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Back to Serra's for Open Mic on January 15 at 8PM

Welcome back everyone! Thursday, January 15 is the first day back to Open Mic at Serra's after the holiday hiatus. For all you joyous and fabulous singers, you know the drill, \$5 per song to have the incredible Charlie Harrison back you on keyboards, starting at 8PM.

The entertainment keeps getting better and the forum is open to all who want to sing and perform. Serra's Dine & Dance serves delicious food and hosts a full bar.



12449 Ventura Blvd
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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar:

January 24, Saturday – Show at Serra's
This is going to be an amazing show offering talent with flair. More info will be forthcoming.

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The Los Angeles River

Did you know that before the Los Angeles River was encased in cement, it was a free flowing river?

Circa 1900's



Despite its reputation as a land of perpetual sunshine and little rain, Southern California probably faces a greater natural hazard from catastrophic floods than any other metropolitan area in the nation. More than half of the non-mountainous portion of Los Angeles County was once threatened by floods. Before the region's waterways were confined and controlled, rivers and streams overflowed often, carving ravines through fertile farmland, destroying homes and businesses, crippling transportation and communication lines, and occasionally washing away entire towns.

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SPOTLIGHT HOUSE & PET CARE SERVICES

Going on vacation and don't want to put your animal/s in a cage? Helpful neighbors not available to watch your house while you're away? Stop fretting! Call Tony Alvarado 818-648-0746. References available.



**Your Pets Will
Sing your Praises!**

The Los Angeles River (cont'd from page 1)

Once, the river flowed with the seasons - so thunderously at times that, once every decade or so, it chewed away at the adobe, the wood, the brick and finally the steel of the city, until the city fought back at this vampire that sucked away at progress. They put it in a cement straitjacket. They incarcerated it, fenced, guarded and gated it like the serial killer it could sometimes be, until it was no longer at liberty.

I cherish my freedom and I cherish the Los Angeles River and ask why skilled and educated engineers could not come up with a design that would not kill the beauty of the river that not long ago was so rich with creatures and green growing things. Is it too late to unshackle her from the nullity that she has become? The river's demise is as complicated as our government and Wall Street have become. When we're all thinking "green," 51 miles of concrete looks like a scar on the landscape.

Friends of the Los Angeles River proclaim to care and once I volunteered to help clean the river, but nearly drowned trying to pull out old shopping carts, underclothes, and so much toilet paper wrapped around shrubbery that it looked like Christmas had come early!

The disappearance of the river has been taken nonchalantly, and I don't have an answer, but I will continue the quest to beautify this old river and hopefully, soon, we'll be able to ride our bikes down paths overlooking cottonwoods and willows that were at one time thick along the stream courses.

Upcoming Events (cont'd from page 1)

February 21, Saturday 🎵 8PM – 3 Broads Presents "Best of Friends" 🎵 A Fundraiser for the Mayflower Club - \$15.

I need to put my two-cents in here. I heard this marvelous group together with their talented entourage and I am telling you, it is worth much more than the mere \$15 charged at the Mayflower Club. **FABULOUS-FABULOUS-FABULOUS!** More to come regarding this event in the next newsletter.

The Mayflower Club
11110 Victory Blvd.
North Hollywood • 818-769-9805

There's nothing like these shows for this price anywhere!