



Buckle up, music fans, because the midweek calendar shows plenty of choices.

### **Essential Expendables**

The bottom line is there are few, if any, bands that aren't, in the huge scheme of things, expendable. But, in a music world that features far too few original voices, it would be best if the Expendables aren't expendable, at least for a while.

The Expendables, working out of Santa Cruz, Calif., make catchy, clever and fun music but inject some thought-provoking lyrics into the mix now and again. The quartet is touring with a new CD, *Prove It* (Stoopid Records), which mixes and matches ska, reggae, punk and straight-up rock for a sound that'll get audiences jumping up and down but also will make people think. The band serves up wide mood swings from the romance of *Dance Girl Dance* to the serious but hard-charging *Donkey Show*. The Expendables will work White Rabbit Wednesday night with Big B, Tomorrow's Bad Seed and Dirty Penny.

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