



Mountain Bears Democratic Club was founded in 2004. We are located in the San Bernardino Mountains of Southern California. We hope to do our part to inform and educate the public and bring newcomers to the party by registering new Democrats. The Democratic Party believes that the American Dream should be within the reach of all people. We welcome and encourage people from all walks of life to join us in discussion and debate regardless of one’s political affiliations.

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LAST MEETING

Our last meeting, held on November 12th, began an hour earlier than normal as it was a pot luck. Lots of tasty treats were shared and no one left hungry, unless it was by their own choosing. There was much joyous talk about the recent election results; especially the fact that...**WE REGAINED CONTROL OF THE HOUSE!** Our guest speaker was Tony St. John, who explained the current state of our community's struggles with the FAA concerning airplane noise overhead. Much of the regular club events discussed at the meeting will be mentioned throughout this newsletter.

The Glen Thompson Memorial Scholarship

The recipient has purchased the supplies requested by our elementary school. Once received, she will separate the items by school. Then we'll help her distribute the needed items prior to winter break. Stay tuned...



“Trying to use facts and logic with some people is like trying to nail Jello to a wall.”

NEXT MEETING

Our next club meeting will be on Tuesday, January 22nd, Starting at 7:00 pm in the Alpine Escrow conference room in Blue Jay.

Election Results

Most Trump endorsed Candidates Lost

All midterm elections become referenda on the sitting president, and this one was no different.

https://www.brookings.edu/blog/fixgov/2018/11/07/trump-endorsed-75-candidates-in-the-midterms-how-did-they-fare-on-election-day/?utm_campaign=Governance%20Studies&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=67343360

Dems Flip Six Districts in Orange County From Red to Blue. Now ALL of Orange County Congressional Districts have Democratic Representatives

Democrats dominated congressional races in the state this year, flipping six seats with four of them in traditionally red Orange County.

<https://www.axios.com/2018-midterms-california-gil-cisneros-young-kim-1542508058-d32b1cf0-8ee8-411d-92d9-209346c2022b.html>

OUR Members' Contributions to Election Results

OUR club members made many contributions to this year's elections. Besides personal funds contributed to candidates of member's choosing, as club members we phone banked and wrote postcards for various candidates. We had a few local office seekers speak at our meetings and shared what we learned with neighbors and friends. The comradre created doing these things was wonderful and added to our last meeting's pot-luck!

2018: Another 'Year of the Woman'

In the 2018 elections, women played a bigger role than they have in any other election in American history.

https://www.brookings.edu/blog/fixgov/2018/11/07/2018-another-year-of-the-woman/?utm_campaign=Governance%20Studies&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=67343360

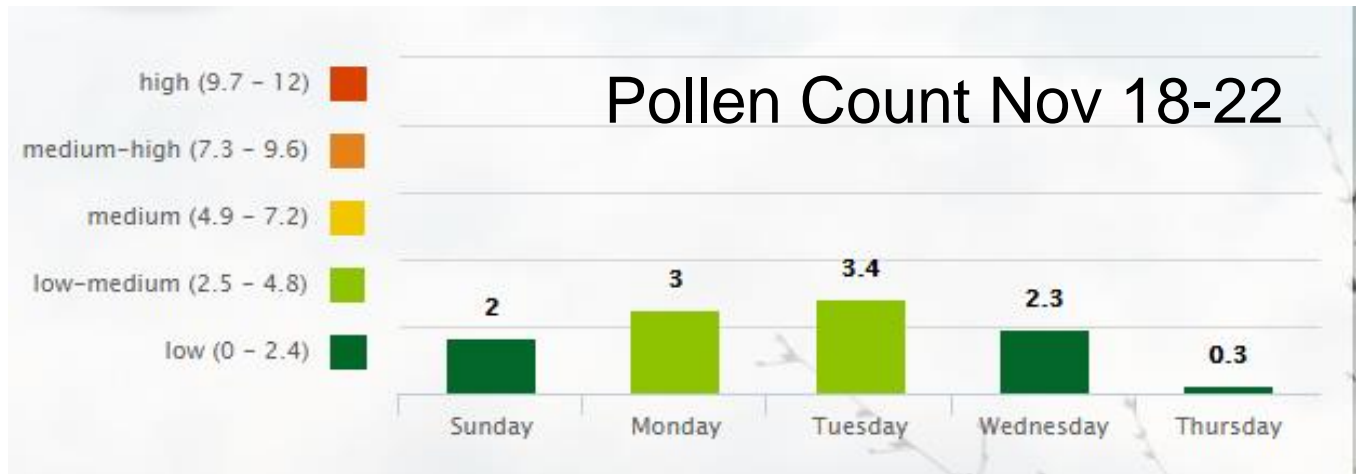


Is the U.S. In a State of Perpetual Minority Rule?

Here is an interesting opinion piece from the Washington Post:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-us-is-in-a-state-of-perpetual-minority-rule/2018/11/08/9f9f38a0-e2b1-11e8-8f5f-a55347f48762_story.html?utm_term=.677d9e594505

Health Issues

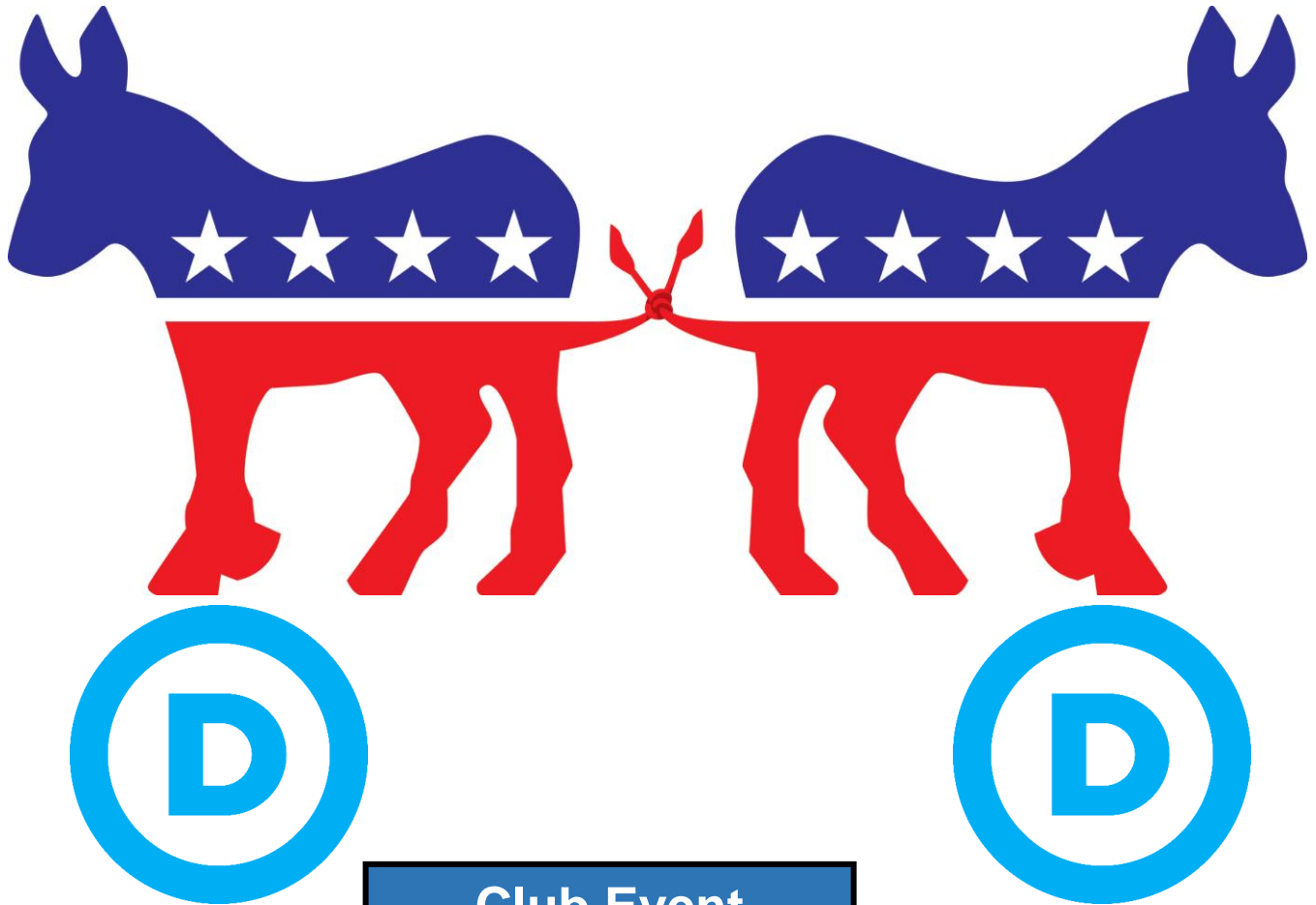


Here's a webpage for the five day allergy forecast for Lake Arrowhead:

<https://www.pollen.com/forecast/extended/pollen/92352>

Don't forget to visit our webpage at:

<http://www.mountainbearsdemocrats.org>



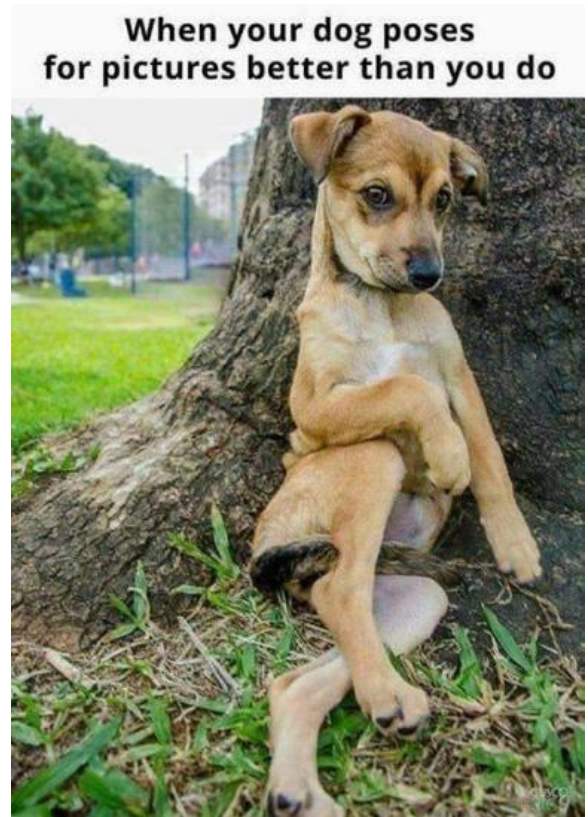
Our club will be participating in the Blue Jay Christmas Parade this year! The parade is on Saturday, December 1st, starts at 2:00 pm so we'll have to be at our spot earlier, and the weather forecast is for **no precipitation!** Contact Ray 'Buzz' Bartlett at:rvbartlett@verizon.net for details.

Club Needs

We are always hunting for speakers who can “inform and educate the public and bring newcomers to the party”. That’s our mission as a Club, after all. If you know of a speaker or topic that would be of interest to Club members, don’t hesitate to suggest it!

Contact Mickey Laws, (760) 567-6159

Pun Pages



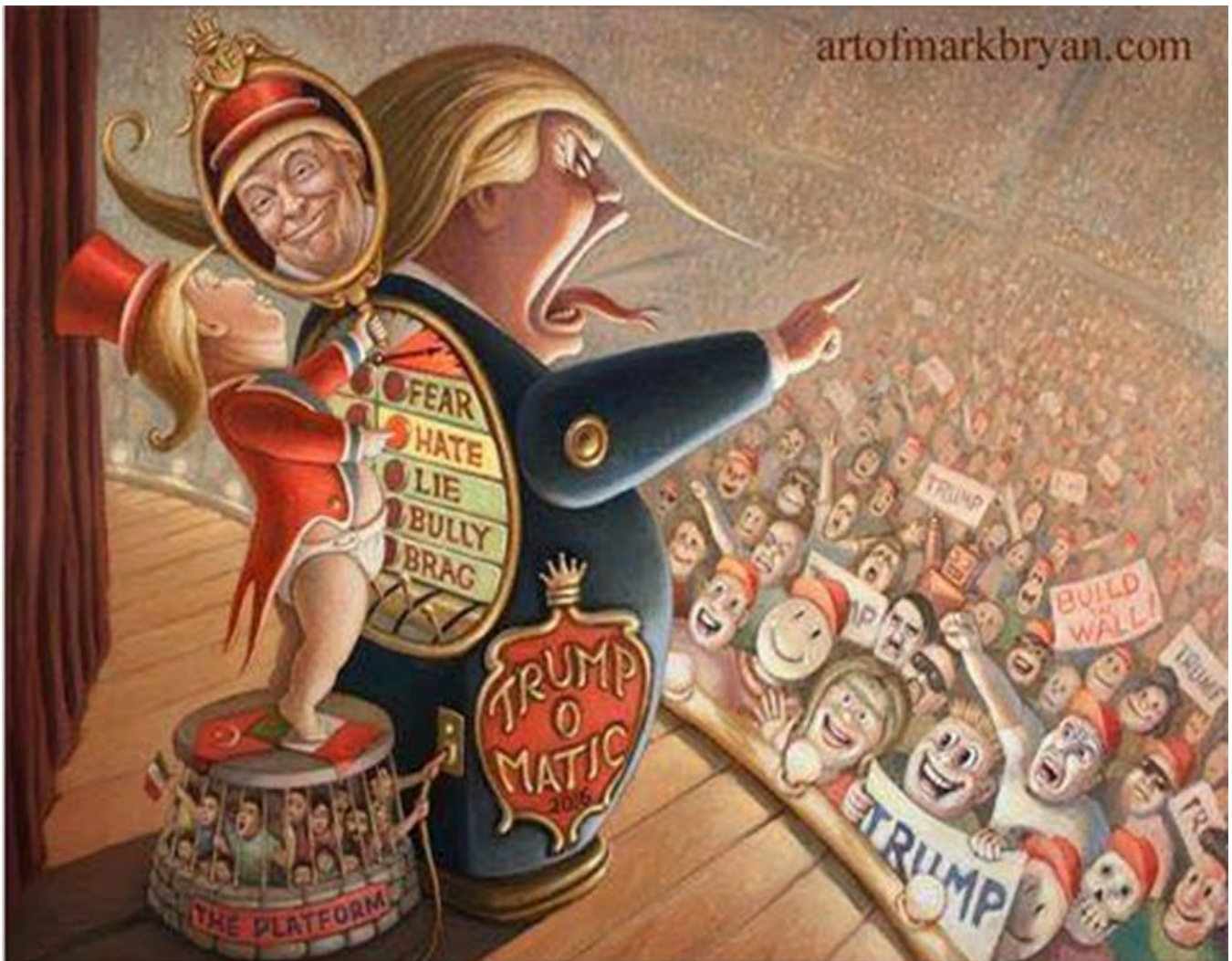
A novice skier often jumps to contusions.



Purebread dogs vs. inbread dogs



As the shoe said to the hat, "You go ahead, and I'll follow on foot."





Happy Thanksgiving to one and all!

The Mountain Bears are a politically and socially active group of local democrats who want to stay informed, encourage voter turnout, and promote Democratic Party values while sponsoring or participating in community activities for the mutual well-being of all the mountain residents.