

**Music News? – Blastin' Off!**  
By SierraMadreSue Behrens



It's not too late to get tickets to the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library's 39th Annual Wine & Cuisine Tasting that takes place this Friday, Feb. 20th at the Alverno Villa. For a tax-deductible donation of \$60, you'll be treated to a variety of fabulous food and wine selections, and you'll be supporting our Public Library at the same time. Purchase tickets at the Library, Bottle Shop, Sierra Madre Books or on-line at <http://www.sierramadrelibraryfriends.org> and look for my sister Ellen and I who will be first in line, as always! Here's a photo to prove it. That's local drummer Ben Rushing and his wife Vicki right behind us.

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***NOTE regarding Mary's Market:*** read the digital message board at the entrance to the Canyon before entering. If we are in a **YELLOW or RED FLAG ALERT** situation (because of possible mudslides), then there is no street parking in the Canyon and in Mary's Market parking lot. Park on Mountain Trail and walk in to avoid being towed or ticketed. *It's not that far!!!*

***TONITE!!!*** 2/17 - "TAPAS TUESDAY" @ MARY'S MARKET & CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON with LEN MICHAEL at 6pm and BRIAN GUTHRIE, KEN PERRY & ANNIE M at 7pm. 561 Woodland Ave. 626-355-4534. Limited parking in the lot, but plenty more towards the entrance to the Canyon, a short walk away. *Free show, comfy confines & yummy menu items each week!* Acoustic guitars/vocals.

***TONITE!!!*** "TUESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA" @ CAFE 322 with QUIZ MASTER MIDGE, 8pm. \$2 to play. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414.

***TONITE!!!*** TUES. 2/17 - NUTTY and DOUBLE NAUGHT SPYCAR @ THE ECHO IN L.A., doing alternating sets, starting at 9pm. 1822 Sunset Blvd. 213-413-8200. 18 & over. According to The Echo website, admission is \$5, but the flyer says \$8. "Lounge Night." [www.myspace.com/doublenaughtspycar](http://www.myspace.com/doublenaughtspycar) [www.myspace.com/thenuttylounge](http://www.myspace.com/thenuttylounge)

***WED. 2/18 - 3 FAT GUYS & A PUNK @ KATIE JAKE'S IN COVINA, 9pm.*** Corner of Citrus & Workman. 626-967-2765. Full bar, no cover. Blues, Rock from Jimmy McGrew, Drake, Mike Leasure, Jamie Hunting and Gratz Arias. *Back after a 15 year sabbatical.* <http://www.myspace.com/thefatguysandpunks>

***"WEDNESDAY NIGHT PLATTER PARTY" @ THE BUCCANEER, 10pm.*** Bring your favorite vinyl records and Dan Besocke will play entire sides on his turntable, commercial free! 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045.

***THURS. 2/19 - THELONIOUS DUB @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm.*** 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar & great Italian food. No cover charge. "A complete misunderstanding of both jazz and reggae." Every Thursday.

***THURS. 2/19 - FUR DIXON & STEVE WERNER "TRAVELERS" CD RELEASE PARTY @ THE COFFEE GALLERY BACKSTAGE, 8pm.*** \$15. 2029 N. Lake Ave. Reservations: 626-398-7917. With

special guest Rita Hosking. Bluegrass, Americana.

THURS. 2/19, FRI. 2/20 & SAT. 2/21 - THE ALL AMERICAN WRANGLERS @ VIVA CANTINA IN BURBANK, 8 - 11pm. 900 Riverside Dr., next to the L.A. Equestrian Center. 818-845-2425. Full bar & great Mexican food. No cover, all ages. Country. *Sierra Madre's own Ben Rushing on drums.*

THURS. 2/19 - 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.  
<http://www.davidserby.com/home.html>

FRI. 2/20 - 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!"* <http://www.myspace.com/themellowdeees>

FRI. 2/20 - 39th ANNUAL "FRIENDS OF THE SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY" WINE & CUISINE TASTING @ THE ALVERNO VILLA, 7 - 9:30pm. 200 N. Michillinda Ave. Info: 626-355-7186. Live music, magicians, fine art, silent auction. \$60 Advance tickets ONLY at the Library, Sierra Madre Books, Bottle Shop, etc. *It WILL sell out!*

FRI. 2/20 - "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. 626-915-3474. All ages ok. Joe Velosa, Danny Hesse, Felicia Bright. Acoustic Rock, Soul & Blues.

FRI. 2/20 - MERCY & THE MERKETTES @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8:30pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar & great Italian food. No cover, *DANCE FLOOR*. R&B, Disco, Funk, Rock, Motown, etc. [mercyandthemerkettes.com](http://mercyandthemerkettes.com)

FRI. 2/20 - 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>

FRI. 2/20 - THE NEIGHBORHOOD BULLIES and DUANE JARVIS & THE SINEMATICS @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover. Rock, Alt-Country.

SAT. 2/21 - VIN FIZ FLYER @ STRINGS MUSIC (aka Fretted Products) IN GLENDORA, 8 - 10am - *YES - IN THE MORNING!* 146 N. Glendora Ave. 626-914-4100. Vintage cars on display, breakfast available next door. *"Bluegrass with a bit more fiz!"* [www.myspace.com/vinfizflyerband](http://www.myspace.com/vinfizflyerband)

SAT. 2/21 - 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. 2/21 - THE MERCY POWELL QUARTET @ THE WORLD-FAMOUS DERBY IN ARCADIA, 7:30 - 11:30pm. 233 E. Huntington Dr. 626-447-2430. Full bar, 5-star restaurant. Jazz, R&B, Standards, Swing.

SAT. 2/21 - THE CRANE LAKE SERENADERS (aka CAIN ENABLERS) @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, cheap drinks, friendly service! *BLUES from Rick, Pete, Bruce, Rick & John Wood on soprano sax. Should be great!* see flyer attached...

SAT. 2/21 - 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. 2/22 - 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. 2/22 - 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. 2/22 - WRECK 'N' SOW @ THE OLD TOWNE PUB IN PASADENA, 4pm. Corner of Fair Oaks & Union, behind the Container Store. Enter thru alley off of Holly St. 626-577-6583. *Not 100% sure about this one - I saw a flyer about a fundraiser (\$10 admission) but WNS wasn't on it! CALL AHEAD!* Bluegrass.

SUN. 2/22 - "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!*

2/24 - "TAPAS TUESDAY" @ MARY'S MARKET & CANYON CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON with RAY HILL, 6:30 - 9pm. Keyboards & vocals, with tunes spanning the decades. *"A great guy in his 70's who has a huge repertoire of all kinds of piano tunes. He used to do arrangements for Big Bands and he likes to tell stories about the pieces he plays....a real canyon treasure."* 561 Woodland Ave. 626-355-4534. Limited parking, YUMMY FOOD!

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FRI. 2/27 - "SWING DANCE PARTY" with FLAT TOP TOM @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. [www.flattoptom.com](http://www.flattoptom.com)

FRI. 2/27 - HORSES ON ASTROTURF @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, free parking, cheap drinks! *Hillbilly Hippy Rock.*

SAT. 2/28 - 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. 2/28 - CLIFF WAGNER & THE OLD #7 @ THE FRET HOUSE IN COVINA, 8pm. 309 N. Citrus Ave. 626-339-7020. \$15. Americana, Country.**

**SAT. 2/28 - NO SUPERSTITIONS GIG @ 322 THIS MONTH. they'll be back in March...**

**SAT. 2/28 - T.C.'s LIVING ROOM and LUNGBUTTER @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, pool table. Rock, Alternative.**

**SUN. 3/1 - 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. 3/1 - 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 12:30, GAME TIME ASAP. BRING YOUR GLOVE, BAT, CHAIR, ICE CHEST, GUITAR, UKULELE, ETC. *We had a great opening day game despite the soggy field!***

**SUN. 3/1 - 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!***

**SUN. 3/1 - LIGHTNIN' WILLIE & THE POORBOYS @ THE BIG FISH IN GLENDALE, 4:30pm. 5230 San Fernando Rd. 818-244-6442. FREE blues festival, starts at noon.**

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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...***

***Advance notice dept:* Sierra Madre's WISTARIA FESTIVAL - SUNDAY, MARCH 15th. Put it on your calendar now... more info. to come.**

***CONGRATULATIONS TO SALLY & JEFF OF SIERRA MADRE BOOKS ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR SON, CONNOR - FEB. 12th!***

**P.S. DAVE OSTI CONTINUES TO OFFER GUITAR LESSONS AT SIERRA MADRE BOOKS.  
[www.myspace.com/sierramadreguitar](http://www.myspace.com/sierramadreguitar)**

**Hope to see you out & about,  
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**<http://www.coffeegallery.com/home.html>**

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