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Crazy Dog's drummer and leader, Nguyen Huu Nang

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Viet Rock Band Together Again

San Diego

It all began when Bill Baras decided to sponsor a Vietnamese refugee.

He got a five-piece rock band dubbed Crazy Dog, and already he says he's spent some \$7000 to outfit it.

"I don't even like rock music, but all of a sudden, I'm beginning to like it," says Baras, a selfmotivation instructor.

"My wife and I first decided to adopt a little girl about the age of our own," he said. His daughter is 15.

"Then we found out she had a brother and we decided to take them both. Then we found out about Nang and took him, too.

"But it wasn't until three days later when we found out about the others," — two more, making up a rock group of five —he said.

"They said they wanted to stay together and they were nice kids, so we said OK."

The five youngsters had left behind their instruments when they fled South Vietnam in the last days of the Saigon regime.

Since leaving the refugee processing center at Camp Pendleton, they have lined up several paying engagements in the United States.

"We like it here very much," said Nguyen Huu Nang, 22, drummer and leader of Crazy Dog. "We are very happy."

With him are his sister, Nguyen Hgoc Qui, 19; a brother, Nguyen Huu Chau, 13, and two cousins: Nguyen Trong Nghia, 24, and Nguyen Minh Dao, 22.

They specialize in loud acid-rock songs.

The Barases also sponsored Nang's father, Nguyen Huu Hung, who was an actor in Vietnamese television soap operas.

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