

Fun With Air

What to do in Los Angeles this week

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Sometimes the best events come from you, the reader. Witness: “I am just dropping you a line to let you know (or whomever might be interested at the *L.A. Weekly*) that we are having our **annual memorial at Westwood Chapel for Marilyn Monroe** on August 5th at 11am. Now this is going to be the 45th Anniversary of Marilyn's passing and the event should probably have well over 200 people in attendance (estimates range as high as 300 .??. but who knows?). As the

memorial does not let TV cameras in I thought *L.A. Weekly* might be interested in covering this event. Our speakers will include (but not limited to) author/actor John Gilmore, photographer Joshua Greene (Milton Greene's son) and actress Mamie Van Doren. We are hoping for Jane Russell as well but she has not yet confirmed. Many of the fans will be here from around the world, some traveling as from as far as Germany and Australia. This should be a wonderful event. In addition the memorial will have a reception afterwards which will take us to the Hollywood History Museum where many NEW and RARE items are currently on special exhibit from the collection of Greg Schriener and Scott Fortner." Signed, "Jill Adams." Thanks, Jill Adams! You're hired! *Westwood Chapel, 1218 Glendon Ave., Wstwd.; Sun., Aug. 5, 11 a.m.; free.*
www.marilynremembered.org.

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TUESDAY, August 7

Today's a great day to see the new exhibit **The Arts in Latin America, 1492–1820**. But while you're at LACMA, you can also take in one of Katharine Hepburn's lesser-known films, 1946's **Undercurrent**, tagged, "Young bride Ann Hamilton soon begins to suspect that her charming husband is really a psychotic who plans to murder her." Sound good? *LACMA, 5905 Wilshire Blvd., L.A. Exhibit: Aug. 5-Oct. 28; \$9, \$5 seniors & students, children under 17 free. Film: Tues., Aug. 7, 1 p.m.; \$2, \$1 seniors. (323) 857-6000.*

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THURSDAY, August 9

Many of you are probably too young to remember *Debbie Does Dallas*, the 1978 porn movie involving a cheerleader named, I'm guessing, Debbie. Ask your parents about it. Though it's surprising Andrew Lloyd Webber never saw the theatrical potential in this romp, we finally have **Debbie Does Dallas: The Musical**. After a successful New York run, the show comes to L.A.

and is described as “a saucy tongue-in-cheek romp.” Sure, but whose tongue’s in whose cheek? Your *Debbie* ticket gets you into an after party with the cast at DeGeneration. And be warned: There’s no sex or nudity in this *DDD*. *Key Club, 9039 Sunset Blvd., W. Hlywd.; every Thurs., doors open at 8 p.m.; thru Aug. 30; \$35-\$55, \$15 student rush. (310) 274-5800.*

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