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*Fresh king salmon broiled to perfection & topped
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Lunches must be pre-ordered.

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ROBIN McCARTHY
West Valley RWF President



DISCERNMENT

I remember a time when I was young, and I saw a commercial on TV for some product. I thought it was a good product because of the claims made in the commercial. Somehow the discussion came up at the dinner table one night and I recall saying “it must be true, or they would not be allowed to say it”. Of course, my parents thought my statement was hilarious. That was the beginning of my discernment lesson.

Over the years I’ve been able to exercise my discernment muscle especially when it came to advertising and marketing. I’ve studied how easy it is to become a victim of marketing propaganda. It’s easy to trick the mind into thinking something is good, just by the way it is presented, only to discover it’s not good at all. I enjoyed studying this topic in college and found it fascinating.

As a proud American, I believed the media would not lead me astray. I read articles from journalists like Carl Bernstein, who broke the Watergate scandal along with *Bob Woodward (oh how far he has strayed from truth now)*. Ed Bradley was on the nightly news covering the Vietnam War. Tom Brokaw anchored NBC’s *Nightly News* and became a familiar face in the elections from 1982 all the way to 2004. The 1980s was also a time for women in journalism to emerge with icons such as Barbara Walters, Connie Chung, and even Oprah Winfrey. Yes, there was a time I enjoyed listening to the wisdom of Oprah Winfrey. What was I thinking? I wasn’t. Discernment muscle, where are you?

Like many others, I began to wake up on September 11, 2001. The stories the media was telling me were no longer matching the reality of what I was seeing. The propaganda, defined as “*information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote or publicize a particular political cause or point of view*” started to rear its ugly head. Nightly news anchors and journalists I once respected, Dan Rather and Brian Williams to name a couple, were embroiled in controversy for presenting false information. Yes, let’s focus on exercising that discernment muscle!

Today I read the headlines, and I’m appalled at the propaganda. Is this America? What is happening? There is no such thing as a “trustworthy” network anymore. If you follow the money, you understand that the same people that fund CNN, fund many of the networks we believe are conservative.

Friends and family send me articles to read with comments like “can you believe this?”, or “how can he do this?”, or “did you know this about him?”. The answer is a resounding NO NO NO! It’s not true, do your homework and research for yourself. It is not safe to trust any sources of information blindly. We must all learn to use discernment.

It’s taken me years to learn this lesson and believe that my own beloved country falls prey to the propaganda machine. We are taking it back, but the message I leave you all with, is what about the generations to follow? What are we leaving them? How do we break this propaganda machine? Let us be a light on the path for those that follow, and help our young people learn to exercise their discernment muscle.

This is our country. Let’s not let it fail.



MEET OUR SPEAKER



Born and raised in China, Mr. Nan Su came to the U.S. in 1989. Mr. Su has been married for 34 years, and currently lives with his wife and two daughters in San Jose, California.

Mr. Su is a China expert and news commentator for over 20 years, serving NTD TV network and SOH radio network. His presentations in the past have covered a wide range of topics related to traditional Chinese culture, China's human rights, forced organ harvesting, economy and politics in China, Sino-US relation, COVID, and so on. He has given over 300 presentations to various independent and RWF groups in Northern California and is a favorite guest of West Valley RWF!

Nan Su currently is a senior investigative reporter at the Epoch Times, a newspaper published in 36 countries and in 21 languages. Titled *CCP's Economic and Technological Warfare Against the United States*, his presentation will further enlighten us on the motives and strategy of China's escalating efforts on its global expansion and what it means for America's relationship with China going forward.



Kevin Kiley
United States Congressman

We are [just] days away from Election Day, and I am cautiously hopeful about my own reelection and the passage of Prop. 36. But our opponents are still throwing everything they can at us. Thank you to all for your support in both races.

Today, a new PPIC study confirmed that Prop. 47 significantly increased property crime in California. Of course, a study isn't really necessary – stores aren't keeping shampoo and conditioner under lock and key for fun. Prop. 36 will reverse this trend by making crime illegal again.

This election comes as the long-time trend of Democrats gaining on Republicans in California has been reversed for four straight voter registration cycles. Whichever party you typically support, more balance is good news for our state; the coalition for common sense is ascendant.

Another sign we could be turning a corner is the local DA races. LA District Attorney George Gascón is about to lose his reelection in an absolute landslide. The DA for Oakland is also facing a recall amidst out-of-control crime.

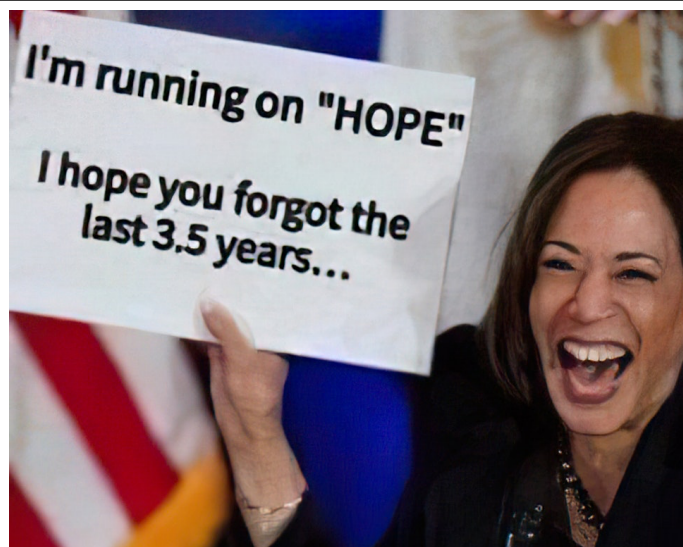
In other news, this past Sunday science fiction became reality. SpaceX launched its Starship rocket, the most powerful ever built – and then minutes later, the rocket returned to the same tower from which it was launched, caught using giant “chopsticks.”

What is just as stunning as the feat itself is the fact that the bureaucracy wanted to stop it. After the FAA invented absurd bureaucratic reasons to delay the launch by two months, I confronted FAA head Michael Whitaker about it at a hearing.

You can watch my questioning here, during which Whitaker made numerous statements that were proven false. The next day, I gave a speech on the House Floor questioning his fitness to lead the FAA. Thankfully, a few days ago the FAA relented and cleared Sunday's historic launch.

Yet amidst the positives, there is some bad news: Newsom's CARB board is planning to raise gas prices by 65 cents per gallon. Conveniently, they're doing it 3 days *after* the election. We are restoring sanity in California, but plenty of insanity remains.

Visit “Capitol Quagmire” for more from Kevin Kiley @ <https://blog.electkevinkiley.com>.





CFRW President

Lydia Kanno

October 21, 2024

**November 5, 2024, Statewide Ballot Measures
CFRW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED POSITIONS**

PROPOSITION 2 - OPPOSE

Authorizes Bonds for Public School and Community College Facilities.

PROPOSITION 3 - OPPOSE

Constitutional Right to Marriage.

PROPOSITION 4 - OPPOSE

Authorizes Bonds for Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, and Protecting Communities and Natural Lands from Climate Risks.

PROPOSITION 5 - OPPOSE

Allows Local Bonds for Affordable Housing and Public Infrastructure with 55% Voter Approval.

PROPOSITION 6 – OPPOSE

Eliminates Constitutional Provision Allowing Involuntary Servitude for Incarcerated Persons.

PROPOSITION 32 - OPPOSE

Raises Minimum Wage.

PROPOSITION 33 - OPPOSE

Expands Local Governments' Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property.

PROPOSITION 34 - NEUTRAL

Restricts Spending of Prescription Drug Revenues by Certain Health Care Providers.

PROPOSITION 35 - NEUTRAL

Provides Permanent Funding for Medi-Cal Health Care Services.

PROPOSITION 36 - SUPPORT

Allows Felony Charges and Increases Sentences for Certain Drug and Theft Crimes.

Thank you for all that you do for the Federation, your family, and your country. Together we will win and win big!!!

The Power of One Vote, YOUR Vote. Use It!

In 1800 – Thomas Jefferson was elected President by one vote in the House of Representatives after a tie in the Electoral College.

In 1824 – Andrew Jackson won the presidential popular vote but lost by one vote in the House of Representatives to John Quincy Adams after an Electoral College dead-lock.

In 1845 – The U.S. Senate passed the convention annexing Texas by two votes (27/25).

In 1846 – President Polk's request for a Declaration of War against Mexico passed by one vote.

In 1867 – The Alaska purchase was ratified in the Senate by two votes: 37-2, paving the way for future statehood.

In 1868 – President Andrew Johnson was Impeached but not convicted because the Senate was one vote shy of the necessary two thirds required.

In 1876 – Samuel Tilden won the presidential popular vote but came up one electoral vote shy and lost to Rutherford B. Hayes.

In 1941 – Congress amended the active-service component of the Selective Service Act from one year to two-and-a-half years by one vote, 203 to 202.

In 1948 – A Texas Convention voted for Lyndon B. Johnson over ex-Governor Coke Steven in a contested Senatorial election.

In 1962 – Governors of Maine, Rhode Island and North Dakota were elected by an average of one vote per precinct.

In 1977 – Vermont State representative Sydney Nixon was seated as an apparent one vote winner, 570 to 569. Mr. Nixon resigned when the State House determined, after a recount, that he had actually lost to his opponent Robert Emond 572 to 571.

In 1989 – A Lansing, Michigan School District millage proposition failed when the final recount produced a tie vote 5,147 for, and 5,147 against. On the original vote count, votes against the proposition were ten more than those in favor. The result meant that the school district had to reduce its budget by \$2.5 million.

In 1994 – 1.1 votes per precinct in Alaska elected Tony Knowles as Governor and Fran Ulmer as Lieutenant Governor out of 216,668 votes cast in the General Election.

In 1994 – Republican Randall Luthi and Independent Larry Call tied for a seat in the Wyoming House of Representatives from the Jackson Hole area with 1,941 votes each. A recount produced the same result. Mr. Luthi was finally declared the winner when, in a drawing before the State Canvassing Board, a ping pong ball bearing his name was pulled from the cowboy hat of Democratic Governor Mike Sullivan.

In 1997 – Dakota Democrat John McIntyre led Republican Hal Wick 4,195 to 4,191 for the second seat in Legislative District 12 on election night. A subsequent recount showed Wick the winner at 4,192 to 4,191. The State Supreme Court however, ruled that one ballot counted for Wick was invalid due to an over-vote. This left the race a tie. After hearing arguments from both sides, the State Legislature voted to seat Wick 46 to 20.

In 2000 – The Presidential election was decided by an extremely narrow margin. George W. Bush won the state of Florida by just 537 votes, making him the next President of the United States. Close to 6 million voters went to the polls in Florida. It might not have been by one vote, but certainly every vote counted.

In 2006 – Connecticut's 2nd U.S. Congressional seat was won by Joe Courtney with 121,252 votes to Rob Simmons' 121,158; a difference of only 94 votes.

In 2008 – Stockton, California: The Stockton Unified School Trustee Area No. 3 seat was won by one vote. Jose Morales received 2,302 votes while Anthony Silva received 2,301.

In 2008 – Minnesota voters cast 2.9 million votes in their US Senate race that may be decided by as few as 200 votes (1/1000th of one %).

In 2010 – In Nevada, the Nye County Primary contest for County Commissioner District IV was a dead heat with both Butch Borasky and Carl Moore receiving 381 votes. In the Lincoln County Primary, the District Attorney race was decided by only 3 votes.





IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

This month we begin our Early Renewal program. Our Primary Members who pay your 2025 dues by **December 1st** will get your name entered into a prize drawing at our annual Members Christmas Party Luncheon AND get you a \$10 discount! A dues renewal form, and the Christmas Luncheon flyer both appear in this edition of our newsletter. New Member dues paid this year after October 1st will be counted for 2025 and you will be added to our newsletter distribution list.

Return on investment? **Dues give 3-to-1 returns:** Memberships in West Valley RWF, the California Federation and the National Federation of Republican Women! Best deal in town!

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE FEDERATION

As a member you join a network of nationwide like-minded women from across the country who...

- Have a magnified voice as tens of thousands of us are heard across the country on issues important to women and in our support of Republican principles, initiatives and candidates;
- Are exposed to powerful networking opportunities with other Clubs and Members across the state and nation at biennial conventions;
- Exert influence on Republican legislators and party officials at the local, State and National levels;
- Learn valuable skills in Leadership, mentoring, membership recruitment, issue advocacy and more;
- Are able to engage with dynamic elected officials, party representatives, political experts and other nationally-recognized leaders;
- Have abundant opportunity to participate in our community service programs which promote Americanism, the Armed Services, literacy, private sector initiatives, volunteerism and more;
- Enjoy State and National Conferences and Conventions;
- Have access to NFRW's online resource library;
- Are offered free attendance to Campaign Management School;
- May attend free Training events - Empower Hour and Bitesize Tools;
- Attend Exclusive Programming with national leaders;
- Have a forum to serve as leaders in the political arena and to serve as mentors to the next generation;
- And who enjoy lifelong friendships across the country with Federated Republican Women!

2025 Primary Member = \$60/year (*\$50 if renewed by December 1, 2024*)

2025 Sustaining Member = \$80/year (*for members wishing to offer additional financial support*)

2025 Associate Member = \$25/year (*open to republican Gentleman and to Women already Primary members of another RWF club*)

Founded in 1925, the California Federation of Republican Women celebrate their 100th Birthday in 2025. You join a historic institution, founded by Republican Women with the mission of supporting and electing Republican candidates, and educating members in the principles of the Republican Party. We are a diverse demographic of Republican Women from all walks of life and welcome you to our nationwide network of over 50,000 members and growing!

Join us – use the form on the bottom of page 7!

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FOLLOW THE MONEY

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Have you ever wondered where your annual dues money goes? Republican Women Federated Clubs really know how to stretch a dollar and your annual dues go a lot farther than you may realize.

Here's where it goes:

Of your \$60 annual dues, \$27.00 is sent immediately to CFRW. They disburse that money as follows:

\$20.00 is forwarded to the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) for your membership in the largest volunteer political women's organization in the United States.

\$4.00 is allocated to the General Account of the California Federation of Republican Women (CFRW), where you join thousands Republican Women in one of the largest State Federations in the Country.

\$3.00 goes to support CFRW's payroll account for the staffing needs, i.e. Data Center management.

\$33.00 remains for West Valley RWF's use to fund the many activities of our Club:

- Support our NFRW scholarship programs
- Support CFRW campaign to help the Young Americas Foundation, educating & training Conservative youth
- Provide additional support to our CFRW as a "Golden Eagle Ambassador"
- Printing & distribution of monthly newsletters
- Pay registration fees, hotel & meal expenses for our club President to attend Federated conferences & conventions
- Pay a portion of our Primary members' registration fees for our Primary Members to attend Federated conferences conventions
- Lunch, travel expenses and/or speaker fees...*enhances our ability to attract high profile speakers for 2025!*
- Fund mailing campaigns for outreach to registered Republican Women...*ramping up for growth in 2025!*
- Provide for the building and managing of a Club website...*new for 2025!*

JOIN OR RENEW NOW FOR 2025!

"If you're not in a seat at the table, you're on the menu!"

-Senator Shannon Grove speaking on the importance of getting involved.

Please fill in the following information and enclose with your check made **payable to West Valley RWF.**

Mail to: **Kristina Jansons**, 5108 Yorkton Way, San Jose CA 95130



Print Name: _____ **E-mail:** _____

I am registered as Republican

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Renewal *New Member* *Sustaining* *Associate** *College* *+Donation*
 \$60* \$60* \$80or + \$25 \$27 as desired
(*\$50 if paid before December 1st)

[We do not use your e-mail for anything other than important Federation communications!]

(***Associate women:** please note the name of the Federated club to which you are paying your regular membership dues: _____).

*** Associate men: Republican Gentlemen are always welcome to attend our General Meetings, and we invite you to join us in a supporting role as Associate Members!**

NEWS SUMMARY
Patriotpost.us – 10/23/24

Click on the blue links to read more!

- **Democrats regret their coup:** With election polls showing a toss-up victory for Kamala Harris at best or a landslide win for Donald Trump at worst, panicking Democrats [have begun to question](#) whether the ouster of Joe Biden was the wrong move. The Leftmedia fanfare and “good vibes” when Harris first took over are gone, as she has failed to deliver despite a mountain of positive press singing her praises while simultaneously vilifying Trump as a “threat to democracy.” Hence, there seems to be growing remorse and a belief that Biden, despite his clearly diminished state, is the better politician with broader support. Indeed, Bob Woodward delves into Biden’s record as president in his new book, *War*, wherein he argues that Joe’s diminishment was physical and not mental. Meanwhile, despite no concerns regarding her age or physical ability, Harris clearly lacks the political dexterity to get her message across in an easily understandable and winsome manner. The more Americans have gotten to know her, the more she has turned them off.
- **James Carville calls for insurrection:** You can feel the panic among leftists as they feel a presidential election slipping away. And desperate times call for desperate and unhinged rhetoric — including talk of insurrection. Take former Clinton strategist James Carville, for example. In a recent chat with MSNBC’s Ari Melber, Corporal Cueball reflected on the political environment just prior to the two bloodiest conflicts in the history of the Republic: the Civil War and World War II. “When the Republic was threatened,” [said Carville](#), “people picked up arms and answered the call. Or, you know, in 1965, in the middle of the Civil Rights movement, I think people decided they were gonna take matters into their own hands and create a better country, and that’s what I hope we do here in the next few weeks.” So, where’s the outrage? Where are the denunciations from Carville’s fellow Democrats about this dangerous rhetoric, this call to arms, this naked threat to “the peaceful transfer of power” that they’re constantly chirping about?
- **Obama mystified by division:** “I don’t understand how we got so toxic and just so divided and so bitter,” [Barack Obama marveled](#) at a campaign rally for Kamala Harris in Wisconsin on Tuesday. Well, Obama might find the answer to that question by taking a hard look in the mirror. After all, there’s a reason why he was dubbed the “divider-in-chief.” To borrow a phrase from his pastor, Jeremiah Wright, Barack’s “chickens are coming home to roost.” In 2008, Obama smeared Republican voters as “bitter” for how they “cling to guns or religion.” In 2014, he [called racism](#) “something that’s deeply rooted in our society, deeply rooted in our history.” He infamously and repeatedly lectured and scolded Americans who didn’t share his political views as “backward” and “on the wrong side of history.” And he now [bullies black men](#) into voting for Harris. While Obama claimed to want to unite America, his clear expectation was for everyone to get in line with *his* political vision. No wonder we’re more divided than before he came onto the scene.
- **Joe Rogan will soon experience Donald Trump:** The political media winds are [shifting away](#) from the Big Three networks and toward other media outlets, and Donald Trump gets it. Much like Ronald Reagan talked over the top of the networks and directly to the American people, Trump is taking his message to audiences that might not otherwise hear it. On Friday, for example, Trump will head to Austin, Texas, to do an interview with Joe Rogan, whose podcast boasts 14 million followers on Spotify. Rogan has been critical of Trump in the past, even blurting out the leftist idiocy that he is “an existential threat to democracy.” But, as Politico [notes](#), “Rogan has more recently been complimentary of Trump, saying last month that the economy under Trump ‘did really well and he really did try to cut some of the [crap] down that’s going on in this country.’”
- **Trump now leads Harris by 11 points among Hispanics:** A recent [USA Today/Suffolk poll](#) showed a tight race between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump, but it’s hard to see how they have it so tight, given Harris’s continued hemorrhage of core Democrat constituencies. For example, buried beneath the top-line news from that poll is a stunning stat about the voting preference of the nation’s largest minority: “The new poll showed Latino voters backing Trump with 49% to Harris’ 38%.” What this shows is that Trump continues to expand the Republican tent. As Fox News [reports](#), he continued to make his case to Hispanics during a roundtable with Latino leaders in Miami yesterday. So much for the Democrats’ cynical belief that a browner America is a more “Democratic” America.



MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY!
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024 at NOON

At the home of member Lorene Milligan
1755 Clarence Ct. – San Jose

RSVP to Grace Russo – 408-499-1695



Cost: \$20
Payable to West Valley RWF

*There will be a **prize drawing** for many **nice** items, including a **free lunch** at one of our regular meetings.

*To have your name in the drawing, you **must have paid your 2025 dues** before December 1st!

There will also be a very special additional opportunity for all attendees to enter to win a beautiful multi-wood charcuterie board, handmade by Pat McCarthy!

This year, as part of our ‘Caring For America’ program we are pleased to support the Young America’s Foundation (at Reagan Ranch) and our local women’s shelter, Next Door Solutions! Your financial donations are so appreciated, especially at this time of year! **Please make donation checks payable to “YAF” and/or “Next Door Solutions” and drop them into the donation box at the**



YOUR LUNCHEON RSVP MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1st!

Please mail your luncheon check, **payable to West Valley RWF**, with this tear-off for the luncheon by December 1, 2022.

Mail to: Grace Russo, 2393 Karen Dr. #3, Santa Clara CA

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Check # _____ enclosed for \$20



Refunds cannot not be made on cancellations after December 1st.

To keep our accounting simple, please **do not pay your Dues Renewal with this form**. There is a separate form in this newsletter on page 7 for your convenience.

WEST VALLEY RWF

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UPCOMING EVENTS
PLAN AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

All lunch meetings: Check-in 11:30am and Adjourn 1:30pm

- November 5 **VOTE REPUBLICAN!**
- November 6 West Valley RWF BOD Meeting, 11:00am, Flames Coffee Shop, 7170 Santa Teresa Blvd., San Jose, CA 95139
- November 21 West Valley RWF General Meeting w/**Nan Su**
- November 28 **Thanksgiving Day!**
- December 5 **West Valley RWF Members Christmas Luncheon** at home of Lorene Milligar
** (2025 Dues paid by December 1, 2024 will get our Primary members a \$10 discount AND get their name entered into the prize drawing at our Christmas luncheon!)**
- December 25 **Christmas Day!**
- Dec. 25-Jan. 1 **Hanukkah!**
- January 16 West Valley RWF General Meeting w/**TBD**
- January 20 **INAUGURATION DAY!**



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