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OCGRW THIS MONTH



Fri 8th • V-E Day

Sun 10th • Mother's Day

Wed 13th • **OCGRW Board Meeting**
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
Jan Day's home



Sat 16th • Armed Forces Day

Mon 18th • **OCGOP Central Committee Meeting**
7:00 PM, Hotel Zessa
201 E. MacArthur Blvd, Santa Ana

Wed 20th • **OCGRW Luncheon Meeting**
Marbella Country Club
30800 Golf Club Dr, San Juan Capistrano
(More details on right)
10:30 AM – Social
11:00 AM – Business Meeting
11:30 AM – Lunch
12:00 PM – Guest Speakers

Mon 25th • Memorial Day



For more OCGSRW events, information, ways to be involved and take action, please visit our website at ocgrw.org.

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NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING: MAY 20TH

Guest Speaker:

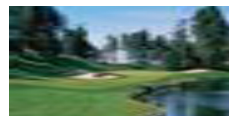


Michael Gates
California Attorney General Candidate

Former Trump Administration Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Accomplished Huntington Beach city attorney, he argued high profile cases including state housing mandates and challenges to state policies. He aggressively fought Sacramento on behalf of his constituents.

He is a true patriot battling for integrity, voter ID, and real reforms.... a "fighter for the people"!

==★== Memorial Day REMEMBER & HONOR ==★==



Next Luncheon Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 20th, 2026

Time: Check in 10:30 AM | Meeting Starts at 11:00 AM

Price: \$40 Member | \$45 Non-Member

Reservations:

Must make reservations by Friday, May 15th

Please make reservations online: [SignUpGenius](#)

Payment will be made when you arrive at the meeting by check, cash, or via ZELLE. Please see the QR code inside this edition to make your payment.

Location:

Marbella Country Club
30800 Golf Club Drive
San Juan Capistrano, CA

Please Note: We can no longer save seats. Only those members who hold a patron membership are allowed to have a seat saved for them. All others are first-come, first served. Please arrive early if you have multiple guests in order to find seats together.

COMING TOGETHER | WORKING TOGETHER

President's Message

"What One Party Does to Our State"



California is being pushed to a breaking point—and nowhere is that more obvious than in housing and the cost of living. Our state is now one of the most expensive places to live in the United States, and the policies driving that reality come from years of one-party control in Sacramento. The same political machine controls housing policy, environmental regulations, and local zoning—leaving little room for balance, debate, or local decision-making.

After years of legislative action and hundreds of housing bills, the results speak for themselves: the California Dream is slipping away and becoming the California Nightmare. Families are being priced out. Young people can't afford to stay. Businesses are leaving. Yet Sacramento continues to double down on the same approach—top-down mandates that ignore the unique needs of individual communities.

A one-size-fits-all housing strategy is being forced onto every corner of the state. Suburbs are being reshaped. Rural areas are being redefined. Local voices are being sidelined. The message from Sacramento is clear: state government knows better than the people who actually live in these communities.

Governor Gavin Newsom has made that position explicit:

"There's no carve-out here. No community gets a pass..."

That may sound decisive—but in practice, it has meant punishing cities that physically and economically cannot meet rigid state mandates.

Take the recent actions by the state's housing authorities. Fifteen cities and counties were issued warnings for failing to comply with housing requirements. Thirteen of them are in the San Joaquin Valley—areas already struggling with water shortages, environmental constraints, poverty, and limited resources. These are not excuses; they are real barriers. Yet instead of partnership, these communities are met with threats of lawsuits and fines.

In the case of Hollister, the city was forced into a settlement requiring it to set aside \$300,000 for a housing trust fund—money that must now be diverted from other pressing local needs. Making examples of these cities — by threatening lawsuits and fines — illustrates the problems with one-size-fits-all mandates and ignored appeals. Cities should not

be punished for inability to comply with impossible demands. This is not flexibility, this is coercion.

At the same time, California's economic foundation is showing cracks. The state may still lead in innovation, but it is steadily losing businesses and high-income residents to states with lower costs and fewer regulatory hurdles. The message to employers is becoming unavoidable: it's simply too expensive to operate here. For many, staying in California is no longer sustainable.

Then there's homelessness—an issue that has seen billions in taxpayer dollars spent under Newsom's leadership. Despite that massive investment, visible progress has been inconsistent at best. Californians are left asking a basic question: where is the accountability? Where is the result?

And finally, California's "top-two" primary system has weakened voter choice, often leaving general elections with candidates from the same party. That's not healthy competition—that's political insulation.

But this cycle is not unbreakable.

For the first time in years, there is a real opportunity to challenge one-party dominance at the highest level. If voters engage—if they show up and make their voices heard—change is possible.

Ballots for the June 2 primary will be arriving soon.



The direction of California will not change on its own. It will change only if the people demand it—and vote for it.

Linda Koelling,
President, OCGSRW





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Membership Questions?
Jan Day, Chair | 714-747-6339

OCGSRW APRIL MEETING RECAP



A lot of information was shared at the April Lunch Meeting, in addition to our guest speakers: Michael Maxsenti, Congressional District 47, Armen Khurdian, Congressional District 49, and Laura Basset, State Senate. The microphone was busy.....



Linda with Congressional candidates Michael Maxsenti and Armen Khurdian



USC Alums Member Jan Day and State Senate candidate Laura Bassett



Great Good News! and some bad...

By: Phoebe Wise

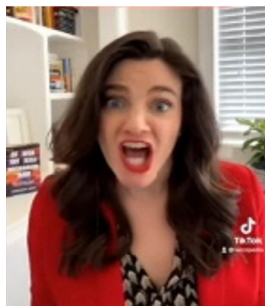
Yes, you want the good news first. Of course. We have two big wins in the arena of free speech, and Orange County residents figure in both.

Dr. Aaron Kheriaty is a Professor of Psychiatry who was fired by the UC Irvine Medical School for his defense of the right to refuse the COVID vaccine. Our Club had the honor of hosting him as a guest speaker. Although Dr. Kheriaty's trouble began with the struggle for medical freedom, it grew to encompass "the government-led information war to censor what Americans think", as he termed the problem. Along with Dr. Jay Bhattacharya of Stanford and other co-plaintiffs, he brought the Missouri v. Biden free speech case to the Supreme Court. The thousands of court documents submitted in the case, including the Twitter Files, revealed the to the American public for the first time the scope of the federal government's censorship of social media. On March 24, 2026 the Supreme Court granted a settlement that bars agencies such as the CDC or CISA from forcing social media companies to de-platform or shadow ban content creators who post views the government does not like. Dr. Kheriaty describes the implications and limitations of this win in an article on his [Substack](#).



During the pandemic era, you knew, unless you were a Biden-believing Democrat, that health agencies like the CDC were blocking access to COVID information. But few of us were aware there was something known as the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA for short, set up by Obama) which was coordinating censorship across the entire federal government.

The progress of the Missouri v. Biden case through the Supreme Court laid this censorship-industrial complex bare. It also had a little help from the farcical Nina Jankowicz. Remember this crazy female? (I refuse to qualify her with the honorable terms of lady or woman or gal.)



CISA tapped her to head the Government Disinformation Board, which pundits quickly dubbed the Ministry of Truth. But she sabotaged her own gig when she posted this [video](#) of herself singing a parody of Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. She called herself the Mary Poppins of Misinformation, but those who saw the video just called her crazy. They also wondered if this thirty-something should have the power to censor everything Americans were allowed to view on the internet.

The video sank the Government Disinformation Board, but it was Elon Musk buying Twitter that restored to Americans some of the free speech they had lost under Biden. And it was the Supreme Court justices appointed by Trump that provided the margin for the favorable Missouri v. Biden decision. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to both Trump and Elon. But we shouldn't forget the other courageous citizens like San Juan Capistrano's own Aaron Kheriaty who stepped forward, at great personal cost, to oppose tyrants like Joe Biden and Nina Jankowicz.

Speaking of great personal cost, citizen journalist David Daleiden was taken to court over ten years ago by Kamala Harris, then Attorney General of California. Harris's big political donor, Planned Parenthood, was upset by Daleiden's undercover videos of their doctors trafficking in aborted baby body parts. He has spent the greater part of his adult life with the threat of years in prison and millions in fines hanging over his head. At last, on April 1st of this year, the threat was lifted. The criminal case against him was dismissed and expunged.

Daleiden's legal expenses have been supported by donors and pro bono legal groups like the St. Thomas More Society. Now his organization, the Center for Medical Progress, based in Irvine, is free to pursue new investigative [projects](#). But Daleiden has not forgotten the need to defend the First Amendment rights that protect his ability to do investigations. In the article linked above he says that "the CMP has updated our federal civil rights lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of California's video recording law under the First Amendment--so that it can never be weaponized against truth-telling investigative reporters ever again."



Alas, now for the bad news: it looks like the weaponized lawfare that Daleiden has endured is about to be enshrined in a new California law. [One America News](#) had [this](#) to say about the new law:

A new bill introduced earlier this year—California Assembly Bill 2624 (AB 2624), dubbed the "Stop Nick Shirley Act"—has sparked debate, with opponents arguing it could limit the ability of citizen journalists to record in public, according to a state press release.

The bill, which recently passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee, advanced after a 40-minute video by 24-year-old independent journalist Nick Shirley on alleged hospice fraud in California.

The video gained 42 million views on the platform X, and has since been highly debated by the public, scrutinizing California's federally funded Medicare programs. Subsequent investigations found that a single program is responsible for approximately \$6 billion in fraud annually.

Prior to the committee's approval, Shirley argued that if passed, the bill would "criminalize investigative journalism."

"The enemy truly is within," Shirley stated. "When our politicians would rather protect fraudsters and illegal migrants, it's time for us to stand up or face mass oppression from the traitors who 'rule' over us."

According to the bill, a provider could bring a claim in court seeking at least \$4,000 in damages from those who violated the proposed law, according to [The New York Post](#).

Furthermore, criminal penalties could be enforced, with violators facing up to a \$10,000 fine or up to one year in a county prison. If sharing the information results in bodily harm, the penalties could jump to a \$50,000 fine and felony imprisonment.

State Assembly member Carl DeMaio (R-Calif.) criticized those supporting a bill he has dubbed the "**Stop Nick Shirley Act**," citing concerns over its potential impact on free speech. DeMaio warned that AB 2624 would prohibit the release of investigative videos and impose penalties on those seeking to expose fraud.

"California Democrats are trying to intimidate citizen watchdog journalists and protect waste and fraud happening in far-Left-wing NGOs," DeMaio said. "Instead of fixing the fraud problems being uncovered, Sacramento politicians are trying to shut down the people exposing them."

I'm sure that Dr. Kheriaty is one person who is unsurprised at the audacity of the CA State Legislature in pushing this new assault on the First Amendment. Here is his thoughtful [comment](#) on his Missouri v. Biden win in the Supreme Court:

"Of course, anyone familiar with the history of free speech litigation in the U.S. knows that this fight is far from over, that you never win once-and-for all in a single case, that unless we continue to defend them in the court of law and the court of public opinion, the rights articulated in our Constitution remain merely words on a piece of paper."



LOCAL CALL TO ACTION.....DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?

By: Linda Mortimore

Locally there are three bills we want you to be aware of and act on: AB2433 Density Bonus Law- Currently going through Committee; Requires a City or County to grant a density bonus, other incentives or concessions and waivers (Don't you just love how they write these things?) or reductions of building standards to applicants of housing developments if they agree to construct, among other things a specified percentage of units for very low income, lower income, or Senior Citizen Housing.....Real Talk- It will reduce Building Standards and increase density.

One has to ask, how does that fair for earthquake prone California? Please, write in or call your State Assembly Members AGAINST this Bill AB2017 which would recognize two Muslim holidays as official State holidays. This bill will add Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as official state holidays for public schools, state colleges, and state employees. Existing law already has requirements that allow for students to be excused from school for specific types of absences for justifiable personal reasons including the observance of a holiday or ceremony of the pupil's religion. Likewise existing law authorizes state employees to elect to use 8 hrs. of vacation, annual leave, compensating time off or personal holiday credit for specific dates which could correspond to these Muslim holidays already.

Costs associated to reimburse local agencies and school districts will come from the taxpayer. More importantly, the reason to oppose this bill is to stop a sequential step that will lead to a statewide recognitional honor of a political entity that openly teaches not just dominance but elimination of all non-Muslim believers. Muslim groups such as the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) who co-sponsored the bill have begun to see political action as one way of spreading the Islamic message.

Think about the Muslims now in Congress and the hundreds in positions in local governments across the United States. They tend to lean Democratic. To further testify to this movement our own county Board of Supervisors late last month presented a resolution recognizing Eid al-Fitr, not to mention a mosque in Garden Grove is expanding to become like EPIC City in Texas.

To be clear, not all Muslims are Islamists, but the fact remains that the growth of the foreign- born Muslim population is significantly expanding the reach of the Islamists and their allies. This bill must be stopped.

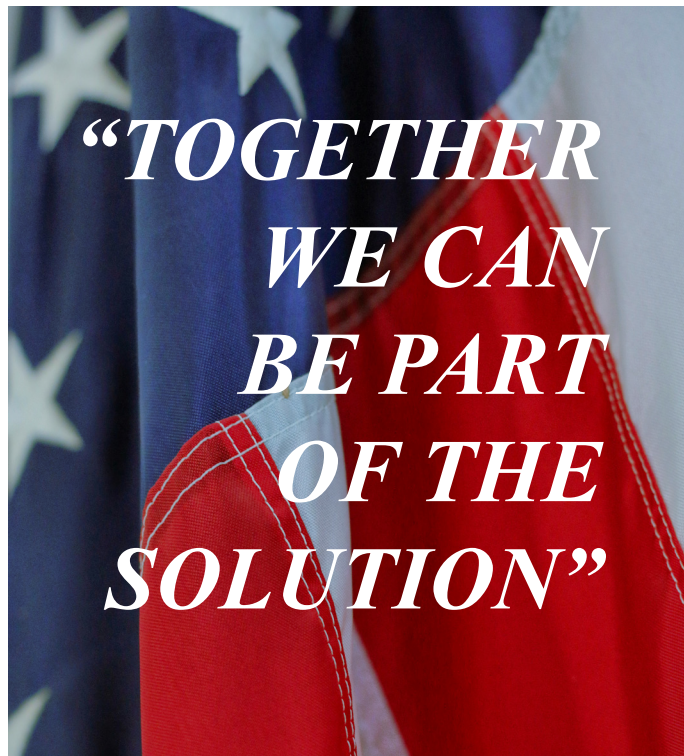
Lastly, I am sure you have heard about this.... California is trying to pass a bill that will criminalize investigative journalists with misdemeanors, fines and prison time for exposing government funded entities. So, under this law, day care centers like the Somali centers in Wisconsin, would be protected. It would restrict the release of investigative video and impose penalties on watchdogs who expose fraud, silence citizen journalists and shield tax payer funded organizations from public scrutiny.

The bill is AB2624 but you may have heard it called the "Nick Shirley Act". It claims to be about protecting immigrant organizations from threats of violence when in fact this legislation would apply to any left-wing group.

This has to be stopped as it will have a chilling effect on free speech. I will leave you with a quote from Nick Shirley who said it best: The enemy is "truly within", when our politicians would rather protect fraudsters and illegal immigrants. It is time to stand up or face mass oppression from the traitors who rule over us. Thank You!

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW
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SAFE FAMILIES SAFE COMMUNITIES

As our next Attorney General, Michael Gates will fight for what matters most: our families, our communities, and our safety.



- Michael Gates is a husband, father of five, and an experienced attorney who will fight for Californians as our next Attorney General. As a lifelong Californian, he has deep roots in this state and a strong commitment to family, hard work, and public service.
- Michael began his legal career in private practice as a litigator and trial attorney, eventually becoming a partner at an Orange County law firm. After establishing himself as an accomplished trial attorney, in 2014, Michael left a successful private practice to serve as the elected City Attorney of Huntington Beach, a position he held for ten years after winning city elections in 2014, 2018, and 2022.
- As City Attorney, Michael became known for a tough, hands-on approach to public safety. He established Huntington Beach's first-ever local Criminal Prosecutor Program in 2017, which resulted in an 11.5% reduction in crime in the city's downtown area. Michael became a champion for police officers, consistently fighting for them in court, and winning. Michael quickly built a record of success in fighting crime and homelessness in Huntington Beach.
- Michael has personally argued some of the city's most high-profile and politically sensitive cases, including litigation involving Voter ID and voter integrity laws, state housing mandates, and challenges to state policies. Michael aggressively fought Sacramento on behalf of the residents he represents, reflecting his ability to lead from the front and his reputation as a fighter for the people.
- In 2025, Michael was appointed Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he oversaw approximately 100 attorneys across Employment, Voting and Elections, Housing and Civil Enforcement, and Criminal sections. Over his career, he has practiced across a broad range of legal disciplines, consistently demonstrating a commitment to public safety, the rule of law, and effective government.

AS OUR ATTORNEY GENERAL, ON DAY ONE, MICHAEL WILL:

- ✓ Aggressively crack down on, and reduce, crime, including enforcing Prop 36
- ✓ End Government Fraud and put those responsible for the Billions lost in prison
- ✓ Enforce anti-camping and loitering laws to end homelessness in our streets
- ✓ Defend law enforcement for doing their job—not criminalize and defund the police
- ✓ Supporting local businesses and ensure safe communities
- ✓ Enforce election laws to restore trust and integrity in our elections
- ✓ Restore Local Control and prevent overdevelopment in already-developed communities

Visit his website at www.Gates4AG.com



!YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Dear OCGSRW Members,

As mentioned, we encourage you to make sure you cast your vote June 2, for Republican candidates in the State's primary. Your vote counts and if we are to change the governing body in California all registered Republicans in Orange County must get their vote counted. The Board and I, encourage you to consider the following candidates, June 2:

Thank you,
Linda Koelling, OCGSRW President

Governor

Steve Hilton or Chad Bianco (we have an opportunity to have 2 Republicans at the top of the ticket after the primary) Remember: a vote for any other candidate or not voting at all is a vote for a Democrat.

Lieutenant Governor

Gloria Romero

Secretary of State

Don Wagner

State Controller

Herb Morgan

Treasurer

Jennifer Hawks

Attorney General

Michael Gates

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Sonja Shaw

State Board of Equalization District 4

Denis Bilodeau

*****Diane Dixon, *County Supervisor District 5*...get the word out to friends in that district!**

VOTE JUNE 2



FUTURE EVENTS

GSRW Spring Conference

Members are invited! A fun time for All



CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'
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Details at GSRW.org

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FEATURED SPEAKERS

 Kyle Mann Editor-in-chief of <i>The Babylon Bee</i>	 Kate Monroe Conservative Firebrand Marine Corps Veteran, CEO, Author	 Rob McCoy 'America's Pastor' Co-Chair of TPUSA Faith
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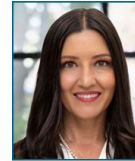
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Ventura Beach Marriott Friday-Sunday, May 29-31, 2026

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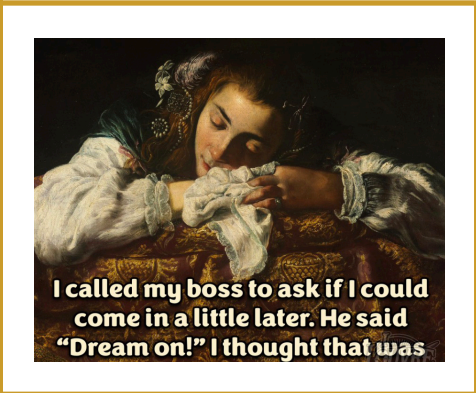
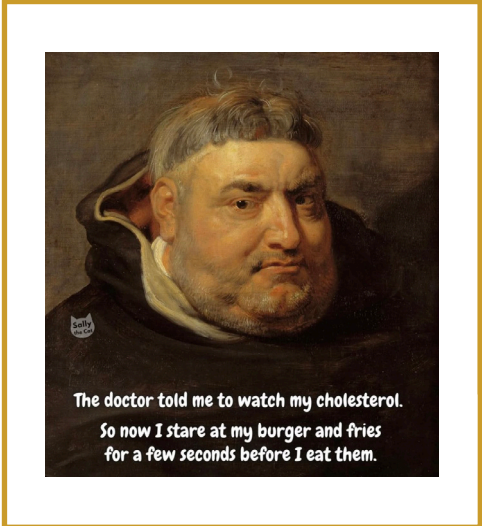
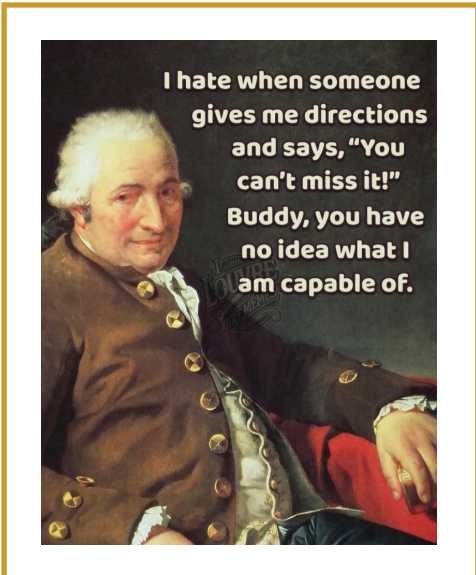
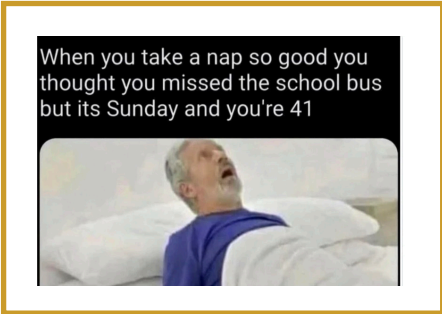
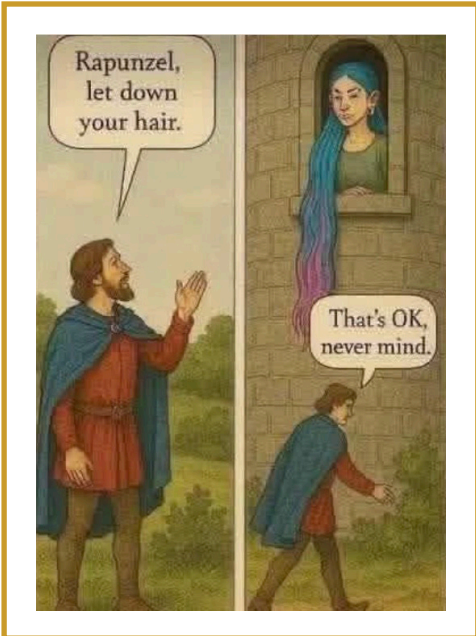
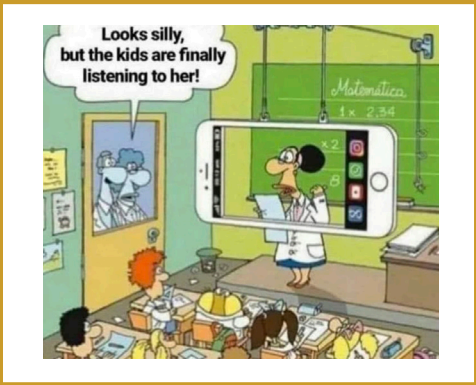
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San Juan Capistrano. JulyDate & Time TBD



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