

Random Thoughts From Home

Today is Wednesday, January 31. The year 2024 is a little over 8% gone already. That time is spent, the events recorded. We cannot change what happened or redo mistakes we made.

On or about December 21, 2023, our days stopped getting shorter and started getting longer. That's already 41 days ago, leaving about 141 days before the days start getting shorter again. Don't groan. That's still 4½ months away!

So what is this drivel, anyway? It's the product of a recuperating mind, a person captive to post-surgical pain from a total knee replacement (WHY did I do that, anyway?), with no way to get comfortable, knocked out of my routine, and way off balance totally. The only person (yes, person!) happy with this is Rocky, my beloved doggie, who rarely leaves my side since I returned home.

But honestly, I do watch the sun travel back and forth across our eastern sky, hitting its head on the post on the southern end of its route, around December 21, and then again on the northern end, around June 20. I also watch the moon, as it appears in the night sky, first as a fingernail, then growing into the beautiful full-moon ball, humbly shedding its secondary light across the landscape. After turning into a fingernail again, it disappears for several days, while it crosses our sky during the daytime.

This brings to mind **Psalm 19**, one of the most beautiful of all. Here is an excerpt:

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

As I sit here in my post-surgical blue haze, I know I need to spend my time boosting my spirit with thoughts of the wonder and awe of what God has done for us. It sure beats thinking about the mess the world is in, with the constant drumbeat of

"Biden this," or "Trump that", or this disease threat or that war in which thousands are dying and suffering.

I can barely look at my email now, as presidential politics heats up and EVERY-ONE has their hands out for money, money, money. Do you ever get tired of seeing these emails that promise that "this is the last time you will hear from me", or "can't you chip in just \$10 to help me..."? I don't trust these outfits, if they're even legitimate, to spend my money any more than I trust the government to spend my money responsibly.



Speaking of more positive thoughts, our Lucerne Valley Economic Development Ass'n meeting on Monday night (Jan. 29) was full of important stuff and attendance was standing room only.

You really have nothing to complain about if you don't attend these meetings, even if only occasionally. This is where you can voice your complaints to the people who are committed to do stuff about them. They go to a lot of trouble to travel the miles from their homes or offices, usually down below, to meet with us and listen to us.

Present at this LVEDA were:

- **Supervisor** (and Charman of the Board of Supervisors) **Dawn Rowe**
- **Scott Tuttle** of SB County Fire, along with a group of about five more impressive guys
- **Sgt. Weinberg** of our local Sheriff's station
- **CHP Capt Todd Kovaletz**, who is in charge of the Victor Valley area
- **Curtis** of Code Enforcement, responsible for our area
- **Hayden Barth**, field rep. for **Congressman Jay Obernolte**
- **Iris**, field rep for **Assemblyman Lackey**
- Members of our local **school board**

I may have missed some, but this is an amazing collection of people who represent us at the grassroots of our daily lives. Not to sound mean, but if you can't bother to show up when they come, why should they show up to LVEDA? And do you see how many marijuana grows are NOT here anymore? Lots! All because of LVEDA pressuring and the County responding to our complaint.

We are blessed as a community to have the County staffed with sincere, hardworking people, for the most part. We need to keep them face to face with us, which helps us all, and keeps them on track with the issues we care about.

Neil, it's only a small operation. Just try to relax. No need to panic.



A couple of important takeaways from the LVEDA meeting:

1. Sheriff Dicus is urging all of us to take out Concealed Weapons permits, and will process them as quickly as possible. The SB County Sheriff's IT system was hacked months ago, and it has taken the department many months to restore functionality. So before you get all cynical about how long it takes, instead take seriously the message the the sheriff will do all he can to expedite the process, and that he sees enough of a growing threat in our county to advise us to learn to defend ourselves.



2. A ballot measure called Measure W will be voted on in March, and as is so often the case, it's bass-ackwards. If you vote yes, you are voting to rescind the new tax that we received a year or two ago. If you vote no, you are voting to retain the tax increase.

After hearing what the fire guys had to say, I would recommend that we give serious consideration to leaving the tax in place for the sake of our own safety and security.

We have a wonderful, tight-knit little town that needs all the help it can get to re-



sist the flood of bad ideas, bad regulations, bad laws, bad leadership, and thousands of illegals crowding across our borders. Our County is the first line of defense, and they are great!

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because I would rather learn from those who built civilization than those who tore it down.

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I saw a mail truck in the cemetery today...I guess they have started delivering the ballots!



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