

Music News - Ho Ho Holidays!

By SierraMadreSue Behrens



If you see this early enough on Tuesday, consider having dinner at MARY'S MARKET & CAFE in Sierra Madre Canyon, where you can enjoy the acoustic guitar and vocal stylings of "SANTA STEVE" VARGAS (pictured with me below.) Yeah, some of you have seen this photo before - but hey - that was so two years ago, and isn't it worth seeing again?

And a word about what used to be known as "Taco Tuesday" at Mary's: new owners Carolyn & Jeff Dapper have gone international gourmet and are now serving different menu items each week, thus the new name, "TAPAS TUESDAY" which means little dishes in Spanish. But don't think you won't be satisfied. We shared all three selections last week and were stuffed and happy! Oh and, not to

mention the chocolate chip cookies, hot & gooey right outta the oven!
More details below...

tonite!!! 12/23 - "TAPAS TUESDAY" @ MARY'S MARKET & CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON with SANTA STEVE VARGAS, 6:30 - 9pm. 561 Woodland Ave. Limited parking in the lot, but plenty more towards the entrance to the Canyon. *Yummy new menu items each week! Acoustic guitar & vocals. Rain or shine.*

DECEMBER 25th - MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

FRI. 12/26 - 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. 12/26 - "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.flattoptom.com

SAT. 12/27 - 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. 12/27 - 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 - NEW HOTNESS, BIBLICAL PROOF OF UFOs and FATSO JETSON @ THE BUCCANEER IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover. Rock, punk. Mario & Larry from Cafe 322's band goes on last.

SAT. 12/27 - LIGHTNIN' WILLIE & THE POORBOYS @ GEM CITY GRILL IN MONROVIA, 9:30pm. 115 E. Olive, off of Myrtle. 626-358-0342. Full bar, no cover, dance floor, pool tables. *Lightnin' fast BLUES.*

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.* <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

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.*

SUN. 12/28 - "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!*

TUES. 12/30 - THE EVANGENITALS and HELLO FROM RENO @ MR. T's BOWL IN HIGHLAND PARK, 9:00pm. 5621 1/2 Figueroa. 323-256-7561. Full bar, FREE! Alternative Rock.

WED. 12/31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE with THE SUBS @ THE DOCKSIDE in WEST COVINA, 7:30pm (I believe.) 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.

WED. 12/31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE BLUES with BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 8pm. 1009 El Centro. Reservations: 626-441-2443. <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

WED. 12/31 - NEW YEAR'S ROCKIN' EVE @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE WITH MERCY & THE MERKETTES, 9:30pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. *Reservations for early and late dinner seatings: 3 course dinner and champagne.* Open seating in bar - first come, first served. R&B, Disco, Funk, Rock, Motown, etc. mercyandthemerkettes.com

JANUARY 1, 2009 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

FRI. 1/2 - 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. 1/2 - SCIVALLY QUARTET @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar & great Italian food. No cover. This JAZZ quartet consists of David Sills (sax and flute), Riner Scivally (guitar), Zac Matthews (bass) and Dean Koba (drums). *Highly recommended by Riner's good friend Donn Cunningham of Vin Fiz Flyer fame!*

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SAT. 1/3 - RICK SHEA (solo acoustic) and also with TREMOLOCO @ THE FOLK MUSIC CENTER IN CLAREMONT, 7pm. 220 Yale Ave. 909-624-2928. Honkytonk Blues, TexMex Americana. \$10. <http://www.folkmusiccenter.com/>

SAT. 1/3 - Open Mic Night @ the FRETHOUSE in Covina. 309 N. Citrus Ave. (626) 339-7020.
Always on the first Saturday of the month, and just one dollar for performers or audience. Sign-up starts at 7:30. If there aren't enough slots for everybody they'll make a list for the next month, and call you. Each act gets two songs or ten minutes, whichever comes first. The show starts at 8:00. They'll have desserts and coffee ready. *Bring your friends and family and join the show!*
www.covina.com/frethouse/

SAT. 1/3 - HORSES ON ASTROTURF @ ROUTE 66 ROADHOUSE IN DUARTE, 9pm. 1846 E. Huntington Dr. 626-357-4210. Full bar & kitchen, pool tables, dance floor. No cover. Hillbilly Hippy Rock, with all 5 original members in attendance! *Hope to see all you "easterners" there!*

SAT. 1/3 - MERCY & THE MERKETTES @ THE 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.

SAT. 1/3 - 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. 1/4 - 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. 1/4 - 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. 1/4 - 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 standards & jazzy stuff for your dining & listening pleasure!*

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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://cafe322.com/>

<http://sierracup.com>

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

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

<http://www.myspace.com/americanroots1a>

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

<http://www.covina.com/frethouse/concerts.html>