

Music News - In Memory of...
By SierraMadreSue Behrens



It is with great sadness that I write this week's Music News and search thru my photos for the perfect picture of GREG PINEDA, lead singer and guitarist of ALUMINUM MARSHMALLOW, who passed away early Saturday morning, January 3rd at the age of 54. He had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer just a few short months ago, and shared the sad tidings with his friends and band mates the night this photo was taken - at the Colorado Street Bridge Party in July. The news hit hard and traveled fast. Prayers and fundraising efforts began immediately, and a very well attended benefit concert and auction were held to help Greg and family deal with the medical bills and treatments not covered by their insurance. *(Don't even get me started on that!)* TV personalities and professional musicians who Greg has worked with donated their talents to the show and expressed their love and gratitude to this man who was obviously so special to so many people. Members of the groups Chicago, Ambrosia, REO Speedwagon, Three Dog Night and Emerson, Lake & Palmer all participated in the "Gig 4 Greg", not to mention their young friends, The Sheds, and Aluminum Marshmallow too. Best friends since 5th grade, Greg and my brother Tom originally founded the group back in

1967 while attending St. Rita's Elementary School, and reunited several years ago. Since then, they have become a favorite here in Sierra Madre, performing annually at the Wistaria Festival, 3rd of July Celebration, Summer Concerts in the Park, St. Rita's Harvest Festival, and the Buccaneer Lounge. Their last show was at Cafe 322 on Thanksgiving Eve where Greg was sporting his "new haircut" (courtesy of the chemotherapy) in typical, good-humored fashion.

Greg Pineda: an extremely talented musician; tireless workaholic; dedicated, loving husband/father/brother/son and great friend to so many. We will miss him dearly. I hope he's jamming with John Lennon & George Harrison right now!

FYI: the Farmers' Market resumes this week in Sierra Madre - every Wednesday from 3 to 7pm in the City parking lot behind the Buc, etc.

JANUARY 7th - HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEANNA!

FRI. 1/9 - The MELLOW D'z (DAVE OSTI AND DEANNA COGAN) @ THE MAYAN BAR (inside the Aztec Hotel) in MONROVIA, 6 - 9pm 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!" Deanna's Birthday show??? <http://www.myspace.com/themellowdeees>

FRI. 1/9 - "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. FYI: no more live music on Saturday nights.

FRI. 1/9 - the BLACK WATCH (featuring members of Velouria) and THE BLACK WIDOWS @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, 21 & over. Alternative Rock.

SAT. 1/10 - 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. 1/10 - THE B.O. TRIO PLUS ONE, featuring JEFF STETSON, play "A MIXED BAG AND SOME BLUES" @ ZEPHYR COFFEE HOUSE IN PASADENA, 8:30 - 10pm. 2419 E. Colorado Blvd., just E. of Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-793-7330. Soups, sandwiches, coffee, tea, smoothies, etc.

SAT. 1/10 - ACID ANDREW'S BIRTHDAY BASH @ THE OLD TOWNE PUB IN PASADENA, 8:30pm. With Andrew's Bad Stuff, Old But Not Dead and the Pasadena Scots, as well as appearances by former Doo Dah Queens Naughty Mickie, Mercy, Tequila Mockingbird and Kavita Sharma, plus a trivia contest. \$2 admission - goes to the Tree People. Corner of Fair Oaks & Union - enter thru alley off of Holly Ave. 626-577-6583. Beer & Wine, 21 & over.

SAT. 1/10 - THE DOGS @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, friendly service! *Old, loveable dogs doing Classic Rock songs that sound "just like the record!"*

SUN. 1/11 - 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. 1/11 - 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. 1/11 - "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!*

JANUARY 13th - HANKIE BIRTHDAY SNOTTY SCOTTY!

TUES. 1/13 - WRECK 'N' SOW @ THE PIKE IN LONG BEACH, 8pm - Midnight. 1836 E. 4th St. 562-437-4453. *Fun Bluegrass stuff w/great harmonies & snazzy overalls! The Dupuy brothers, etc.* <http://www.wrecknsow.com/index.htm>

WED. 1/14 - DAVID SERBY & THE SIDEWINDERS @ VIVA CANTINA IN BURBANK, 10pm, with THE RUNNING KIND at 8:30. 900 Riverside Dr., next to the L.A. Equestrian Center. 818-845-2425. Full bar & great Mexican food. No cover, all ages. Americana/Country. www.davidserby.com

THURS. 1/15 - DAVID SERBY @ THE PIKE BAR IN LONG BEACH, 9pm. 1836 E. 4th St., one block west of Cherry. 562-437-4453. Full bar and dinner 'til late. Americana/Country. www.davidserby.com

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FRI. 1/16 - DIRTY DAVE OSTI (and band) @ GEM CITY GRILL IN MONROVIA, 9:00pm. 115 E. Olive, off of Myrtle. 626-358-0342. Full bar, no cover, dance floor, pool tables. *Featuring new songs from Dave's 2009 CD "Electric Blue Soul Fire." Rock, Blues.*

FRI. 1/16 - INSECT SURFERS @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, cheap drinks! Alternative Surf Music.

SAT. 1/17 - 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.*
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SAT. 1/17 - THE STAN WEST BAND (with Paul Dorn of Vin Fiz Flyer and New AstroTurf fame on bass) @ THE GELENCSEER HOUSE CONCERTS IN CLAREMONT, 7:30pm. A benefit for the Pasadena Maple Leafs Hockey team. \$15 admission. Check website for more info. *Looks like a pretty cool venue.* Blues. http://gelencserhouseconcerts.com/index_files/Page266.html

SAT. 1/17 - THE FORTUNATE FEW @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9:30pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, friendly service! Blues.
<http://www.myspace.com/fortunatefewblues>

SAT. 1/17 - 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.* <http://www.myspace.com/lightninwillie>

SUN. 1/18 - the 32nd OCCASIONAL DOO DAH PARADE IN PASADENA, 11:30am start time @ the corner of Raymond & Holly in Old Towne. Pre-parade all-you-can-eat pancake & egg breakfast right there at the Pasadena Senior Center is a great way to start the day, for a mere \$6. Then find yourself a piece of curb on Raymond or Colorado Blvd., (west to Pasadena Ave.) for the City's most wacky & wild event of the year! Bands, floats, drill teams, and the most colorful array of individuals gathered together anywhere, are sure to make you laugh and cheer until the very last tortilla flies! <http://www.pasadenadoodahparade.info/>
*****OFFICIAL DOO DAH PARADE POST-PARTY***** hosted by the Light Bringer Foundation, featuring live music from **SNOTTY SCOTTY & THE HANKIES** and **HORSES ON ASTROTURF**, immediately following at the AMERICAN LEGION HALL in East Pasadena. 179 N. Vinedo Ave. \$5 admission, 21 & over. CHEAP food & drinks, raffles, and even more Doo Dah fun!

SUN. 1/18 - 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! *Knowing Mercy - even if she's in the Doo Dah Parade this morning, she'll still do this gig as well, but call ahead just in case.*

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JANUARY 21st - HAPPY BIRTHDAY STEVIE B!

WED. 1/21 - aka MAX BUDA @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar, great Italian food. No cover, all ages. *Unique jazzy rock stuff from Chester & the boys. FYI - they'll be back to the SECOND Wed. of the month in Feb.*

*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/americanarootsla>

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

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