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# LAWEEKLY

IN SEARCH OF A SOUL  
LOST AND FOUND IN L.A.

## BOX OF DREAMS

BY MARK GROUBERT



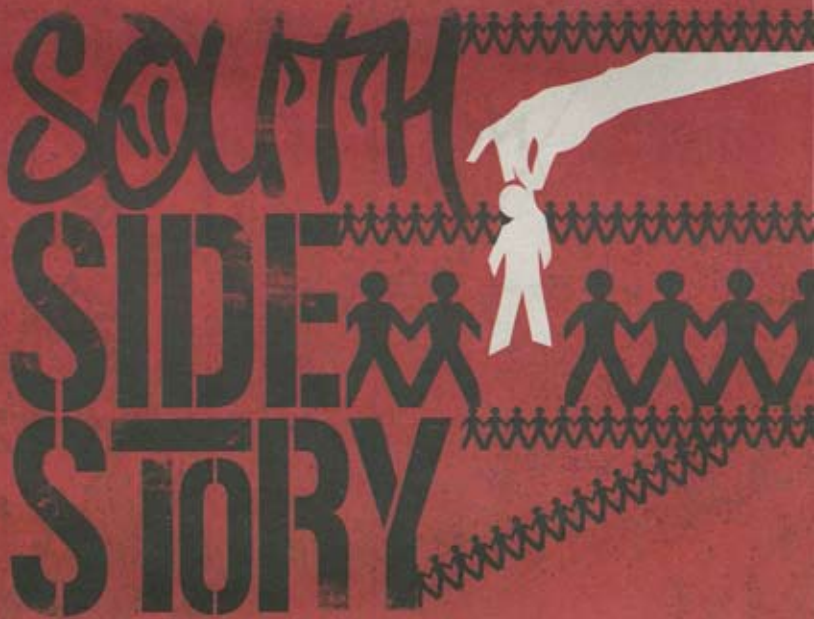
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# OC WEEKLY



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IS A POPULAR LEGAL WEAPON PUTTING AN END TO  
A 30-YEAR-OLD GANG RIVALRY  
IN SOUTH COUNTY ...



... OR CATCHING  
INNOCENT BYSTANDERS IN ITS NET?  
BY DAFFODIL J. ALTAN



# (ONLY IN) VEGAS VALENTINES

SIN CITY OFFERS SOME BORDERLINE BIZARRE

## FEBRUARY 14th Celebrations

### LOVE HURTS

In a city where people go to make memories and are in the mood to live dangerously, tattoo studios are bound to thrive. So it's almost surprising that the mega hotel casinos didn't embrace the idea sooner. But, better late than never, we now have Hart & Huntington Tattoo (opened in 2004 inside the Palms), Vince Neil Ink (inside O'Shea's Casino since late '06) and Starlight Tattoo (opened last February next to the House of Blues inside Mandalay Bay). At Vince Neil Ink — yes, owned by heavily tatt-ed Mötley Crüe vocalist (and Vegas resident) Vince Neil — they're offering a "Love Hurts" special on Valentine's Day: the first 14 people to book a heart or name tattoo get it inked for free (size restrictions apply), and all others get a \$50 discount on these designs. You can't miss the place — it has the chopper from the Crüe's "Girls Girls Girls" video in the window and is open 11am-4am daily.

Vince Neil Ink inside O'Shea's Casino, 3555 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89109; (702) 733-3212 [www.vinceneilink.com](http://www.vinceneilink.com)



VINCE NEIL INK (Courtesy O'Shea's Casino) (top and bottom)

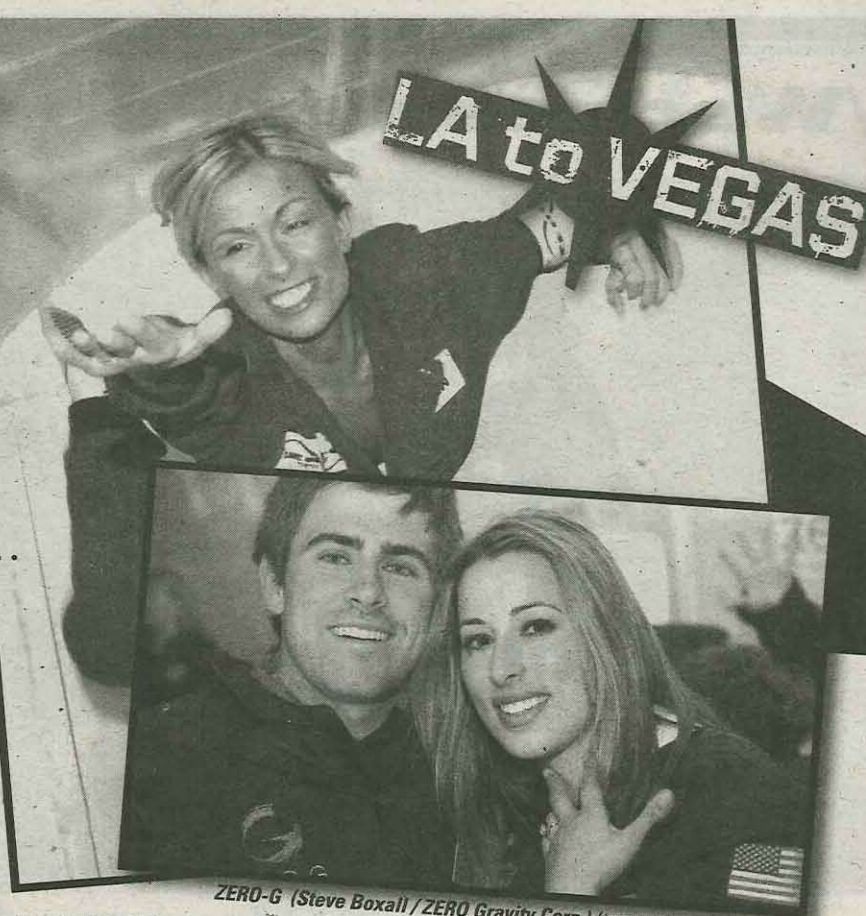
### PROPOSE WITH PORPOISE

If you love the planet as much as you love your partner, the Trainer for a Day program at Siegfried & Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat at The Mirage might just be the perfect Valentine's experience. You get to spend the day in wetsuits, side-by-side with real dolphin trainers, as they check the health of their smart n' slippery charges and put them through their paces. It's not just a fun, behind-the-scenes day with the dolphins, but an educational experience about the Dolphin Habitat's research projects that aid in the survival of the Atlantic bottlenose variety in the wild. It's relatively intimate too, as the program is limited to four participants per day, and every person's experience is different 'cos the dolphins' needs vary daily. The day begins with a light continental breakfast, while the facilitator teaches trainer terminology and hand signals, and then there's a posh private lunch served at a secluded private table, surrounded by palm trees, overlooking the Dolphin Habitat. The all-day program normally costs \$550 per person (which includes the meals, 8x10 photo certificate, and embroidered polo shirt and a photo CD), but there's a 10% discount in February so you and your special one could be in for under a grand. But book now — these dolphins are in serious demand.

Trainer for a Day program at Siegfried & Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat at The Mirage, 3400 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89109; [www.mirage.com](http://www.mirage.com). For Trainer for a Day reservations call (702) 792-7889



TRAINER FOR A DAY AT THE MIRAGE (Courtesy MGM MIRAGE)



ZERO-G (Steve Boxall) / ZERO Gravity Corp. (top and bottom)

### WALK ON AIR

Couples have tied the knot in haunted houses, underwater and even while wing-walking. With the wedding bizarre-bar set so high, how can you still amaze your spouse-to-be with your creativity (and extravagance)? Trust Sin City to provide the answer. The Las Vegas-based Zero Gravity Corporation (ZERO-G) is the only FAA-approved provider of commercial weightless flights for the general public. This is not an astronaut-esque simulation, but an actual flight in a modified Boeing 727 (departing from McCarran International Airport) where weightless conditions are created — and grown adults promptly regressed into floating, giggling kiddies (during the 90-100 minute flight, expect 7-8 minutes of reduced gravity). Celebs from Martha Stewart to Stephen Hawking have enjoyed ZERO-G, but it was a SoCal couple who introduced a truly Cloud 9 element to the experience when Garret Patten proposed to Amber Posey as they flipped and danced during a December 30 flight. But no one's actually been married aboard yet, so here's a rare chance for a wedding first. Oh, but keep the guest list small — ZERO-G flights cost \$4,950 per person (plus 5% tax), but at least their in-house photographer will be on hand to capture every costly moment.

The next Vegas Zero-G flight isn't until March 21, but book-up now and surprise your special one on the Feb. 14 with the news! 1-888-664-7284 [www.gozerog.com](http://www.gozerog.com)

### FEEL THE BOND

Nothing brings a couple closer than being in a room full of strangers toting automatic weapons! And what could be more dangerously sexy than a James Bond movie? Combining all these ruggedly romantic elements is the James Bond Package at the Gun Store, where for a small fee you can crank-off a few rounds from a military-grade weapon of your choice (including vintage pieces) — under supervision — at an indoor range just 3 miles from the Vegas Strip (yep, Nevada's kinda easy-going on gun laws too). The Gun Store's James Bond Package gives the shooter the opportunity to use three famous firearms that have appeared in 007 movies — the Steyer Aug, MP5K and a Walther hand gun — for around \$100. When they see fit, the Gun Store will switch to another film-themed package, and they also offer cheery World War II and Coalition packages. Finally — a guaranteed bang on Valentine's Day!

The Gun Store, 2900 E. Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89121; (702) 454-1110 [www.thegunstorelasvegas.com](http://www.thegunstorelasvegas.com)

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