

## Music News - Here's to Independence!

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I've got a million things to do this week, and since the newspaper hasn't printed my column the last 2 weeks in a row, I'm not counting on it making the paper this time either. So the pressure of finding a timely photo, writing a clever opening paragraph and meeting a deadline is off, if only temporarily. So to YOU, my loyal e-mail readers: **HAVE A WONDERFUL INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEK** and I hope to see you out & about! (Webmaster's Note: I pulled this picture of Sue leading the way for the Horses in the 2008 Parade out of my archives).

**tonite!!! 6/30 - "BBQ TUESDAY" @ MARY'S MARKET & CANYON CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON with MARK HEFFINGTON**

(Guitar & vocals), 6 - 7pm and COW BOP (Country Jazz), 7 - 9pm. 561 Woodland Ave. 626-355-4534. Cozy venue, **YUMMY FOOD!**

**tonite!!! 6/30 - "TUESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA" @ CAFE 322 with QUIZMASTER MIDGE 7pm. \$2 per person to play, CASH or gift certificates to the top 3 teams. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414.**

**WED. 7/1 - THE HAT BENDERS @ SIERRA MADRE FARMERS' MARKET, 6 - 8pm. In Mariposa parking lot behind the Bottle Shop, Buccaneer, etc. Fred (Phred) Heilbrun on Banjo, Steve (Professor) Wilke on Mandolin, Guitar & Vocals, Don (the Mad Professor) McKinley on Fiddle & Resophonic Guitar and vocals, Donn (2 enns) Cunningham on Flat Top Guitar & vocals, and Paul (Kettle Korn) Dorn on Bass & vocals. Bluegrass. FREE!!!**

**7/1 - "WEDNESDAY NIGHT PLATTER PARTY" @ THE BUCCANEER, 9pm. Bring your favorite LP records and Dan Besocke will play entire sides on his turntable, commercial free! And I heard it's SKY SAXON TRIBUTE NIGHT. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045.**

**WED. 7/1 - JIMMY AND THE MIRCATS @ FIRST CABIN IN ARCADIA, 9pm. 46 E Huntington Dr. 626-446-2575. No cover, full bar. 80s Rock. Wednesday nights.**

**WED. 7/1 - 3 FAT GUYS & SOME PUNKS @ KATIE JAKE'S IN COVINA, 9:15pm. Corner of Citrus & Workman. 626-967-2765. Full bar, no cover. Blues, Rock from Jimmy McGrew, Drake, Mike Leasure, Jamie Hunting and Gratz Arias. Most Wednesdays - call to confirm. <http://www.myspace.com/thefatguysandpunks>**

**THURS. 7/2 - COW BOP @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 7:30 - 10:30pm. 322 W Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar, no cover, great Italian food. Country Western Swing. Very entertaining!**

**THURS. 7/2 - THE DELGADO BROTHERS @ LEVITT PAVILION IN PASADENA'S MEMORIAL PARK, 8pm. Corner of Raymond & Walnut. Gold Line stop is Memorial park. FREE! Seating on the green. Latin Blues/Americana. <http://www.levittpavilionpasadena.org/>**

**EVERY THURS., FRI. and SAT. - PAT O'BRIEN & THE PRIESTS OF LOVE @ FIRST CABIN IN ARCADIA, 9pm. 46 E Huntington Dr. 626-446-2575. No cover, full bar. Blues.**

**FRI. 7/3 - ANNUAL 3rd OF JULY PARTY/CONCERT IN SIERRA MADRE'S MEMORIAL PARK with THE SHEDS at 6pm and ALUMINUM MARSHMALLOW with the Age Of Aquarius Horns from 6:30 - 10pm. Beer garden opens at 5pm. On Sierra Madre Blvd. at Hermosa. Seating on the green. The fun continues on the 4th...**

**FRI. 7/3 - 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, coldest beer in town! Acoustic Guitar, vocals. "Hot Chick, Cool Dude & Music to suit your mood!" <http://www.myspace.com/themellowdeees>**

**FRI. 7/3 - "THE SUBS" (Better Than Blue's acoustic alter ego) @ the DOCKSIDE in WEST COVINA, 8pm - Midnight. 3057 E. Garvey Ave. North. In the bar area, but you order food there too. 626-915-3474. Danny Hesse, Felicia Bright, Robert Gonzalez. Acoustic Rock, Soul & Blues.**

**FRI. 7/3 - LISA FINNIE & FRIENDS @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8 - 11pm. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar and great Italian food. No cover, all ages. Country/Western/Jazz torch singer and guitar player.**

**... and then there's a late, late show with OCHO X around 11:30pm. The Sotelo Bros., Peter Burke, etc. Latin-influenced Blues-Rock jams.**

**NOTICE: THE BUCCANEER CLOSSES AT 10pm on JULY 3rd, so you hooligans will have to go somewhere else when the beer garden closes!**

**HAPPY 4th OF JULY!!!**

**SIERRA MADRE PARADE starts @ 10am at the corner of Sunnyside & Sierra Madre Blvd. and heads east to Sierra Vista Park. Watch for HORSES ON ASTROTURF, entry #44 (that is, if they get their truck.) Designated "Water Fight Zone" is east of Canon, but please DON'T SPRAY THE MUSICIANS!!! After-parade music, kids' games and beer garden at Memorial Park, 11:30am - 4pm. Be safe and sane!**

**SAT. 7/4 - 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/>**

**NOTE: CAFE 322 IS CLOSED FOR THE JULY 4th HOLIDAY. THE BUC, HOWEVER, WILL BE ROCKIN'!!!**

**SAT. 7/4 - MERCY & THE MERKETTES' INDEPENDENCE NIGHT EXTRAVAGANZA @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9:30pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Need I say more?**

**SUN. 7/5 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 11am - 2pm. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443. Sunday BLUES Brunch! <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>**

**SUN. 7/5 - 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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**SUN. 7/5 - THE DRIVE NOW @ GALLI'S IN ALTA LOMA, 8pm - Midnight. 6620 Carnelian St. 909-941-1100. Full bar & kitchen. Classic Rock from Buggs and Co. [www.thedrivenow.com](http://www.thedrivenow.com)**

**TUES. 7/7 - THE TUMBLING TUMBLEWEEDS @ MEMORIAL PARK BANDSHELL IN PASADENA, 6 - 7pm.** Corner of Raymond & Walnut. Gold Line stop is Memorial Park. *FREE!* BBQ snack bar. Country Western. [pasadenaseniorcenter.org](http://pasadenaseniorcenter.org)

**7/7 - "BBQ TUESDAY" @ MARY'S MARKET & CANYON CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON** with STEVE YSAIS, 6 - 7pm, STEVE VARGAS, 7 - 8pm *and then* STEVE AND STEVE TOGETHER, 8 - 9pm! Acoustic Rock & Folk faves. 561 Woodland Ave. 626-355-4534. Cozy venue, *YUMMY FOOD!*

**JULY 7th - TUESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA @ CAFE 322 *MOVES TO 8:00pm START TIME.*** SPECIAL DEAL IN THE WORKS FOR DINNER AND TRIVIA. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. Full bar & great Italian food. \$2 per person to play, up to 4 on a team. CASH or gift certificates to top 3 teams. *Addicting and profitable!*

**WED. 7/8 - HELP! Beatles Tribute band @ DUARTE PARK, 6:30 - 8:30pm.** 1344 Bloomdale St., just E. of Buena Vista, N. of the 210. 626-357-7931. *FREE!*

**WED. 7/8 - THE ALL-AMERICAN WRANGLERS @ CIVIC CENTER PARK IN SAN DIMAS, 7 - 9pm.** 245 E. Bonita Ave. 909-394-6230. *FREE!* Sierra Madre's own Ben Rushing on drums. Country Western.

**WED. 7/8 - "SONG SIRENS" @ CAFE 322 IN SIERRA MADRE, 8pm.** The collective of acclaimed L.A.-based, female Americana artists changes things up this month with Gia Ciambotti, Nicole Gordon and Claire Holley, accompanied by keyboardist/accordionist Carl Byron, and special guest SUSAN MARSHALL. 322 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-836-5414. No cover, full bar, great Italian food. [www.myspace.com/songsirens](http://www.myspace.com/songsirens), [www.myspace.com/susanmarshall](http://www.myspace.com/susanmarshall)

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**THURS. 7/9 - "25th ANNUAL TWILIGHT DANCE SERIES" presents JOAN BAEZ on the SANTA MONICA PIER, 7 - 10pm.** *FREE!* <http://www.santamonicapier.org/twilight.html>

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**FRI. 7/10 - "FRIDAY NIGHTS LIVE" IN CLAREMONT, with RICK SHEA - solo acoustic - @ THE LAEMMLE THEATRE COURTYARD, 6 - 9pm.** 450 W. 2nd St. *FREE!* Honkytonk/Country.

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**FRI. 7/10 - 21st CENTURY BLUES @ THE BUCCANEER LOUNGE IN SIERRA MADRE, 9pm. 70 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. 626-355-9045. Full bar, no cover, friendly & efficient service! *BLUES I'm guessin'.***

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**SAT. 7/11 - OPEN MIC & BBQ @ MARY'S MARKET & CANYON CAFE IN SIERRA MADRE CANYON, 12 - 3pm, at least. 561 Woodland Ave. 626-355-4534. Cozy venue, YUMMY FOOD! *Last month's was a big success! To participate, contact:***  
[t-tribe@linkline.com](mailto:t-tribe@linkline.com)

**SAT. 7/11 - TOM FARRELL & JULIA GOTTLIEB @ CORFU RESTAURANT IN SIERRA MADRE, 6:30 - 9:30pm. 48 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Reservations recommended. 626-355-5993. Excellent Mediterranean food. Jazz, Bossa Nova, Western Swing, Classical. *That's quite a repertoire!***

**SAT. 7/11 - Open Mic Night @ the FRET HOUSE 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/](http://www.covina.com/frethouse/)

**SAT. 7/11 - THE B.O. TRIO, 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.**

**SUN. 7/12 - BARRY "BIG B" BRENNER @ FIREFLY BISTRO IN SOUTH PASADENA, 11am - 2pm. 1009 El Centro. 626-441-2443. *Sunday BLUES Brunch!*** <http://www.bigbbrenner.com/>

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Acoustic Folk/Rock, Classic Country.

**SUN. 7/12 - THE RIDERS OF THE PURPLE SAGE @ GARFIELD PARK IN SOUTH PASADENA, 5 - 7pm. On Mission between Stratford & Park. 626-403-7360. *FREE!* Country Western.**

**SUN. 7/12 - "ELVIS" @ MEMORIAL PARK BANDSHELL IN SIERRA MADRE, 6 - 8pm. Sierra Madre Blvd. at Hermosa Ave. *FREE!* Seating on the green.**

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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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