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**NEXT MEETING**

**JUNE 15, 2023**

*Featuring*

**DANIEL S. REID**

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**Please RSVP by Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>!**

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**Special Committees:**

**Membership Growth:**

Volunteer to serve with our 2nd VP JoAnn Destro to help with her efforts to recruit new members with outreach, mailings, etc.

**Legislation:**

Mayme Abbott follows and reports at our meetings on the legislative items that are followed by our CFRW, and many of which are printed in our newsletters.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**SHANNON WAGNER**  
*West Valley RWF President*

One of my favorite things about being a CFRW member via my WVRWF membership is receiving the Capitol Updates in my email from our CFRW President, Mary Ervin. These updates, provide insight into a lot of the crazy bills our California legislature proposes and passes. The most recent Capitol Update brought attention to the process of passing “blank bills” or “placeholder” bills. I was shocked to learn about this and the frequency that it is occurring. A quote from the Capitol Update explains it like this:

*“Usually, they consist of just a few words and have a bill number. You could call them shells. Of course, they go through the necessary legislative process, are brought to the floor, passed, and sent on to the other house. What a joke!*

*They will then just sit there, waiting to be completed through the budget amendment process, often behind closed doors or in the middle of the night. Then, usually within a couple of days, they are passed in both houses by a simple majority before going to the governor for his signature, thereby bypassing any voter input. They are often called “budget trailer bills.”*

Look for the Capitol Updates in your email. This one is dated May 29th.

I look forward to seeing you at our June 15th meeting featuring our speaker, Daniel Reed, from the NRA. As a reminder, we will be discussing Pete Hegseth’s book, *Battle for the American Mind*, at our July 20th meeting.

Shannon

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## MEET OUR SPEAKER

Dan Reid is the Western Regional Director with the National Rifle Association’s Institute for Legislative Action. During his time with the Association he has focused on state level legislative and political efforts in the West.



The Institute for Legislative Action (ILA) is the lobbying arm of the NRA. Established in 1975, ILA is committed to preserving the right of all law-abiding individuals to purchase, possess and use firearms for legitimate purposes as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

ILA’s ability to fight successfully for the rights of America’s law-abiding gun owners directly reflects the support of NRA’s 5 million members—a number that has more than tripled since 1978. When restrictive “gun control” legislation is proposed at the local, state or federal level, NRA members and supporters are alerted and respond with individual letters, faxes, e-mails and calls to their elected representatives to make their views known.

Dan was born and raised in California, receiving his BA from University of California Los Angeles and his JD from University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law. Dan lives in the Sacramento area with his wife and children.

***Reserve today - and bring a friend!***





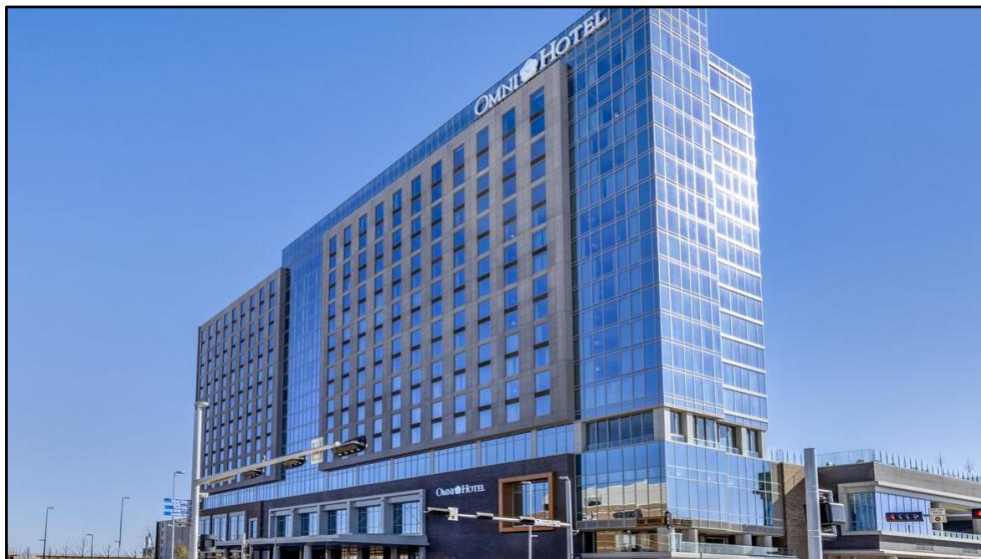
## ***NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN***



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**September 28-October 1, 2023**

**Omni Oklahoma City Hotel and Oklahoma City Convention Center  
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The convention will be one of the largest gatherings of Republican activists going into the 2024 presidential election year and will feature a presidential straw poll as well as an exciting lineup of speakers, events, and training opportunities.

All NFRW members are invited to attend.

Hear a welcome message from OK Governor Kevin Stitt here: <https://www.nfrw.org/convention-oklahomacity>.



## Capitol Update



From the Desk of CFRW President Mary Ervin  
Prepared by CFRW Legislative Analyst Jeanne Solnordol

Members,

If you are interested in taking a position regarding the below bill, you can do so by utilizing the resources at : [CA Legislature Info](#) or the links at the bottom of this Update to locate and contact your state representatives.

**SB 224, as amended, Hurtado. Agricultural land: foreign ownership and interests: foreign governments. Co-Authors, Cortese, Grove, Nguyen, Ochoa Bogh.**

**05/18/23: May 18 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.**

Existing law provides that all property has an owner, whether that owner is the state, and the property is public, or the owner is an individual, and the property is private.

Existing law, the California Emergency Services Act, establishes the Office of Emergency Services, which is responsible for the state's emergency and disaster response services for natural, technological, or man-made disasters and emergencies, among other duties.

This bill would prohibit a foreign government from purchasing, acquiring, leasing, or holding a controlling interest, as defined, in agricultural land within the State of California. The bill would exempt land held by foreign governments before January 1, 2024, from that prohibition. *The bill would provide that land transferred in violation of these provisions would be subject to divestiture, as specified.*

Existing federal law requires any foreign person, defined to include foreign governments, who acquires or transfers any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land to submit to the United States Secretary of Agriculture a report containing specified information relating to, among other things, the type of interest the foreign person acquired or transferred and their legal name, address, and citizenship or country in which they are created or organized. Existing federal law requires the secretary every 6 months to transmit to each state department of agriculture a copy of each report that was submitted to the secretary in the most recent 6-month period and that involved agricultural land located in that state.

This bill would require the Office of Emergency Services, in consultation with the appropriate boards or departments and based on the above-described reports from the United States Secretary of Agriculture, and other information the office deems appropriate, to compile an annual report containing, among other information, the total amount of agricultural land that is under foreign ownership, how that land is currently being put to use, and any legislative, regulatory, or administrative policy recommendations in light of the information from the annual report. The bill would require the office to publish the inaugural annual report on its website by December 31, 2024, and by March 31 every year thereafter. The bill would require the office to deliver copies of any recommendations for legislative policy changes contained in the report to the Governor and the Assembly and Senate Committees on Agriculture. The bill would require the office to be reimbursed for costs incurred for compiling data, printing, and mailing the report, as specified. The bill would make its provisions operative upon appropriation by the Legislature.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

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For information on these and many other legislative issues before our State legislature, be sure you're opening and reading emails, subject CFRW CAPITOL UPDATE from CFRW President Mary Ervin - [infocfrw@gmail.com](mailto:infocfrw@gmail.com)!

**Further Research and Resources:**

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<https://www.senate.ca.gov/committees>

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**California Federation of Republican Women  
SUMMER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
June 24, 2023 - Paso Robles Inn, Paso Robles CA**

**All members in good standing (dues are paid) are welcome!**

**Lunch speaker announcement:**



**DENISE GARY-PANDOL,**  
**Candidate for U.S. Senate &**  
**Member of Bakersfield RWF**

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## Capitalists Gone Crazy

By Gary Bauer · May 26, 2023

What in the world has happened to corporate America?

Virtually every major American corporation has bought into the “climate emergency” narrative. It’s insanity! Don’t they realize that the people pushing this narrative want to impose socialism on the country and this is their primary vehicle?

By the way, South Africa is leading the world in greenhouse gas reductions right now. But it’s nothing to applaud. Environmentalists may be happy, but people are suffering.

Corporate America is also all in on “Diversity, Equity and Inclusion” (DEI). Those are nice sounding words, but they really mean racial quotas, racial indoctrination and other forms of Marxism.

And I’m sure you’ve noticed that the “I” — inclusion — never applies to Christians, conservatives or, in some cases, heterosexuals. (How do these corporate DEI bosses think their future customers will be conceived and born?)

But the greatest folly of all is to see one iconic corporation after another “transitioning” (pun intended!) into godless sin warriors. Not just “social justice warriors,” but sin warriors.

Did the top brass at Budweiser really think that their average customer wanted to be associated with a man who pretends to be a teenage girl? As one headline put it, “Bud Light Sales Continue To Go Flat.” Referring to the Bud Light boycott, one beer industry expert said, “Nobody imagined it would go on this long... I’ve never seen anything [like this]... It’s a real shock.”

Well, does anyone at Target watch the news? In the middle of the Bud Light disaster, Target executives put a target on their own backs when they decided to up the ante.

Apparently motivated by nothing more than their desire to kneel before the altar of the LGBTQ mafia, Target partnered with a transgendered designer who is also a proud satanist! Now, Target is dumping his merchandise and scrambling to move its Pride displays to the back of its stores. They should keep moving it back, out the back door and into the dumpster in the back of the parking lot!

Evidently, North Face, which sells outdoor clothing, wants in on the action. Their contribution to the “Sodom and Gomorrahing” of America is an ad featuring a flamboyant transvestite dancing around and encouraging people to “come out ... in nature.”

Don’t think it is just a coincidence that so much of this sewage, whether its Target, North Face or Disney, is aimed at our children and grandchildren. The left is targeting our kids and driving a wedge between parents and their children. Don’t take my word for it. Check out this LGBTQ “[youth carnival](#)<sup>1</sup>” in Indianapolis which parents are not allowed to attend. And there is a growing effort to put parents in jail if they don’t affirm their child’s gender delusions.

I have spent my entire life being a good free-market capitalist, as have most Americans. Family-owned businesses and entrepreneurs continue to appreciate and support faith, family and freedom. But I am increasingly inclined toward turning over these major corporations to the tender mercies of AOC and Bernie Sanders if they continue to insist on mocking the values of most Americans. Senator [Tom Cotton](#)<sup>2</sup> recently demonstrated exactly how it’s done!

### Communist China Strikes Again

Microsoft, along with various Western intelligence agencies, warned Wednesday that hackers in communist China were attempting to infiltrate critical infrastructure systems in Guam (which has major military assets) and the United States.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the hacking effort appears aimed at “pursuing capabilities that could disrupt communication infrastructure between the U.S. and Asia in a future crisis.” This latest cyberattack comes as the Biden Administration is bending over backwards to accommodate Beijing and “reset” U.S./China relations.

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If U.S. military chiefs needed another reason to drop their woke nonsense and start preparing to fight a war, this would be it. Unfortunately, I don't see any evidence that is happening. Communist China just sent a massive spy balloon over our country and just probed ways to cripple our communications systems. At worst, it looks like the start of hostilities. At a minimum, it certainly isn't nothing.

But all we're hearing from Biden is how much he just wants to talk to his old friend Xi. Did anyone even tell him about this latest cyberattack on our critical infrastructure? Or did they decide that the "old man" didn't need to know?

### **Woke Won't Win Wars**

Our military keeps insisting that "Our diversity is our strength." We know what they mean by diversity.

There's no doubt that if war erupts between the U.S. and communist China, we will field the most diverse military in the history of the world. But right now, there's a good chance that the record of this extremely diverse military will be 0 wins and 1 big loss. I fear our woke generals actually believe that "diversity" is a strength, and that a Chinese military with zero diversity — no open homosexuals, no drag queens, no transgender soldiers and no ethnic diversity — will be a really weak enemy.

By the way, the media is really excited about Air Force Gen. Charles Brown, Jr., as Biden's replacement for Gen. Mark "Thoroughly Modern" Milley. The New York Times notes that when Brown replaces Milley as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, "the top two Pentagon leadership positions would be inhabited by African American men for the first time in American history." So what? Do affirmative action or racial quotas help us win wars? The evidence isn't very encouraging, and Gen. Brown seems to be among the wokest of our woke officers.

By the way, a new study totally debunks the absurd claim that our military and our veterans are a bunch of "white supremacists" and "right-wing extremists." If anything, it found the exact opposite! Not only was support among veterans for extremist groups lower than the general population, more veterans actually gravitated toward radical left-wing groups like black nationalists and Antifa. Yet another fake news left-wing narrative busted.

I frequently note that the most common command in the Bible is "Fear not." I believe that is what our attitude should be as individual Christians. But at the same time, you can be fearful for America. I am fearful that at some point in the future, for whatever reason, America may no longer exist. And that would be a terrible thing for millions of people around the world.

### **Property Rights Win Big**

Yesterday was a good day for property rights in America. In a pair of unanimous decisions, the Supreme Court rolled back the ever-increasing power of the federal EPA, and the justices also limited the power of state and local governments to confiscate assets.

### **DeSantis DeFlated**

Well, that didn't go as planned...

Gov. Ron DeSantis's much-hyped announcement on Twitter Spaces was, unfortunately, plagued with technical glitches. All over the media yesterday, even on places like Fox News (which clearly favors DeSantis), the coverage was decidedly negative. Many GOP mega-donors have reportedly been underwhelmed by DeSantis so far, and Tuesday night's botched rollout certainly isn't helping. Fortunately for the Florida governor, as one commentator noted, DeSantis's stumble comes at the starting line of a long marathon.

To be clear, I believe Gov. DeSantis has done an incredible job in Florida. I was impressed by his willingness to aggressively take on Disney, in addition to his leadership on life, educational reform and illegal immigration.

Going forward, I hope Ron DeSantis and Donald Trump can battle it out in a way that makes it possible for our party to easily unite and prevail in November 2024.

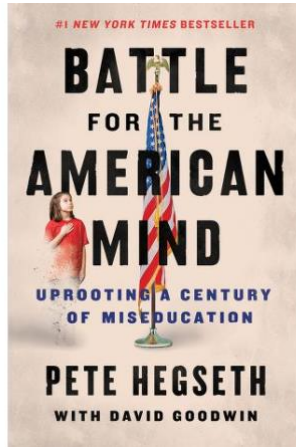
### **Chag Sameach**

This weekend, Jews will celebrate Shavuot, which commemorates the day God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. To our Jewish friends and allies, as we pray for the peace of Jerusalem, we wish you a joyous Shavuot!

*Source: <https://patriotpost.us/opinion/97611-capitalists-gone-crazy-2023-05-26>*

## COMING UP IN JULY!

West Valley RWF members will continue meeting throughout the summer! To prepare for our July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, we encourage you to read Pete Hegseth's new book "*Battle for the American Mind*" so that we can focus the meeting on review and discussion of the important issues addressed in this book. This is a new idea for WVRWF and we hope you enjoy it; our July meeting will be informative and lively!



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2024-2025 OFFICERS

West Valley RWF must elect our 5-member Nominating Committee at our June meeting. **Bunny Hacker** and **Diana Mandarino** have already volunteered to serve, so we need 3 more members to complete the committee. If asked to serve, please say yes! The job of the Nominating Committee is to come up with the slate of Executive officers for 2024-2025 for the positions of President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Programs, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Membership Reporting, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP/Fundraising, Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

## FEELING LEFT OUT?

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## GOOD QUESTION!

- Why is it that when archaeologists find human remains, they always determine that they are either male or female and none of the other hundreds of genders?
- Why is it that so many are more outraged that Brittney Griner was stuck in Russia than they were about Americans being stranded in Afghanistan?
- How is it that the government can't control gasoline prices...but the weather is something they can fix?
- We're churning out a generation of poorly educated people with no skill, no ambition, no guidance, and no realistic expectations of what it means to go to work. —Mike Rowe
- If kids knew what they wanted to be at age eight, the world would be filled with cowboys and princesses. I wanted to be a pirate. Thank goodness nobody took me seriously and scheduled me for eye removal and peg leg surgery. —Bill Maher
- Why were we told to lower our AC usage on hot days to prevent overwhelming the electric grid while simultaneously being told to trade in our gas cars for electric vehicles?
- Why is canceling student debt a good idea? Does it make sense to reward people who do not honor their financial commitment by taxing the people who do?
- Does it make sense to cut off oil from an ally and buy it from an enemy who calls for your death?
- Are we living in a time where intelligent people are silenced so that stupid people won't be offended?
- Why is talking sexually in the workplace considered sexual harassment to adults...but talking about sexuality to children K-3 at school considered education?
- Remember who else had a 'ministry of truth'? Hitler? Goebbels? Stalin?
- Who saw a movie where only the police and military had guns? It was called Schindler's List.

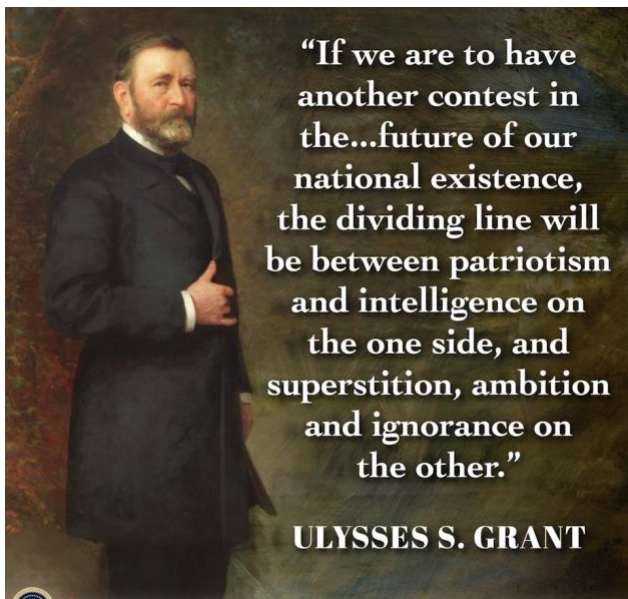




## IN THE HEADLINES...

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- White House cuts another top Biden nominee amid mounting opposition ([Fox News](#))
- Utah Rep Chris Stewart to resign from House, shrinking GOP majority ([Fox News](#))
- Trump vows to end birthright citizenship for illegal aliens if president again ([NY Post](#))
- Chick-fil-A faces a conservative revolt ([Newsweek](#))
- Dodgers' Blake Treinen blasts organization for honoring Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence ([Fox News](#))
- Blue Jays player ripped after apology for sharing video endorsing Target boycott ([Fox Sports](#))
- Target's VP for brand management serves as treasurer for LGBTQ group promoting secret child gender transitions, LGBTQ books in schools ([Daily Wire](#))
- Nine teenagers arrested over brutal assault of three U.S. Marines ([Daily Wire](#))
- Arrest made after months of silence in New Jersey GOP councilwoman's murder ([Daily Wire](#))
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**PLAN AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

- June 7 Board Meeting at home of Kathie Topham, 10:00am
- June 14 **Flag Day**
- June 15 West Valley RWF lunch meeting w/**Daniel S. Reid, NRA**  
11:30-1:30
- June 18 **Father’s Day**
- July 4 **Independence Day**
- July 20 West Valley RWF lunch meeting - **Discussion & review** of Pete Hegseth’s book “**Battle for the American Mind** - Uprooting a Century of Miseducation”
- THRU YEAR-END:
- August 17 West Valley RWF lunch meeting - **Francis Drouillard, Chair** Marin Election Integrity
- September 21 West Valley RWF lunch meeting - **Gloria Hom, 2024 Ballot Discussion**
- October 19 West Valley RWF lunch meeting - **Captain Gina Tibaldi, SJPD Financila Crimes Unit**
- November 16 West Valley RWF lunch meeting - **Nan Su, Epoch Times**
- December TBD West Valley RWF lunch meeting - **Membership Christmas Luncheon**

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