



Music

Friday, May 12, 2006

News	Arts & Entertainment	Restaurants	Music	Film	Best Of	Promotions	Classifieds
------	----------------------	-------------	-------	------	---------	------------	-------------

TUYET NGUYEN

[Other Articles by Tuyet Nguyen](#)
[Email Tuyet Nguyen](#)

Club Scout

[Print Article](#)
[E-mail Article to a Friend](#)
[Paginate This Story](#)

Music Search

[Advanced Search](#)

B-52 Billiards

A LoDo stronghold gives out.

By Tuyet Nguyen

Article Published Feb 23, 2006

What's Your

- ROCK/POP
- Jazz / Blue
- DJ / Dance
- OPEN STAGE
- THEME NIGHT

B-52 Billiards dropped a bomb on its employees last week when it announced that the club at 1920 Market Street would be closing for good as of this past Monday. One bartender complained to Club Scout that he was given about 48 hours' notice that his mixology job was being nixed. Ouch.

Despite a halfhearted attempt at a kitschy name change to B-52 House of Booze a few months ago, the venue -- including the second-floor, hook-up-central dance room known as Red Monkey -- never managed to renew its hold on the sequins-and-heels LoDo market, which is down considerably from a few years ago. Maybe it was those awful dance mixes of "Immigrant Song" and "Smells Like Teen Spirit" that did the club in -- or that girl in the bathroom yelling "You fucking bitch! Where the fuck you at!" on her cell phone.

The owners declined any further comment.

Two weeks earlier, Tiki Boyd's -- the short-lived plastic paradise located inside the Ramada Inn at 1150 East Colfax Avenue -- hit the chopping block, when the troupe of enthusiasts who'd outfitted the hotel bar as a faux Polynesian fantasy decided to take their bamboo curtains and head elsewhere. "Basically, the manager and the owner were obsessed with money and didn't care at all about tiki culture or what

Music Details

Who / What:
[B-52 Billiards](#)

Music Genre:
Dance Clubs

This Week In Music

Music
[Art Show](#)

The Beatdown
[Rebel With a Cause](#)

Rough Mixes

we were trying to do," explains former bartender **Brian Clark**.

The Ramada hasn't given up on tiki entirely, though; it's turned the bar into the **Denver Tiki Lounge**, complete with tiki drinks but minus the vintage decor that tiki authority **Boyd Rice** took with him. (For more information, go to denvertikilounge.com.)

Meanwhile, Clark, Rice, drink mixologist **Lorin Partridge** and a few **Modern Drunkards** are actively seeking a new spot where they can bed down and spread their tiki love. "The old location was like tiki lite," Clark says. "We'd rather have our own bar where the profits went back into it, and not into someone's pocket. It will be the official Modern Drunkard bar, which the other location never really was." Stay tuned at www.tikiboyds.com.

Related Links

[Club Directory](#)
[News | Rock On](#)
[The Bite | 2000-12-28](#)
[Music Showcase 2001](#)
[Restaurants | Bite Me](#)
[Music | Backwash](#)
[Music Showcase 2001](#)
[Music | Boyd Ric](#)
[Music Showcase 2001](#)

[Partners in Rime](#)
[In Short](#)
[Aural Pleasure](#)

Playlist

[Jolie Holland](#)
[Spank Rock](#)
[Built to Spill](#)
[The Stretts](#)

Locals Only

[Vitamins](#)
[The Sputter](#)

Sound Bites

[Listen Up](#)

Now Hear This

[Joseph Childress](#)
[Metal Hearts](#)
[Cordero](#)
[Gutbucket](#)
[Imogen Heap](#)
[Cougars](#)
[The Slackers](#)
[Tool](#)

Critic's Choice

[Pee Pee](#)

Scratching the Surf:

[Johnny Fiasco](#)

[About Us](#) | [Work for Westword](#) | [Esubscribe](#) | [Privacy Policy](#) | [Problem With the Site?](#) | [RSS](#)

©2006 Village Voice Media All rights reserved.