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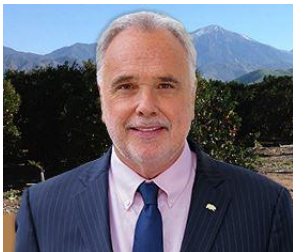
Our next luncheon meeting is Thursday, November 7, 2019

Social 11:30 AM, Lunch 12 Noon, Cost \$24.00

Call Doris Sloniker (408)705 -2904 or visit www.svrwf.org for reservations before noon Monday prior to meeting. "A reservation made is a reservation paid! ~ Vegetarian option always available"

Menu Choices: London Broil –Tender strips of London Broil topped with sautéed mushrooms served au jus OR Broiled Salmon –Fresh King Salmon broiled to perfection & topped with fresh Dill OR Salads - Cobb, Caesar or Chicken Caesar.

Our speaker will be Senator Mike Morrell, representing California's 23rd Senate District.



A small business owner for over 25 years, Senator Morrell understands the issues faced by residents and businesses in the Inland Empire. Senator Morrell's view of government is simple: government exists to serve the public, not to be served by it. The right to private property, the gift of free enterprise, and government by consent are central tenets to our nation and its continued prosperity. Mike is committed to restoring fiscal responsibility and an approach to government that limits government's power and ranks the citizen above the state.

Prior to his time in public office, Mike was an active member of the California Republican Assembly. He served on the Business Advisory Boards of former State Senator Bill Leonard and former Assemblyman Fred Aguiar, in addition to the Small Business Council of former Assemblyman Bill Emmerson. Mike graduated from Damien High School in La Verne and earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business at the University of La Verne. Mike and his family are committed to preserving freedom for the next generation. They place a high priority on ensuring public awareness and understanding of the principles of limited, Constitutional government. Mike and his wife Joanie have been married for over 41 years and have three adult children.

Save the Date – December 5th - RWF Holiday Party

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I have no idea what to say. This is a very sad time for me, but we must be realistic and move forward in a positive direction. At this point in time we do not have enough members who want to lead our club so the best we can do is merge with another Federated club. West Valley has agreed to have us join their club and so I hope that you will all try to attend our meeting on November 7th. We then can take an official vote to merge with West Valley RWF.

We will have our first meeting with them on December 5th at our usual meeting location, The Blue Pheasant! This will be a wonderful occasion to really get to know the ladies of West Valley and celebrate the coming holidays with more like-minded women.

We did have the occasion to have our October meeting at their meeting location because of the power outage brought to us by the state of California. Blue Pheasant had no electricity and we arrived for our Board Meeting and someone (Thank you, whoever you are!) had the presence of mind to call Holder's Inn and see if they could accommodate us, what a wonderful surprise when their reply was come on over we will set up the meeting room for you! I am sure we will all be happy at this location and becoming a larger group will give us many more Republican Woman to mingle with every month.

Please also remember that in November we honor our Veterans so I will pass an envelope and either put a check or a few dollars in for the Veterans Hospital in Palo Alto and I will get it to them. I am very proud that we have done this every year since before I joined the club in the late 90's and they always appreciate our donation.

I will end with asking you all to pray for President Trump. I have never seen anyone as vicious as the Democrats are right now. They must really be afraid of him shining a light on their agenda to destroy the country as we know it. I think it has been a result of so many Americans praying for him that has allowed him to be so positive in the face of such withering attacks and to look so much younger after his three years of running this country. God bless him and God Bless America!

Laura Riffle

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Nov 3 | "Fall Back"! Daylight Savings Time Ends |
| Nov 7 | SVRWF General Meeting, 11:30-1:30 PM, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, Cupertino, \$24 |
| Nov 11 | Veteran's Day! |
| Nov 21 | West Valley RWF lunch meeting w/ALLISON OLSON, CFRW's Legislative Advocate! |
| Nov 28 | Thanksgiving Day! |
| Dec 5 | RWF CHRISTMAS PARTY!, 11:30-1:30 PM, Blue Pheasant Restaurant, Cupertino |

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MEMBER NEWS

SVRWF Celebrates Veterans Day: Remember to bring your checkbook for donating to the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital. Let us remember our military and thank them for their service.

SVRWF Christmas Party Luncheon December 5th This will be a fun event and we plan to have a special holiday program with WVRWF members at the Blue Pheasant. Invite a friend.

West Valley Republican Women Federated: Check out our sister club's website for upcoming events in our area at www.westvalleyrwf.org



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and other state and regional news...

California Federation of Republican Women
Nam-Yong Horn, President

CFRW elected a new Executive Committee at their Convention in Bakersfield CA on October 19, 2019. As part of our restructure, effective 1/1/2020, California will have 9 regions, rather than Northern, Central & Southern Divisions. In addition to the officers pictured above, 9 Regional Directors were elected to the Executive Committee by their region's attendees in Region Caucuses. The Regions and their Directors are:

Region 1 (Annette De Modena) includes the counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Sonoma, Napa, Lake, Solano, Trinity, Yolo, and Marin.

Region 2 (Mary Ervin) includes the counties of Yuba, Butte, Sierra, Plumas, Lassen, Nevada, Shasta, Tehama, Glenn, Colusa, Sutter, Modoc, Siskiyou, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Alpine, Calaveras and Sacramento.



Region 3 (Laura Riffle) includes the counties of San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda and Contra Costa)

Region 4 (Tammy Galt) includes the counties of Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Tuolumne, Stanislaus, Merced, Kern and San Joaquin.

Region 5 (Nancy Wolford) includes the counties of Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz.

Region 6 (Marie Cruz) includes the county of Los Angeles.

Region 7 (Gale Hunt) includes the counties of Riverside, San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono.

Region 8 (Sandy Rains) includes the county of Orange.

Region 9 (Linda Lopez-Alvarez) includes the counties of San Diego and Imperial.

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Governor Newsom's Bill Action

It was a tough week for Californians in the north state. With PG&E initiating the largest blackouts in California history, many Californians are remembering the recall of Governor Gray Davis and the events leading up to that. But the PG&E crisis didn't stop Governor Newsom from taking action on many bills still left on his desk. The Governor still has until October 15th to either sign bills or veto them. Bills with no action by the Governor also become laws.

Here is what has been signed or vetoed over the last two weeks:

AB 5- SIGNED: This bill severely hampers our growing gig-economy in our state, by mandating millions of independent contractors be considered employees, according to the Dynamex Decision equation. But, if you were one of over 30 industries with the money to lobby the Democrat legislative majority to exclude your business, they happily complied. Except for Uber, Lyft, Door Dash, and other major gig-economy players. This is because the Democrats in the legislature do not like the inability to regulate and make money for the state off these giant businesses. But who really gets hurt is the worker, but the Democrats don't seem to mind that. People working as independent contractors for businesses like Uber and Lyft need these second, sometimes third jobs just to make ends meet and afford to live in California- another failing of 40 years of Democrat Legislative rule.

AB 310- SIGNED: Thanks to Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner, felons will now be allowed to serve on our juries.

AB 392- SIGNED: Our law enforcement officers are already under deep pressure and scrutiny in this new era, but AB 392 puts their safety and ours at risk by changing the "use of force" law from reasonable to necessary. Officers need to make tough, split second decisions everyday to keep our communities and us safe. This law only makes it more difficult for officers to decide what is necessary and allows the suspects to flee, making the public potential targets in the process of escape.

AB 792-VETOED: This bill would have imposed civil penalties on beverage companies if their plastic bottles do not comply with post-consumer recycled plastic regulations mandated by 2030. Beverage companies would have been mandated to produce at least 50% of recycled plastic containers or face big fines.

AB 891-VETOED: This bill would have allowed people to sleep and live out of their cars in cities of populations over 300,000 in specified, mandated areas. Called, "The Safe Parking Program", which actually just sounded like a public safety nightmare.

AB 1482-SIGNED: Even though voters struck down the rent control proposition last election, Governor Newsom and Legislative Democrats think they know better than the voters, so they passed this version of rent control anyway. Now, yearly rent increases will be limited to 5% over the next decade.

AB 1505- SIGNED: This bill inhibits a charter school's ability to appeal decisions made by the county boards of education to establish or renew a school's charter.

SB 1- VETOED: SB 1 would have rolled back Trump Administrations EPA regulation easements to the Obama Administration. This would have severely undermined the work of farmers, water districts, and environmentalists, who had previously reached voluntary agreements, particularly in the Central Valley. Luckily Governor Newsom, who worked to facilitate some of those agreements, vetoed this blatant attack on President Trump's environmental regulation cutbacks.

SB 24- SIGNED: Now abortifacients are readily available on all California public college campuses.

SB 127- VETOED: This bill would have diverted even more highway rehabilitation funds from our roads and use it for bike paths, pedestrian walk-ways, and transit upgrades. Luckily the Governor didn't want yet another gas tax fraud on his hands and vetoed this bill.

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Legislative Recess: The bills have passed, the vetoes handed down, and the Legislature is on recess until January 5th. **Governor Newsom acted on 1,042 bills this session and is the undisputed most liberal Governor in California history,** according to LA Times columnist George Skelton. Although we disagree with the "grade" Skelton gave Newsom (a B-), we agree the government took more control over our lives than ever before. Since the Legislature will not return to Sacramento unless an extraordinary session is called by Governor Newsom, the Capitol Update will be taking a break. We will resume with the return of the Legislature for the second year of the legislative session.

California in-law units could be cheaper, easier to build under new bills -- Several bills sitting on Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk would cut red tape and bring more in-law flats to backyards and garages across the state. The Legislature has sent the governor measures with major changes to state laws governing granny flats, cutting permit fees, allowing more units on large properties and granting limited amnesty to existing units. Louis Hansen in the [Orange County Register](#) -- 10/8/19

Kamala Harris among three 2020 candidates who have missed half of Senate votes -- Three of the senators running for president have now missed half the votes in the Senate this year, with the most frenetic portion of the Democratic primary campaign still to come. Tal Kopan in the [San Francisco Chronicle](#) -- 10/8/19



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and other national news

Celebrating the Suffrage Centennial

The 2019 NFRW Convention was a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of women winning the right to vote in the United States. The convention adopted a resolution commemorating the 19th Amendment, noting "Republican women recognize the importance and sacrifice of these suffragists in guaranteeing us this right, and acknowledge that challenges still exist in obtaining 'Votes for Women,' namely that more Republican women are needed in elective office, particularly at the federal level."



NFRW Members Log Over 5.2 Million Campaign Hours

NFRW members volunteered, recorded and reported more than 5.2 million hours on behalf of Republican candidates and our party over the past two years. Texas led the Federation with 1.5 million hours.

OTHER

On-demand shuttles to serve Apple hometown's 'transit desert' -- Cupertino, the hometown of Apple, is taking an initial step toward having its own public transit system by contracting with private operator Via to run on-demand six-passenger vans within the 11-square-mile city and to the nearby Sunnyvale Caltrain station. Carolyn Said in the San Francisco Chronicle -- 10/8/19

Facebook agrees to pay \$40 million over inflated video-viewing times but denies doing anything wrong -- Facebook has agreed to pay \$40 million in a settlement with advertisers, after inflating — allegedly by up to 900 percent — the time it said users spent watching videos, according to court records. Ethan Baron in the San Jose Mercury -- 10/8/19

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First Common Core High School Grads Worst-Prepared For College In 15 Years

This is the opposite of what we were told would happen with trillions of taxpayer dollars and an entire generation of children who deserve not to have been guinea pigs in a failed national experiment. For the [third time in a row](#) since Common Core was fully phased in nationwide, U.S. student test scores on the nation's broadest and most respected test have dropped, a reversal of an upward trend between 1990 and 2015. Further, the class of 2019, the first to experience all four high school years under Common Core, is the worst-prepared for college in 15 years, according to a new report.

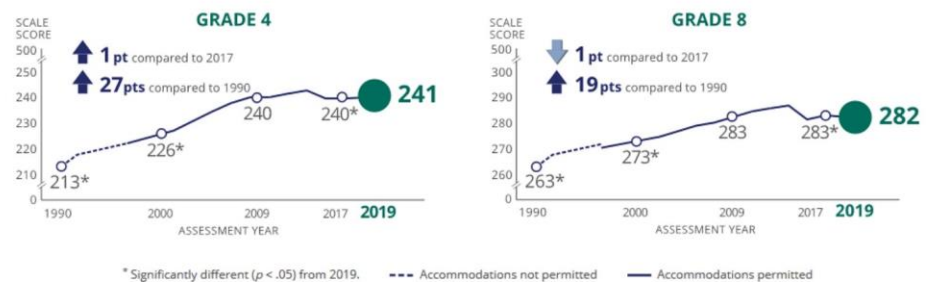
The National Assessment of Educational Progress is a federally mandated test given every other year in reading and mathematics to students in grades four and eight. (Periodically it also tests other subjects and grade levels.) In the latest results, released Wednesday, American students slid yet again on nearly every measure.

Reading was the worst hit, with both fourth and eighth graders losing ground compared to the last year tested, 2017. Eighth graders also slid in math, although fourth graders improved by one point in math overall. Thanks to [Neal McCluskey at the Cato Institute](#), here's a graph showing the score changes since NAEP was instituted in the 1990s.

Trend in NAEP reading average scores, by grade



Trend in NAEP mathematics average scores, by grade



“Students in the U.S. made significant progress in math and reading achievement on NAEP from 1990 until 2015, when the first major dip in achievement scores occurred,” [reported](#) U.S. News and World Report. Perhaps not coincidentally, 2015 is the year states were required by the Obama administration to have fully phased in Common Core.

Common Core is a set of national instruction and testing mandates [implemented starting in 2010 without](#) approval from nearly any legislative body and over waves of bipartisan citizen protests. President Obama, his Education Secretary Arne Duncan, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Bill Gates, and myriad other self-described education reformers [promised](#) Common Core would do exactly the opposite of what has happened: improve U.S. student achievement. As Common Core was moving into schools, 69 percent of school principals [said](#) they also thought it would improve student achievement. All of these “experts” were wrong, wrong, wrong.

“The results are, frankly, devastating,” said U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos [said in a statement](#) about the 2019 NAEP results. “This country is in a student achievement crisis, and over the past decade it has continued to worsen, especially for our most vulnerable students. Two out of three of our nation’s children aren’t proficient readers. In fact, fourth grade reading declined in 17 states and eighth grade reading declined in 31.”

On the same day the NAEP results were released, the college testing organization ACT released [a report](#) showing that the high school class of 2019’s college preparedness in English and math is at seniors’ lowest levels in 15 years. These students are the first to have completed all four high school years under Common Core.

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(continued) “Readiness levels in English, reading, math, and science have all decreased since 2015, with English and math seeing the largest decline,” the report noted. Student achievement declined on ACT’s measures among U.S. students of all races except for Asian-Americans, whose achievement increased.

ACT was one of the myriad organizations that profited from supporting Common Core despite its lack of success for children and taxpayers. Its employees helped develop Common Core and the organization has received millions in taxpayer dollars to help create Common Core tests.

“ACT is one of the best barometers of student progress, and our college-bound kids are doing worse than they have in the ACT’s history,” said Center for Education Reform CEO Jeanne Allen in a statement.

These recent results are not anomalies, but the latest in [a repeated series](#) of achievement [declines](#) on various measuring sticks since Common Core was enacted. This is the opposite of what we were told would happen with trillions of taxpayer dollars and an entire generation of children who deserve not to have been guinea pigs in a failed national experiment.

Perhaps the top stated goal of Common Core was to increase American kids’ “college and career readiness.” The phrase is so central to Common Core’s branding that it is part of the mandates’ formal title for its English “anchor standards” and [appears](#) 60 times in the English requirements alone. Yet all the evidence since Common Core was shoved into schools, [just as critics argued](#), shows that it has at best done nothing to improve students’ “college and career readiness,” and at worst has damaged it.

While of course many factors go into student achievement, it’s very clear from the available information that U.S. teachers and schools worked hard to do what Common Core demanded and that, regardless, their efforts have not yielded good results. A [2016 survey](#), for example, found “more than three quarters of teachers (76%) reported having changed at least half of their classroom instruction as a result of [Common Core]; almost one fifth (19%) reported having changed almost all of it.”

An [October poll](#) of registered voters across the country found 52 percent think their local public schools are “excellent” or “good,” although 55 percent thought the U.S. public school system as a whole is either just “fair” or “poor.” Things are a lot worse on both fronts than most Americans are willing to realize.

Compared to the rest of the world, even the United States’ top school districts only generate average student achievement, [according to the Global Report Card](#). Common Core was touted as the solution to several decades of lackluster student performance like this that [have deprived our economy of trillions](#) in economic growth and would lift millions of Americans out of poverty. That was when U.S. test scores, while mediocre and reflecting huge levels of functional illiteracy, were better than they are now.

It is thus still the case, as it was when [the Coleman Report](#) was released 53 years ago, that U.S. public schools do not lift children above the conditions of their home lives. They add nothing to what children already do or do not get from at home, when we know from [the track record](#) of the distressingly few excellent schools that this is absolutely possible and therefore should be non-negotiably required. But because the people in charge of U.S. education not only neither lose power nor credibility but actually profit when American kids fail, we can only expect things to get worse.

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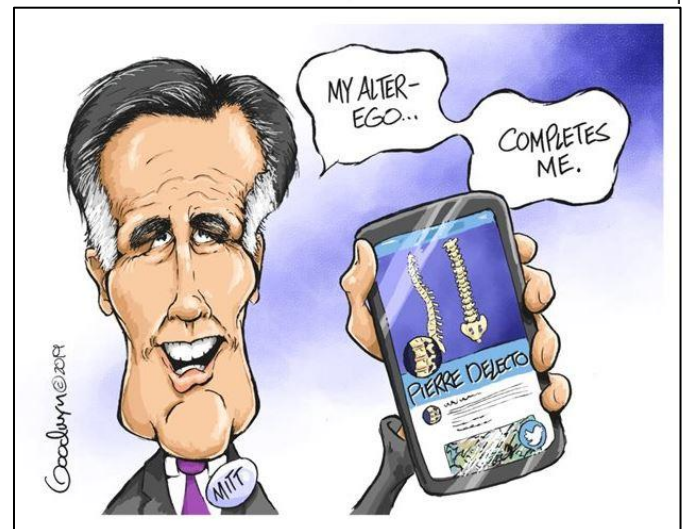
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