Washington Post, the unemployment rate for Hispanics stands closer to 13 percent. In light of these figures, it's fair to say that our economy is struggling and the stimulus bill has failed.

Yet the White House continues to insist that this massive piece of legislation was a resounding success. In fact, it wasn't long ago that the administration claimed the stimulus bill had "saved or created" a large number of jobs (the actual number changed repeatedly). The White House has since stopped this practice, since there's no verifiable way of attributing job growth to the stimulus bill. And yet that hasn't stopped the president from dispatching Cabinet officials to 35 communities across the country to tout the stimulus' "success."

As if this weren't bad enough, lawmakers are considering another economic stimulus bill, filled with even more wasteful spending. It, too, would do nothing to improve our econ-

ISRAEL ORTEGA/ THE AMERICANO

omy. Apparently, Congress is convinced that the third time will be the charm.

Lawmakers would do better to approve the various free-trade agreements that remain stalled in Congress. By opening our markets through increased trade, we could create more jobs here in our country. Already-negotiated, "shovel ready" U.S. trade agreements with Colombia, Panama and South Korea are being held up in Congress because powerful labor unions oppose them.

These unions helped to craft President Obama's current trade policies. Liberals don't want to upset these powerful labor unions and put their hefty political campaign donations at risk,

Politics shouldn't interfere with sound policy decision-making. In our recently published 2010 Index of Economic Freedom, trade analysts and economists showed the benefits that increased trade can have on economies. In an increasingly globalized world, protectionism is simply lousy policy.

Instead of writing another blank check for yet another stimulus bill, lawmakers could consider cutting tax rates for more Americans. Doing so would return more of our hard-earned money, and allow individuals to decide for themselves when and where to spend it. Similarly, reducing taxes would be particularly beneficial for small-business owners, who could decide to use some of that money to expand their businesses or hire additional workers.

Sadly, none of these ideas are on the table as Congress and the president march forward with plans for spending our money protecting union jobs and punishing American consumers.

Many of us have no choice but to pay off credit card and utility bills at the end of every month. But Congress seems to believe it can continue spending incessantly without a worry in the world. At this rate, we'll eventually see our taxes go up. And all to satisfy Congress' appetite for spending — unless politicians get a clue.

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Scholarship Report

Applications are now available for the 2010 Onslow County Republican Women's Club Scholarship which is awarded to assist a graduating Onslow County high school senior. **The deadline for this \$500 scholarship is April 17.** Please contact **Judy Adams** at 910-938-2569 (jadams@ec.rr.com) for more information.

Membership Report

Regular membership dues have increased to \$20, starting January 2010. Associate memberships are still only \$10. See the last page of the newsletter for a membership application.



NCFRW News

In the midst of a blustery snowfall, the **North Carolina Federation of Republican Women** held its Winter Board Meeting on February 12-13 at the Pinehurst Resort in Pinehurst. Keynote speakers included **Senator Raymond Burr** and NCGOP **Chairman Tom Fetzer**. Workshops covered winning campaigns, increasing club membership, and a Board of Elections update.



OBAMA AT WATERLOO.

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Legislative Report

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climate change through emissions control on businesses and consumers. On February 16, authorities in Texas filed a legal action against the EPA's efforts to cap greenhouse emissions under the Clean Air Act. Even now, Al Gore and President Obama hold to their views on climate change, claiming that climate ruin is coming unless "the world reorganizes its economies with huge new taxes on carbon." President Obama's recently released 2011 budget contains many regulations aimed at decreasing greenhouse gas emissions.

Our State

Update on N.C. Proposals for Changing the High School History Curriculum

On February 3, 2010 Fox News reported that the N.C. Department of Public Instruction (DPI) had proposed only teaching high school history beginning with the presidency of Rutherford B. Hayes in 1877, that would have eliminated instruction on the founding of our nation and all American history prior to 1877.

In a telephone conversation on February 11, a representative from DPI Communications said that DPI had received over 3000 calls and comments in a week and that they are working on a new draft proposal that will split U.S. History into two classes, one from the founding to 1877 and the second from 1877 to date.

On Feb 11, WRAL.com reported opposition on the initial proposal from Holly Brewer, Associate Professor of Early American History at N.C. State University, and from Governor Beverly Perdue.

DPI said there will be several rounds of revision, and that a second draft should be ready for the N.C. Board of Education to review in March. It could take up to a year to finalize the curriculum plans and changes will not be effective until 2013 or later.

The website is: www.ncpublicschools.org/acre/standards/phase2. Some of the ideas for teaching history from 1877 to present are still worrisome. Don't let our children forget our Founders or Constitution! Contact 1) Tracy Greggs at 919-807-3836 or via email tgreggs@dpi.state.nc.us; or 2) Linda Fuller in DPI Communications at 919-807-3475. Also make your voices heard by calling June Atkinson, State Superintendent, at 919-807-3430 or via email jatkinson@dpi.state.nc.us.

