

MUSIC NEWS – Babes in Toyland

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Beautiful, barefoot, buxom babe, BECKY BARKSDALE, brings her blazing blues to the BUCCANEER bar in Sierra Madre this Friday, December 19th at 9pm. Doesn't that just pretty much say it all? Not really - there's a much bigger story behind this gal's talent. She started playing guitar when she was 12, and by age 16 she was performing professionally on stage. She has won numerous awards and accolades for her blues guitar and vocals, and she can hold her own on bass and drums as well. Her TV and film music credits are a mile long, and she played lead guitar with Michael Jackson on his 1993 world tour. We are privileged to have Becky playing in our humble

burg, even if it is only once a year. *Don't miss it!* This photo was taken at her 2007 Buccaneer appearance.

FRI. 12/19 - The MELLOW D'z (DAVE OSTI AND DEANNA COGAN) @ THE MAYAN BAR (inside the Aztec Hotel) in MONROVIA, 6 - 8:30pm Happy Hour. 311 W. Foothill Blvd. 626-358-3231. NO COVER. Full bar, food, coldest beer in town! Acoustic Guitar, vocals. "Hot Chick, Cool Dude & Music to suit your mood!" <http://www.myspace.com/themellowdeees>

FRI. 12/19 and SAT. 12/20 - "THE SUBS" (Better Than Blue's acoustic alter ego) @ the DOCKSIDE in WEST COVINA, 7:30 - 11:30pm. 3057 E. Garvey Ave. North. In the bar area, but you can order food also. All ages ok. Joe Velosa, Danny Hesse, Felicia Bright. Acoustic rock, soul & blues. 626-915-3474.

FRI. 12/19 - "DMQ" - THE DONAVAN MURADIAN QUARTET @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar & great Italian food. No cover. Jazz.

FRI. 12/19 - BECKY BARKSDALE @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9:30PM. 70 WSierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, free parking in back. *Amazingly talented blues guitarist, and quite the babe too, if you like girls!* <http://www.beckybarsdale.com/>

SAT. 12/20 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 11am - 2pm. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443. All ages. Saturday BLUES Brunch under a big breezy tent. *The Mission St. Gold Line station is just a short walk away, and makes for a nice outing.* <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

SAT. 12/20 - "DEAN FEST" - DEAN'S (of Cafe 322 fame) 50th BIRTHDAY SHINDIG @ THE LEGION IN HIGHLAND PARK, 6pm. 227 N. Avenue 55. Admission 2 for \$5. Pizza & Hotwings. *Get there early!* Acoustic performances by: JOHN WAHL, GLEN LAUGHLIN, FRED RENTE, and DEAN, DEAN THE TAPING MACHINE himself. *And then they're gonna ROCK:* ADAM MARSLAND'S CHAOS BAND, VELOURIA, FERDINAND, LEGAL WEAPON, CARNAGE ASADA, SANTA SABBATH, ALIN, FATSO JETSON and BIBLICAL PROOF OF UFOs.

SAT. 12/20 - MERCY & THE MERKETTES @ BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9:30pm.
70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. No cover, full bar, *packed house!* R&B, Funk, Rock, Disco, Motown. I believe the first set will be mostly the Deanna & Dave show.

SAT. 12/20 - MARTINI DIARIES featuring JEFF STETSON & friends @ COLOMBO'S ITALIAN STEAK HOUSE IN EAGLE ROCK, 10pm - 1am. 1833 Colorado Blvd. 323-254-9138. Full kitchen & bar. *Jeff sez: first set will be Jazz & then evolve into "Acid-Lounge-Jazz-Rock!"* 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month.

SUN. 12/21 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 11am - 2pm.
1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443 . All ages. *BLUES Brunch under a big breezy tent.*
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SUN. 12/21 - GRANT PARK SOFTBALL - ALL ARE WELCOME. NOT A LEAGUE - JUST FOR FUN & THE LOVE OF THE GAME! CORNER OF CORDOVA & MICHIGAN IN PASADENA, 3 BLOCKS WEST OF PCC. BATTING PRACTICE 12:00, GAME TIME ASAP. BRING YOUR GLOVE, BAT, CHAIR, ICE CHEST, GUITAR, UKULELE, ETC. MOST SUNDAYS.

SUN. 12/21 - THE MERCY POWELL QUARTET @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 1:30 - 4:30pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd . 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. No cover, all ages. *Mercy, Josh, Marc & Peter Burke doin' some Holiday tunes & jazzy stuff for your dining & listening pleasure!*

SUN. 12/21 - "OPERA TO BROADWAY" VOCAL PERFORMANCES @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 7pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. Every Sunday evening. *Get there early - they pack 'em in!*

12/23 - "TACO TUESDAY" @ MARY'S MARKET & CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON with STEVE VARGAS, 6:30 - 9pm. 561 Woodland Ave. Limited parking. *Yummy tacos & burritos! Acoustic guitar & vocals. Rain or shine.*

DECEMBER 25th - MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

FRI. 12/26 - "SWING DANCE PARTY" with FLAT TOP TOM & HIS JUMP CATS @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8:30 - 11:30pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. *"Pizza, Martinis and dancing the night away to great swing and blues!!"*
www.flatoptom.com

SAT. 12/27 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 11am - 2pm.
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SAT. 12/27 - THE SUPERSTITIONS @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8:30 - 11:30pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. Blues, R&B, Zydeco. *One of Richard Reese's favorite bands!* <http://www.myspace.com/theesuperstitions>

SAT. 12/27 - FATSO JETSON @ THE BUCCANEER IN SIERRA MADRE, 11:30ish? with an opening band, I assume. more on that next week. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover. Rock, punk. Mario & Larry from Cafe 322's band.

SUN. 12/28 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 11am - 2pm.
1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443 . All ages. *BLUES Brunch under a big breezy tent.*
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SUN. 12/28 - Have Lunch with NEW ASTROTURF @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 1:30 - 4:30pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food in a comfy setting. *Bring the family!* Acoustic Folk/Rock, Classic Country.

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Please remember to call and verify all info. before making plans. Everything is subject to change. This is show biz, after all...

Hope to see you out & about,
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<http://www.myspace.com/piratedive>

<http://www.coffeegallery.com/home.html>

<http://www.myspace.com/americanarootsla>

<http://www.aliveandpicking.com/calendar.html>

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