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EYES ONLY**

DOSSIER:

LA CARRERA DE LOS PAYASOS  
(THE RUNNING OF THE CLOWNS)

2016

Agents,

Your mission, if you choose to accept it:

WHAT: The Running of the Clowns

WHEN: Sunday, October 23th, 2016 at 3:00pm

WHERE: Across from Memorial Park Gold Line Station (participants)  
Alleys of Old Town Pasadena (spectators)

We're going to re-create the famous "Running of the Bulls" festival of Pamplona, Spain, but we're going to run from something even scarier than angry bulls: CLOWNS!

We will need three groups of participants:

1. Runners. As many as we can get. Runners should wear the traditional outfit, white shirt, white pants, red scarf.
2. Clowns. We'll need about a dozen. They should be ordinary circus clowns, the kind you'd see at a birthday party, NOT scary nightmare Halloween clowns. It's funnier with real clowns.
3. Photographers/videographers. Ideally about 4-6, stationed at various locations along the route. Have your friends and family come out and record the run (hold the phone horizontally please.)

We will assemble near at the mouth of the pedestrian alley directly across the street from the Memorial Park Station. We highly recommend taking the Gold Line to the event, as parking in Old Town is sometimes expensive and difficult. The Clown Leader (Agent MacQ) will sound a whistle to signal to runners, who will run on the prescribed route laid out on the next page. After 10 seconds, a bicycle horn will signal the Clowns to pursue the runners.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** When on streets with vehicular traffic (the red portions of the route) we will walk in an orderly fashion and obey traffic laws and signals. When in pedestrian areas and alleys (the green portions of the route), we will run like hell.

The run will conclude at the east end of Mercantile Place on Raymond Avenue. We will convene for debriefing at Lucky Baldwin's immediately following.

**GETTING THERE:** There is a parking lot at 171 North Raymond Avenue (Raymond and Walnut); parking is free for the first 90 minutes, then \$2 per hour after that. There is also street parking in the area; meters are in force west of Arroyo Parkway at \$1.25/hour. East of Arroyo Parkway, the meters are not enforced on Sundays. There are other parking structures and lots not far away at various rates.

## THE ROUTE:

The green lines indicate areas where we run; red lines are where we walk.

Assemble at the mouth of the alley across from the Metro Station on Holly Street. We will walk west on Holly to Kendall Alley and turn left.

Run down Kendall Alley and turn right at Hayes Alley. Run through The Courtyard and exit on Fair Oaks.

Turn left on Fair Oaks and walk to Union. Cross Union and turn right. Cross Fair Oaks and go to Smith Alley.

Run through the One Colorado courtyard, emerging at Miller Alley on Union Street. Turn left on Union Street, run around the corner to the walkway, turn left, re-enter One Colorado and run through to the main entrance on Colorado Street.

Exit on Colorado, turn left and go to Fair Oaks. Cross Fair Oaks, cross Colorado, and go south on Fair Oaks to Mercantile Place (next to the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf Co.).

Run down Mercantile Place to Lucky Baldwin's.

Drink.

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## WARDROBE

### Clowns:

YES:



NO:



PLEASE, no scary clowns! We need benign, friendly clowns like you'd see in a circus or parade, the kind of clowns Red Skelton or John Wayne Gacy would have painted portraits of. Running from scary clowns is rational. Running from harmless clowns is comedy. Given this year's hysteria, this is vitally important. We don't want anyone arrested or assaulted.

### Runners:



Please dress as seen here; white shirt, white pants, red scarf and sash. We will try to have some red fabric on-site for those who need it, but it's best if you can provide your own.

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- \* We are going to be running through pedestrian areas at full-tilt; please be aware and make sure to not knock into civilians. We don't want to hurt anyone.
- \* When we cross the street, we have to obey the traffic signals; please don't run in the crosswalks. Consider it a "time out".
- \* If you are a clown, noisemakers are okay; horns, whistles, etc. No weapons, nothing threatening. You're a clown, that's scary enough!

### COSTUME NOTES:

- \* Runners: If you've ever seen the Running of the Bulls, you know the costume. White shirt and pants, red scarf.
- \* Clowns: It's Halloween season, the thrift stores are full of costumes, so now is the time. Look for any baggy clothes in bright colors, hats, suspenders, striped socks, etc. The 99¢ Store has red noses, makeup and clown wigs. Face makeup should not be scary; no fangs, blood, zombies, etc. We need plain old harmless clowns, the kind that really freak people out. Think relentlessly happy and overly friendly.

### QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

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Check out our website @ <http://www.queril-la.com>

Follow us @ <https://twitter.com/GLAimprov> (the tweets on the day of a mission are quite handy)

Talk to me, Agent MacQ, @ <https://www.facebook.com/jimmacq>

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Over and Out (This message will self-destruct),

-Agent MacQ