



**'TOP SECRET'
FOR YOUR EYES ONLY**

DOSSIER:
LA CARRERA DE LOS PAYASOS
(THE RUNNING OF THE TOWNS)
2023

Agents,

Your mission, if you choose to accept it:

WHAT: The 10th Annual Running of the Clowns

WHEN: Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 4:00pm

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 two 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 have a group of real clowns coming, but we can always have more. Clowns should be ordinary circus clowns, the kind you'd see at a kid's birthday party, NOT scary nightmare Halloween clowns. It's funnier with real clowns.

We will assemble near Union at the mouth of Big Bang Theory Way, 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.

We will also need a few 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.)

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 on Green Street at Big Bang Theory Way (the walkway between Raymond and Arroyo Parkway). We will convene for debriefing at the Dog Haus Beirgarten immediately following.

GETTING THERE: The best way is to hop on the Metro Gold Line and get off at the Memorial Park station. If you're driving in, there is a parking lot at 171 North Raymond Avenue (Raymond and Walnut); parking is \$1 for the first two hours, 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 "Big Bang Theory Way" (the alley across from the Metro Station) on Holly Street. We will run down Big Bang Theory Way to Union Street and turn right.

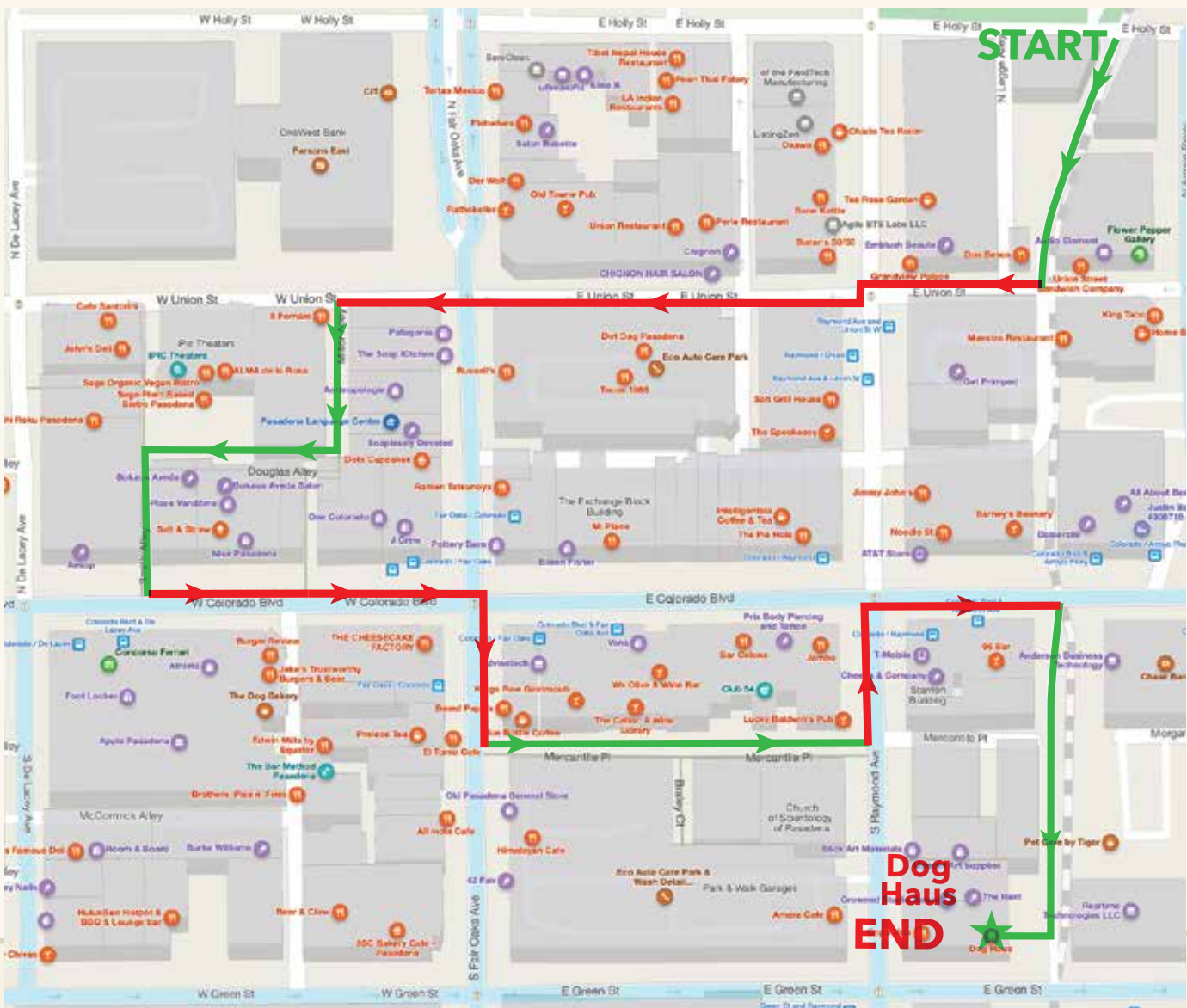
Go west on Union to Raymond Avenue and cross Union. Continue on Union to Smith Alley. Turn left into One Colorado.

Run through the courtyard. Turn left at Miller Alley and exit to Colorado.

Turn left and cross Raymond Ave. Turn right and cross Colorado. Go down Raymond to Mercantile Place.

Turn left. Run down Mercantile Place to Raymond. Turn left, go to Colorado, turn right. Go to Big Bang Theory Way, turn right. Run to Dog Haus.

Drink. Eat. Laugh.



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.gueril-la.com>

Follow us on X (formerly Twitter) @ <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

WARDROBE

Clowns:

YES!



NO!



PLEASE, no scary clowns! We need benign, friendly clowns like you'd see in a circus, the kind of clowns Red Skelton would have painted portraits of. Running from scary clowns is rational. Running from harmless clowns is comedy. Given the "killer clown" hysteria of 2016, 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.