



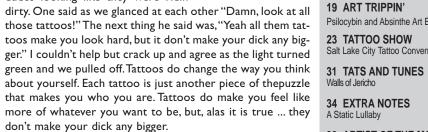
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JUST SAY NO

TO APRIL FOOLS JOKES

heard the funniest thing the other day while sitting in traffic. The car next to me was full of dudes looking like they were ridin'



Speaking of getting bigger, this issue is hot! Our Hot Ink is so hot, she'll melt your eyeballs. PRICK is getting bigger though, and we are traveling to more and more killer events. The last few issues have been international, even. This month our featured tattoo artist. Hiro from Japan, continues the streak. This past month alone we trekked across the U.S. and back to the Philly Tattoo Convention, the SLC Tattoo Convention, the Detroit Convention (to be featured in our May issue) and back home to Atlanta. Only then to shove off to Miami to check out what Miami Ink was all about. Then, it was back to Atlanta to throw our St. Pat-PRICK's Day Bash featuring the world-famous Enigma. Damn it, March was a busy ass month—which makes April a good ass issue. Enjoy!

Your friend and PRICK provider, - Chuck B.

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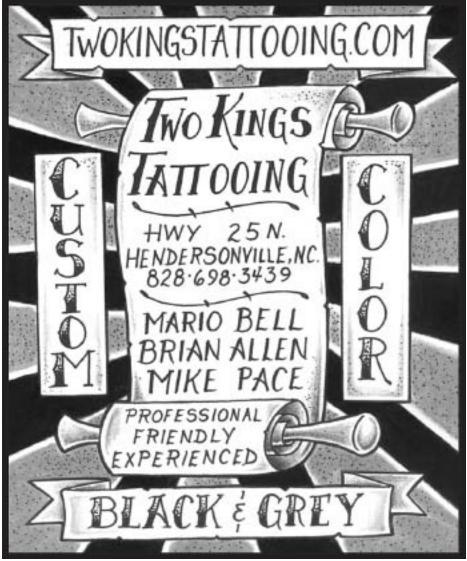
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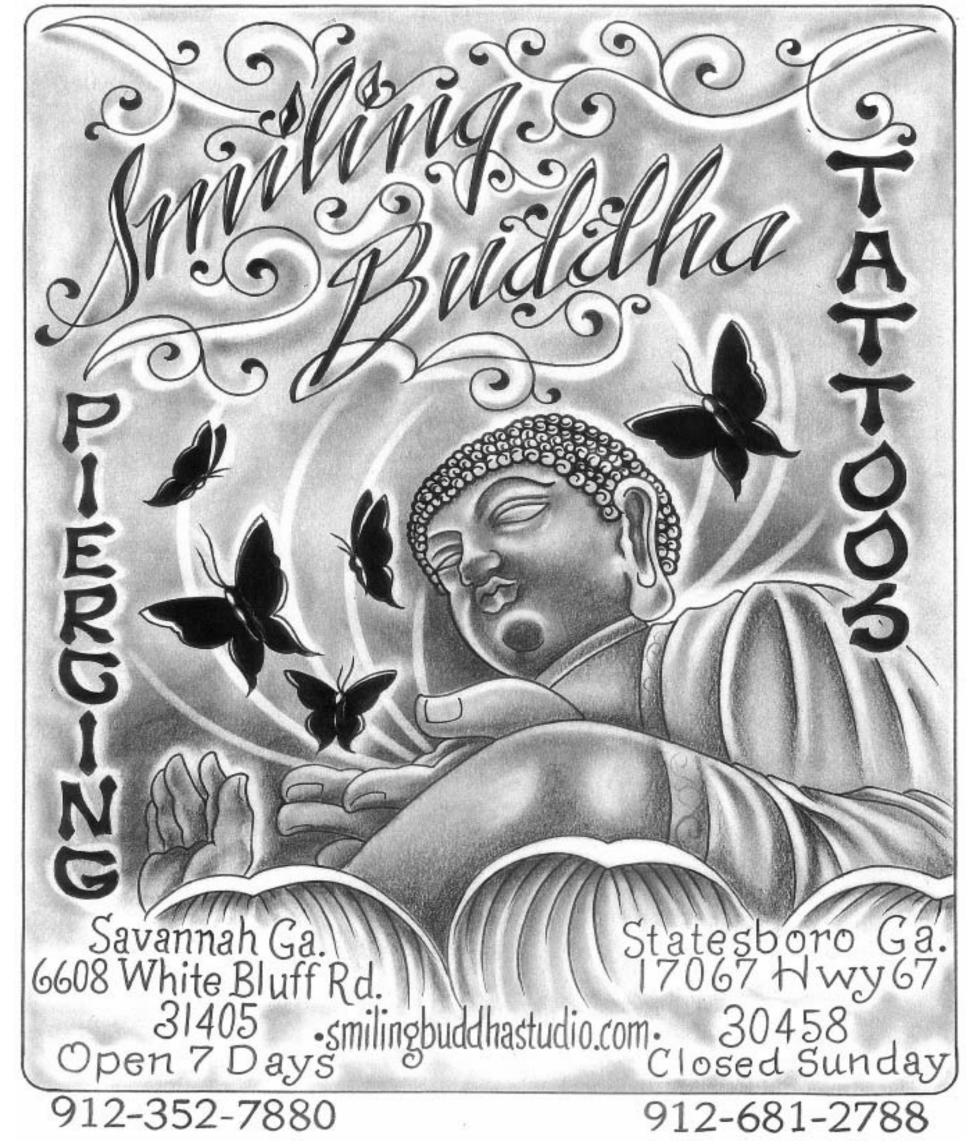
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PRICK PARTY

THE 7TH ANNUAL ST. PAT-PRICK'S DAY BASH

BY CHUCK B. PHOTOS BY JAMES K. LINDLEY, MAX BRAND & CASSANDRE D.

t's been a long time since I have said this but ... Holy sheep shit! What a party! To start off the day that would become an incredible night I partook in some Tennessee moonshine, then followed with 18 holes of beer drinking and stogie smokin'. Needless to say, I was feeling pretty good even before arriving at my 7th Annual St. Pat-PRICK's Day Bash at the EARL in East Atlanta. Since I was lucky enough to be born on St. Patrick's Day, I try my best to throw down as big as possible on this sacred of all days. This year the bash continued the tradition.

The crowd filled the bar early as the Hot Rods took the stage. With their high octane rock riffs and attitude, they quickly Chuck B. ignited the party. The world famous sideshow performer, the Enigma, hosted the party and performed after each band along with the extremely hot Terror Twins. Sparks flew from boobs and crotches as they grinded each other with electric devices. Soda Jerk took the stage and kept the party fires burning with their soulful, well-written roots rock songs. Their drummer played double duty sitting in as the drummer for The Rock City Dropouts and

After another mind melting performance by the Enigma and the Terror Twins that included sword swallowing, condom huffing, a chainsaw, an axe and more girl on girl grinding action. The Rock City Dropouts man-handled the stage sweeping the crowd into a full blown frenzy. With their Viking style metal RCDO brought the rock in a big way.

Throughout the night I was serving people up Guinness, Harp and Smithwick's beer thanks to their much appreciated sponsorship. Atlanta landmark adult novelty store, Starship, was on hand with tons of kinky fun party bags that got tossed off into the audi-

ence as the night climaxed with a final performance by the Enigma and the Terror Twins.

The Enigma pulled out all the stops including some of his stomach fluids during one of his stunts where he pumped Windex into and out of his stomach via stomach pump and his left nostril.



Chuck B and Rob K. of Starship throwing schwag. 13 Roses representin' (above The Terror twins playing with darts backstage with the Enigma (below)







The Hot Rods brought the heat to kick off the night.



Then he went on to drink the extracted sludge. He lit a cigarette with an axe and an angle grinder just inches from his unshielded face, swallowed a neon light tube and various sizes of swords, played his guitar, sang songs and played with fire.

The Terror Twins took the stage along side the Enigma and blew out the night in fine fashion. I can't imagine the party being much better. I guess we'll have to wait till next St. Patty's Day to see if we can top it. *\(\psi\)

Thanks to everyone who came out and everyone involved. It was a blast!







Soda Jerk (Above) RCDO (Below)

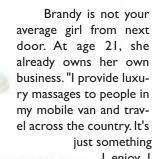




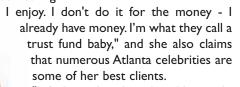
SWEET LIKE CANDY



Te first met Brandy at the Atlanta tattoo convention last summer. She clearly stood out of the crowd with her luscious looks and endless legs, but that's clearly not the only thing this young entrepreneur has to offer. It was just a matter of time till we got this hottie in front of our camera for some sexy pictures and a sit down for an interview.







"I feel privileged to be able to do what I love to do. It's like a non stop adventure driving from coast to coast and meeting interesting people on the way and experiencing new things. I recently rescued an injured squirrel and took him to the nearest hospital. Unfortunately his leg had to be amputated but now Mr. Nutty is my three-legged pal and travels with me wherever I go."

Life hasn't always been this rosy for Brandy. "When I was I4 I ran away from home and dropped out of school to pursue a career in the

















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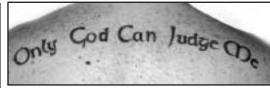


music industry. I play keytar in my all girl group The Pixie Inferno. It's hard to classify our genre. If I had to put it into words I'd have to say it's techno rock." When the Pixie Inferno gets on stage you never know what will happen. "We're known for our unique stage performance and we do anything from setting things on fire to setting free thousands of butterflies during the show. We are currently booking future gigs and for now the fans can find us on Myspace."

"When it comes to tattoos I see myself as a blank sheet waiting to be painted on. As an artist myself, I think freedom is the key to real creativity so I let the tattoo artist do whatever he wants to do. My left arm was done by Joey Wallace at Karmic Tattoo. My right arm will be done by James Hogan









Brandon Smith's (aka **Brandy**) tattoos by **Joe Godby** (left) and **Jeremy Hulett** (right) of
Karmic Tattoo



and Kennie Davis of Devotion Tattoo." Brandy is not afraid of expressing herself through her skin art and proudly lifts her skirt to show off her "I Heart Booty" tattoo on her butt and an **APRIL FOOLS** tattoo on her penis.







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THE 9TH ANNUAL

TATTOO ARTS CONVENTION

hat could be better then a weekend of cheese steaks and tattooing, with a little bit of American History thrown in the mix? This year the 9th Annual Philadelphia Tattoo Arts Convention was held on February 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at The Sheraton Philadelphia City Center, right in the heart of Philly. Troy Timpel, of Tattooed Kingpin, and the crew at Philadelphia Eddie's 621 were hamming it up all weekend, having a blast and making sure that all of the attendees were, too. The place was extremely crowded with all sorts of body art fans; you could feel the brotherly love in the air for sure.

After waiting an hour or more to get in, everyone in attendance seemed to agree that it was well worth the wait. There were lots of incredible artists





Hope Gallery was all about the robots in Philly. Eric Merrill won Tattoo of the Day Friday with his robot on the left, while Tim Harris did the amazing robot on the right later in the weekend



Past and Paul Acker of Deep Six Laboratory work on a collaborative backpiece



Isaac Newton by Big Al Fielder



This pretty kitty won the Tattoo of the Day trophy Saturday



Snake by **Dave Tedder** of All or Nothing Tattoo

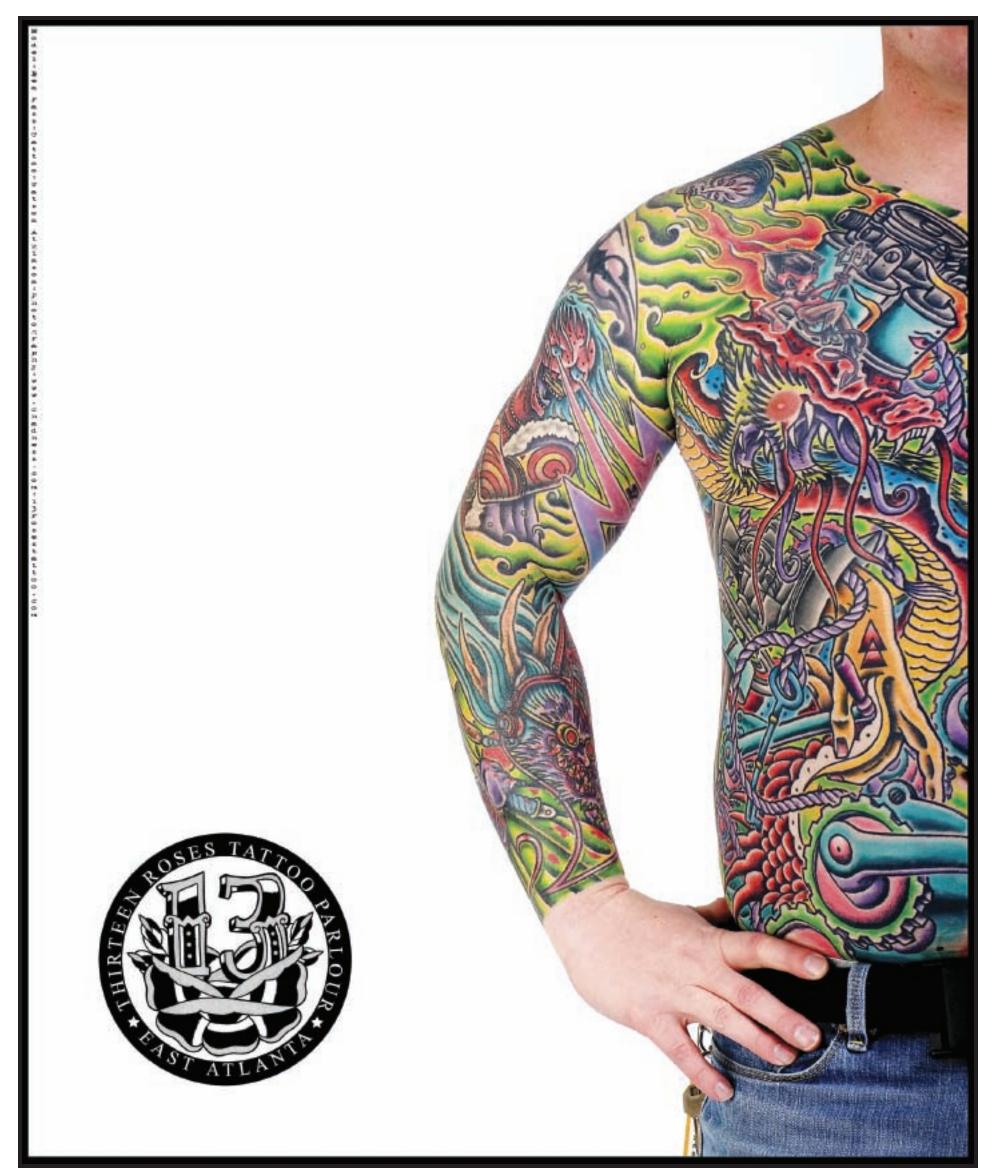


Nothing Tattoo





Bruce Campbell portrait by Paul Acker The Enigma—on the other side of the machine



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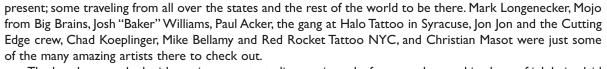
Winner for the Most Unusual



Winner for Best Religious Tattoo by **Brian Donovan** of Mercury Tattoo



The Drewster finally got Ode to Mom, by Dennis Pase of Black Orchid in his rooster Savannah, Ga.



The hotel was packed with seminars, contests, live music, and, of course, the soothing hum of ink being laid to skin. Contests were going on nonstop, with traditional categories like "Best Back Piece", "Best Color", "Best Portrait", and "Best Sleeve". Some of the more peculiar categories consisted of "Best Neck", "Best Hand", and "Most Unusual". "Tattoo of the Day" on Saturday went to Justin Michalski for his



Trophy winner for Tattoo of the Day on Saturday by **Tony Ciavarro**







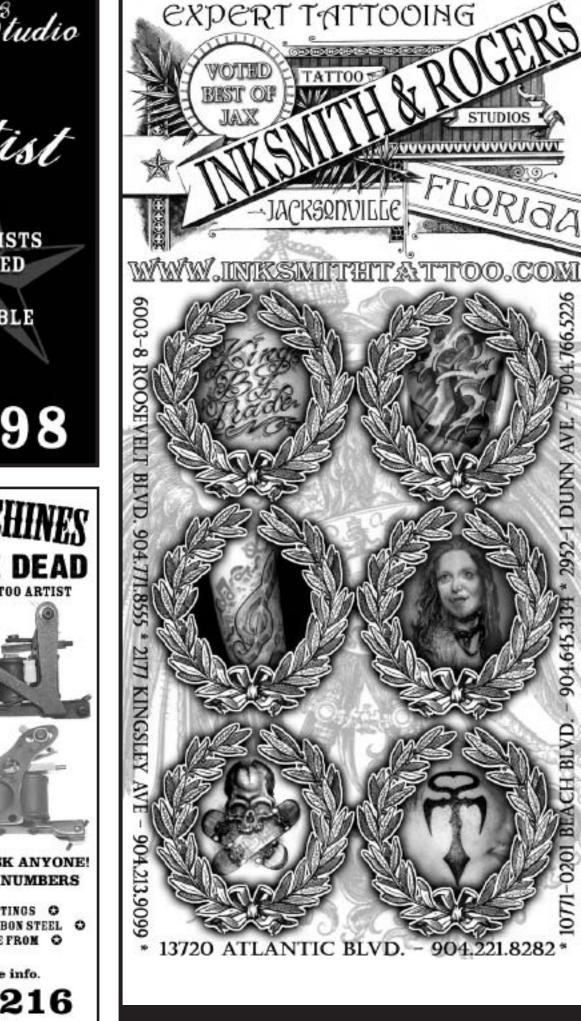
Girls are going wild, and we don't mind at all. Chest tattoos on lovely young ladies are all the rage these days, and here are two that just couldn't resist the urge. From Traditional American-style tattoos, to crazy Realism and New School, the chest piece is everywhere













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A dead ringer for Best Black and Grey

work by artist Jon Clue, while



Friday at the convention



This sweet skull and flowers was done
Jason Tapper of Quakertown set up shop for the weekend at Captn. Tap's Tat Shack!



Matching portraits of a friend lost but not forgotten

Addison Suicide gives it a try

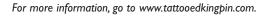


Sunday night, the boisterous Philly crowd was treated Crazy Face by **Ted Wallen** of to a performance from the seminal Lower East Side





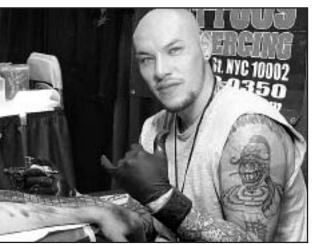
hardcore band, Murphy's Law. These guys have been doing their thing for 20 plus years and frontman Jimmy G really knows how to close a party. After Murphy's Law wrapped up and everyone had finished tattooing, people made their way out with high hopes for next year's show. PRICK had an awesome time, and we are looking forward next year. *







Telisa Swan of Miss Deborah's Fountain of Youth tattoos Miss Rebecca Sharp



NY Hardcore Tattoo represent!



gets in there...haha!





ART TRIPPIN



orld-renowned tattoo artists Jon Clue, of The Tattoo Collective, Mike "Pooch" Pucciarelli, of Altered State Tattoos, and Ben Her, of Chopstick Tattoo, have banded together to showcase their complex, captivating, and thought-provoking artwork in a single exhibit, entitled Psilocybin and Absinthe, at Blackout Creations in St. Petersburg, Fla. Blackout Creations is a collective studio featuring custom tattooing, graphic design, and a fine art gallery.

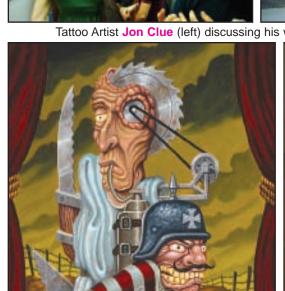
This particular exhibit was on display February 24th through April 1st. Blackout Creations hosts a closing reception on Sunday, April 1st, with Jon Clue and Pooch, after the Tampa Bay TattooFest. Look for future exhibits at Blackout Creations to titillate your artistic eye. *

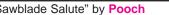
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"Untitled" by Jon Clue





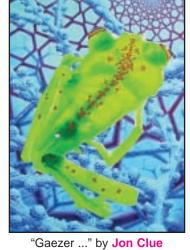


Tattoo Artist Jon Clue (left) discussing his work at the opening of Psilocybin and Absinthe





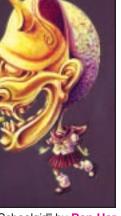












"Hanya Schoolgirl" by Ben Her

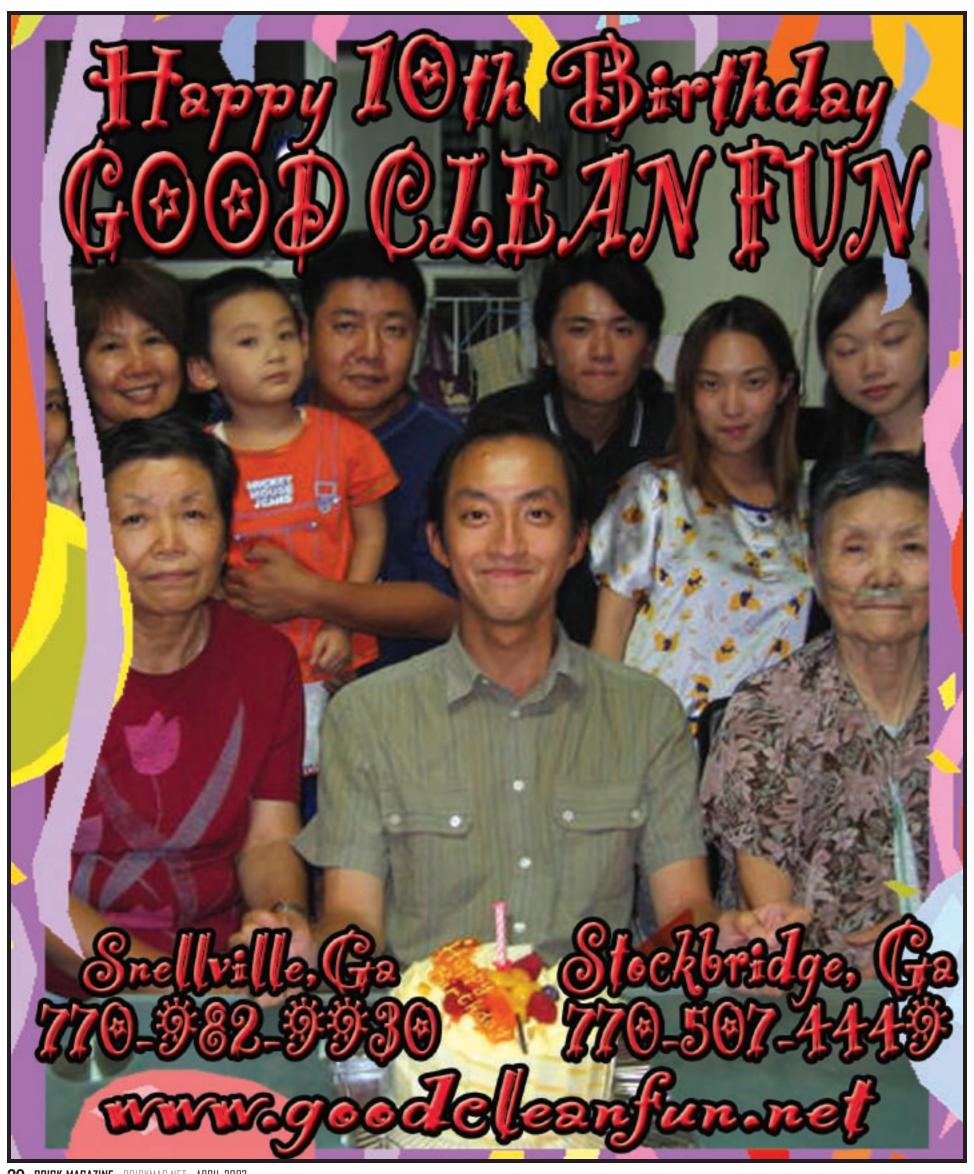


"Untitled" by Jon Clue

"Daruma" by Ben Her

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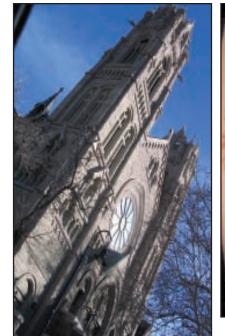
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TATTOO SHOW BY B FISCH PHOTOS BY CHUCK B.

TATTOOS IN SLC, PUNK

RICK had such an incredible time last year that we had to get back out to Utah, what the settlers called Zion; what I call the country's best less as a set call the country's best kept secret. The Salt Lake City International Tattoo Convention was held on February 16th -18th at the enormous Salt Palace Convention Center. In the 4th year since its inception, this collaboration between Lost Art Tattoo Studio and Flaco Productions always runs smoothly. With a focus on high caliber art without the egos, it is easy to see why







Karl Marc of Shogun Tattoo



Geisha by Dave Scearce of Immortal Images



Ortega of Kingpin Tattoo



Danny Tewell's tattoo by **Joey** Casey Christiansen's "dragon koi" tattoo by **Jeff Srsic** of RedLetter1 Tattoo in Tampa, Fla.



Bryan Spanberger's pinup tattoo by **Bob Lackner**



by Joey Ortega of Kingpin Tattoo







Phil Bergerone won 1st Place on Friday for this tattoo by Patrick Delvar of Good Times Tattoo in SLC



David Stanley's tattoo by Taylor Ryan of Halo Tattoo in Syracuse, N.Y.



Leslie Smith's tattoo by Stacie Jascott of Lit Fuse Tattoo in Olympia, Wash.



Anne Marie Palosi's angel and devil by Rodney Raines of Ace Custom Tattoo in Charlotte, N.C.



Hero on B. Fisch



Matt Johnston's dragon tattoo by Robert
Atkinson of Tattoo Room in Granada Hills, Calif.



This "Manpon" on **Jason Willis** is by **Ben**. *Ohh...hemorriod humor*

they have had such success this far. With world class skiing, a large cast of amazing international artists (8-15 Tattoo Germany, Joey Vernon, Rodney Raines, Hero tattoo, Kate Hellenbrand, JR Maloney Vanguard Tattoo, Robert Atkinson, and Scott Silva), and a convenient children's area, it's no wonder why so many people travel for this event. Utah's slow going season kicked up just in time to drop a bit of snow before the convention and a massive amount after. It was great to see a bunch of artists on the mountains, including King *PRICK* Chuck B. shredding for the first (and second) time.

The theme was Wild Wild West, and Lost Art put a lot of love in getting the whole thing as Western as possible. As soon as you entered you could feel that low key SLC vibe; the music wasn't too loud and the room was incredibly spacious which included an old time photo booth and a mechanical bull—a highlight of the weekend

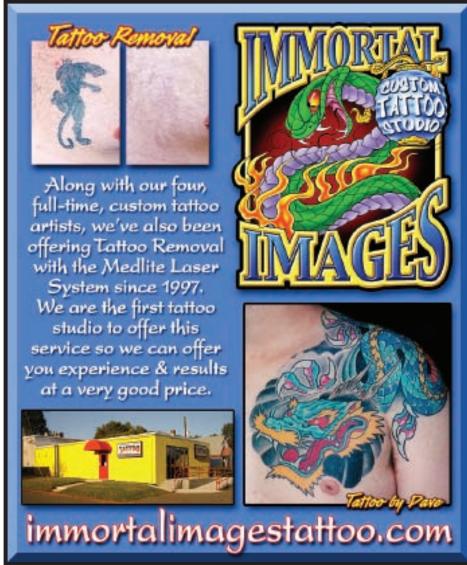


Tara Boyd's tattoo by Richard Stell of Pair O' Dice Tattoo











Band of Brothers' backpiece by Nate Drew of Lost Art Tattoo in SLC. Winner of 1st Place Black & Grey on Saturday



was done at the show. His sleeve took 2nd Place Best Sleeve. Both were done by Alex Hinton of Good Times Tattoo



Keone Nunes of Ta Tau in Hawaii doing some traditional hand poked tribal designs



Revolution Snowboards provided the killer trophies for contest winners



The multi-dimentional, master craftsman William Thidemann



Rich Dohoney of Big Deluxe Tattoo in SLC had a bangin' booth that was always full



J.R. Maloney of Vanguard Tattoo



Demented Images Big Gus mean muggin'

watching everyone eat it. With a casual start on Friday, locals and travelers alike came out in the masses after work, and did not stop coming. The art and merchandise were as diverse as Salt Lake City, and just as crazy. There was a wide assortment of awesome vendors selling their goods, as well as tattoo artists with amazing prints, clothing, and original artwork. There were dance performances by Desert Journeys and Blue Lotus and music by the Porch Pounders. There was also an after party including a Clear reunion.

Tattoo of the day contests were held each day, with great prizes to the artist and collector from



Mario Bell and **Mike Pace** of Two Kings Tattooing in N.C. cranked out some killer art over the weekend



The Lost Art crew in full effect



TNS Industries in the house slinging skate decks and ink



The Sexy Ink Girls' fashion and fire. Hott!



Charlotte representin'! **Joey Vernon** of Fu's Custom Tattoos and **Rodney Raines** of Ace Custom Tattoo

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Dave Scearce of Immortal Images shows his love for PRICK and pizza



Adam from Eternal Ink will hook you up with the colors you need!

Dringenberg & Co. and

snowboards,



The artists of King Kong Tattoo came all the way from Japan to produce amazing art



Patrick Delvar of Good Times Tattoo and his prize for being the artist behind the



Tony Ciavarro of Stinky Monkey busts out another masterpiece as Jason Guy of Next Generation Tattoo Machines looks on and grins like a giddy school boy

Sam Zamora's skulls by Ben at Ben Around Tattoos in

Charlottesville, Va.



love putting this thing on, and Event producer Nate Drew of Lost Art Tattoo never

showing everyone what Utah work, but it is what it is". It

is all about. Sure it's lots of stopped the hustle and flow may be a lot of work, but it pays off. Well after more then a

decade in the field, it's great for Drew to see new things and bring all this creative energy to such a welcoming community. "The rewards come all the time, seeing everyone enjoying themselves and walking around with some stellar art. The reward is watching Rick Walters crank out a half sleeve this weekend. That's what it's all about."

Utah is known for a lot of things, but mostly by people who don't really know. Salt Lake, the home of the Mormon religion, rebelling from the inside out, boosts an alternative scene filled with incredible outdoor recreation, recycling, vegetarians, fry sauce, warm people, and a whole lot of tattooing and piercing. Come out to the SLC International Tattoo Convention next year. It's a good excuse for a ski trip, and it's a really good time. \star

For more information, go to www.slctattoos.com.



Keet of Liberty Tattoo in Atlanta, Ga.



Emcee and judge Chris Longo all dressed up in his baby blues



Event producer C.J. Starkey Beers, boards and good times



Tattoo of the Day on Friday



Karl Marc adding some flair. Dude, check out that hair



Every cool town has its one really cool underground, original rocker store. The Heavy Metal Shop is SLC's.





Indie Kumari belly dance troupe



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TATS AND TUNES

BY LISA SHARER

BALLS TO THE WALLS **WALLS OF JERICHO BREAKDOWN**

66 T like getting [tattoos]. I hate it when people touch me." Simply put, Dustin Schoenhofer, drummer for Walls of Iericho, tells *PRICK* that while he enjoys the body art, he doesn't always enjoy the side effects. Singer, Candace Kucsulain, agrees "a lot of people feel like if you didn't want people to notice it, then why did you get it. But that's not really what I was thinking when I was younger. Now, I'm not the person that will walk through the crowd with my head down, I just get through. No one likes it when people just start grabbing your shit and stare at you. But that's what comes with it."

Seemingly semi-tattoo enthusiasts Walls of Jericho, not only wear the art, but include a tattoo artist in the band. Aaron Ruby, bassist and ink slinger, has done work on members of the band amongst other clients. He confesses to being rebellious in his tastes. "I like all that stuff that's not



Walls of Jericho is (L-R) Mike Hasty, Candace Kucsulain, Dustin Schoenhofer, Aaron Ruby, and Chris Rawson













Candace Kucsulain on vocals. Her "rock star" microphone tattoo is by Aaron Ruby of Eternal Tattoos in Livonia, Mich., tiara on left hand by Marshall Bennett of Eternal Tattoos, diamond flower on right hand by Mike Ski, ex-singer for A.K.A.s, "cat's meow" on knuckles, knees by Trent Thompson of Eternal Tattoos, "bitch" tattooed across stomach











typical. I'm not a big fan of tattoo trends." He has been acclaimed for some of his more straight edge tattoos. Work done on him includes a very realistic art form in black and gray. It's not your traditional piece or modern tattoo art, but it definitely screams out from his

Walls of Jericho, formed in 1998, have busted out of Detroit, Mich. and hit the hardcore scene with a deafening scream. Their career seemed to blossom quickly, when in 1999 they signed with Trustkill Records and released their first full length album, The Bound Feed the Gagged. The band immediately started touring with the likes of In Flames, and hitting other hardcore venues around the country. They had started to receive recognition amongst the community when they seemed to disappear in 2001. "We had a hiatus for about a year and a half, because our drummer went out to Seattle to go to school. Shit like that you go through when you're growing up," explains Kucsulain.

It has been a growing experience for most everyone in the band. Kucsulain confesses that they started touring in her senior year of high school, and now they've come to a point where they're trying to run a business."Keeping up with



Magazine tattoo because he used to collect the magazine

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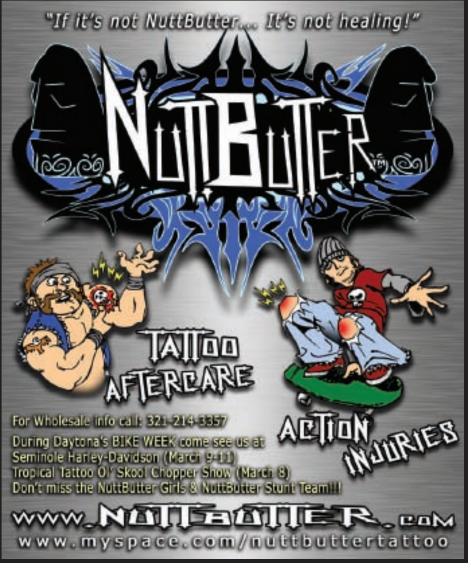
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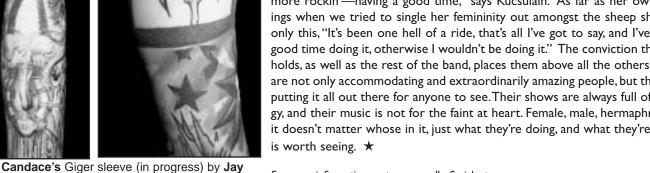
the game; that's a big fucking challenge," she says. "It's just the stupid industry game. There's a certain way to do things in this type of business. That's just not where we came from. We came from a lot of DIY. There were a lot of different people who knew each other and helped each other out. It just blew up and it became this different thing. Definitely more business, and who you know, and what they can do for you. [This band,] we're all very genuine and sincere people. We're not two-faced, we don't schmooze and do all that shit, that's not what we grew up being. It's just been a little bit of a challenge trying to do our own thing and keep up."

They've kept up enough to put out two albums since their time away. In 2004, they brought in a new following with All Hail the Dead, and their newest release, With Devils Amongst Us All, has been getting great reviews so far. They've also toured with the Warped Tour, Ozzfest, headlined their own UK tour, and they are getting ready to go to Japan soon. Their reputation is putting them in places all over the world. Fans are demanding some of that good old-fashioned hardcore, moshing, bloody, body-slamming fun in their hometowns, and Walls of Jericho are happy to accommodate their needs.

"[Our best experience has been the] people we've met, and the places we've been...that's an amazing experience in itself. We've just seen so much, that's awesome; just the shit that I'd never be able to do if I wasn't in this band. Probably the best thing so far in this past year though...the Ozzfest. Just because there was way too many brutal dudes, and it was amazing. It was just like an insane family reunion every single day. We've just done a bunch of stuff that we are very fortunate to be doing right now," tells Kucsulain.

Although it is a rarity to find a female fronted hardcore band. Walls of Jericho has never made an issue of it. "We're not anti-girl thing, we're just more rockin'—having a good time," says Kucsulain. As far as her own feelings when we tried to single her femininity out amongst the sheep she said only this, "It's been one hell of a ride, that's all I've got to say, and I've had a good time doing it, otherwise I wouldn't be doing it." The conviction that she holds, as well as the rest of the band, places them above all the others. They are not only accommodating and extraordinarily amazing people, but they are putting it all out there for anyone to see. Their shows are always full of energy, and their music is not for the faint at heart. Female, male, hermaphrodite, it doesn't matter whose in it, just what they're doing, and what they're doing

Aaron Ruby on bass (above). Aaron's backpiece by Jay Wheeler at Eternal Tattoos



For more information, go to www.wallsofjericho.tv.



Wheeler, flower by Aaron Ruby of Eternal Tattoos



BY NOEL POTTS
PHOTOS BY SYLVIA HAGAR

A STATIC A LULLABY

hat do you do when three members of your band fly the coop after two albums and your relationship with a major record label goes sour? If you're the frontman of A Static Lullaby, you get back on your horse, unleash your strongest, fiercest record to date, and do your best to rock the face off America. But most importantly, you make music the way you want to hear music.

The newly reassembled Chino Hills, Calif. five-piece touts are Joe Brown on lead vocals, Dan Arnold and John Death on guitar/vocals, Dane Poppin on bass/vocals and Jarrod Alexander on drums. As Brown explains, he couldn't be happier with the lineup. "Everybody is on the same page musically. This is the best band we've had to date." But after coming face-to-face with the harsh realities of the music business, he's being careful. "You take your precautions and you say, 'How is our band going to work as a fluid but solid unit?""

Tattoos are commonplace among the members of A Static Lullaby. Lead singer Joe Brown proudly displays a full and half-sleeve in a colorful old-school



A Static Lullaby is (L-R) Joe Brown, John Death, Dan Arnold, Jarrod Alexander, and Dane Poppin



Dane Poppin on bass



Dan Arnold on guitar and vocals and Joe Brown on vocals



Jarrod Alexander on drums





m tattoo, **John Death's** eagle tattoo

Dane Poppins' Johnny Cash forearm tattoo, **John Death's** eagle tattoo on stomach, **Dan Arnold's** skull on arm, and "Jenn" on inside lip

style with nautical and floral tones topped with a flame, banner, heart, wave and knife. He has hit up Classic Tattoo Parlor in Fullerton, California as well as Inflictions Body Art in West Covina, California for his ink. Guitarist Dan Arnold has the name "Jenn" tattooed on the inside of his lip as well as a skull on his arm, while bassist Dane Poppin displays a Johnny Cash silhouette on his right arm. Guitarist John Death, who has a more cartoon-ish taste in ink, boasts a she-skull, Jeff Soto-inspired monster, cowboy, web and eagle, to name a few.

Touring, as with any band vying for attention in today's overcrowded music world, has played an important role in the rebuilding of A Static Lullaby. "Your goal as a musician is to take home a new fan, whether you're winning over one person or a thousand," says Brown. "My goal is to give



John Death on guitar and vocals







all of myself every night." It's a wholeheartedness that results in rock-hungry fans singing along to lyrics revolving around "relationships in transition," as Brown describes them, and a relentlessly raging but melodic and fluid sound. And so exists the dual-sided musical essence of A Static Lullaby – static screams and guitar alongside melodic post-hardcore lullabies, a modern-day serenade for the rock-suckled fans of America.

With the Take Action Tour in their wake, A Static Lullaby continues to watch as their self-titled third full-length release (the first from their new label, Fearless Records) gains popularity. "The second album was a band in conflict – five different guys wanting to write five different types of music and not really seeing eye-to-eye, so you end up with a five-project-sounding album. It wasn't a true expression of





Joe Brown has tattoos done at Inflictions Body Art in West Covina, Calif., and Classic Tattoo Parlor in Fullerton, Calif.



John Death's tattoos (above)

the band, but the new record really wraps it up," Brown explains.

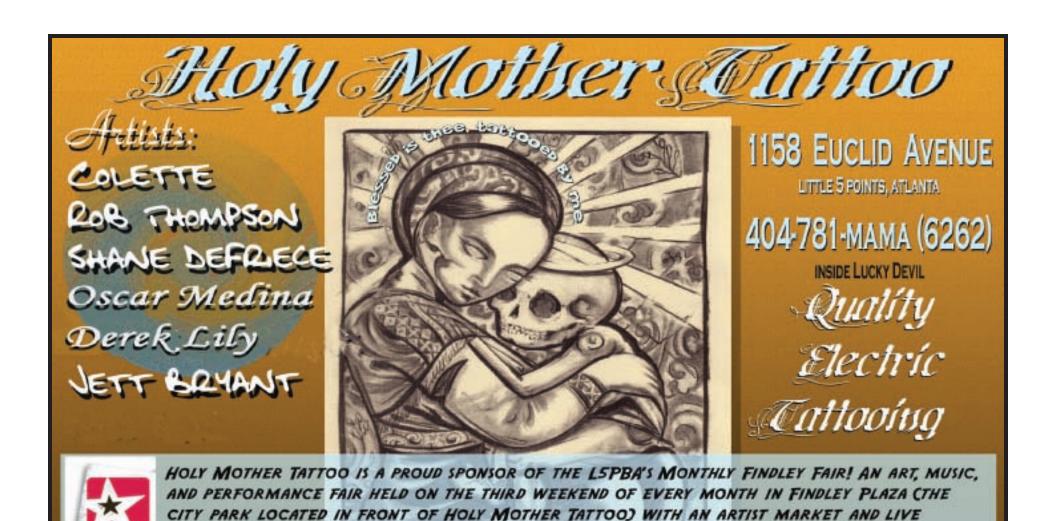
So who are A Static Lullaby's biggest fans? Perhaps it's the band members themselves. But don't be quick to call them egotistical. "I write records that I could put into the stereo and listen to and say, 'Wow.That's my favorite band,'" explains Brown. "I'm not saying we're better than anybody. We've just finally become the way I want to hear music."

A Static Lullaby tests the limits of what it means to be in a band, going beyond what's usually expected of a screamo/rock/pop-punk quintet from southern Calif. They've recently covered the ambient "Let Go" by Frou Frou, made famous by the movie Garden State, infusing it with their own hardcore sound. They've also launched a mini-comic book series inspired by the new album's striking cover art. As Brown claims, "There are no boundaries with our band."

For more information, go to www.astaticlullaby.com.







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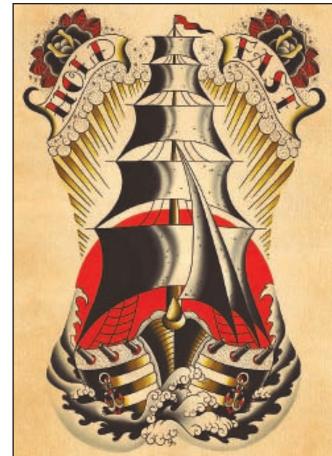


ARTIST OF THE MONTH

HIRO

ALL EASTERN, PART WESTERN INTERVIEW BY WILLIAM THIDEMANN

iro's big, bold layouts pull you into a realm of work that moves from traditional Americana back to traditional Japanese. With influences as far-reaching as Owen Jensen, and as natural as Ukiyoe prints, his style combines an intense boldness and richness not found anywhere else. Hiro's real act lies in maintaining a perfect balance of big and simple swaths of intense black and color with interspersed areas of subtle touch and detail. Hiro is a tattoo artist's artist; everything to be admired about tattooing is present in his work. As well as being a notoriously gracious and friendly guy, in spite of a language difference, he is incredibly accessible. What's not to like?











Thidemann: How long have you been tattooing? Hiro: About 12 years.

How and where did you get your start tattooing? Did you have a formal apprenticeship?

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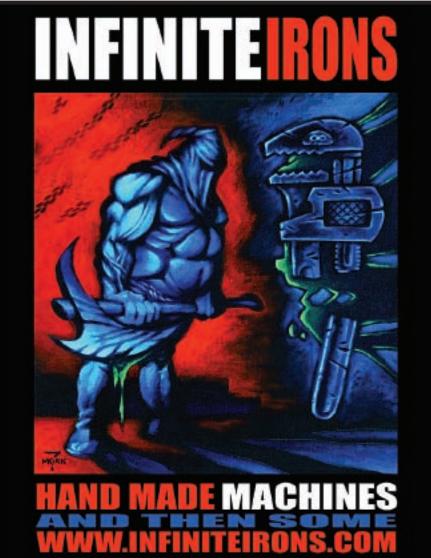
Did you have a background in art beforehand?Not yet. I just had interest for some art style.

What do you think the differences are between tattooing in Japan and tattooing in the United States?

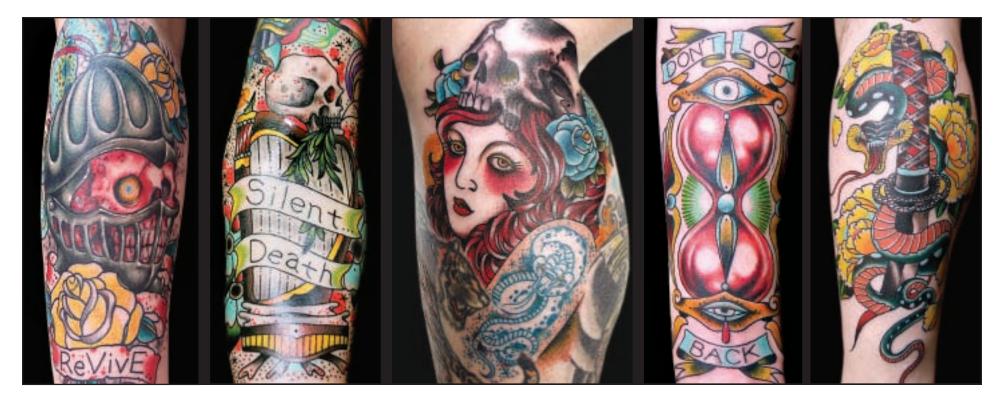
I think USA tattoo artists have a lot of information about tattoo











techniques. Japanese tattoo scene was close before a few years ago. Now, it's better.

How do you think culture and tradition affects your perspective as a Japanese tattoo artist?

I think more story affects Japanese tattoo design.

How do American and Japanese styles of tattooing influence you? Which one influences you more?

I'm interested in traditional story, old culture, new culture, and religion.

What artists influence you?

I'm influenced by Kyosai, Hokusai, Kuniyoshi, Ed Hardy, Owen Jensen, Grime, Jeff Zuck, Caravaggio, and many, many artists...I can't choose.

Can you tell me about being a tattoo artist in Japan right now?

Some young tattoo artists skill up very fast. They have good techniques and good drawing, and

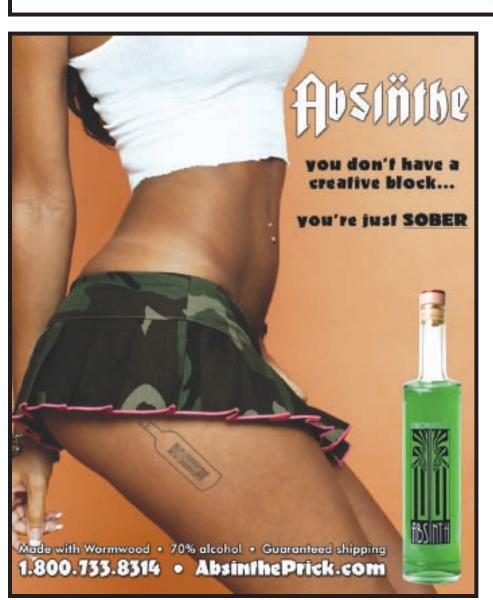


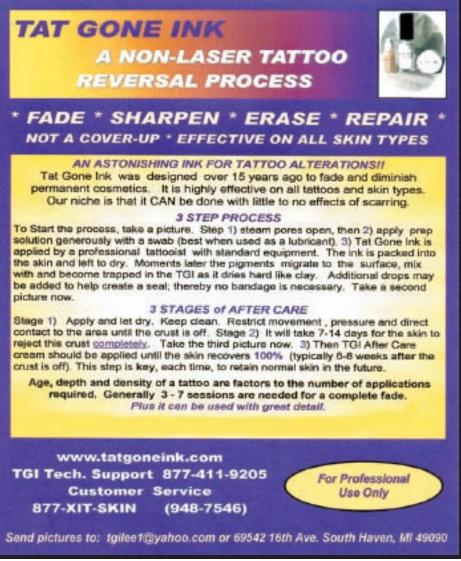












the Internet is popular for us now. We can see many good tattoos on Web sites, which is very good for us.

Is there a big generation gap between tattooed people and

Is there a big generation gap between tattooed people and non-tattooed people, or is it becoming more westernized?

Yes, we still have a generation gap. I guess big city is not too bad a generation gap nowadays, but I live in countryside. Sometimes I got problems.

What do you see in the future of tattooing in Japan and in general?

Many tattoo artists will get more skill up, more increase of specialty tattoo artists, and I hope that the customer would be more serious about choice for tattoo.

What are your future plans?

I want more visits to tattoo conventions and guest artist spots. I need more study for tattooing.

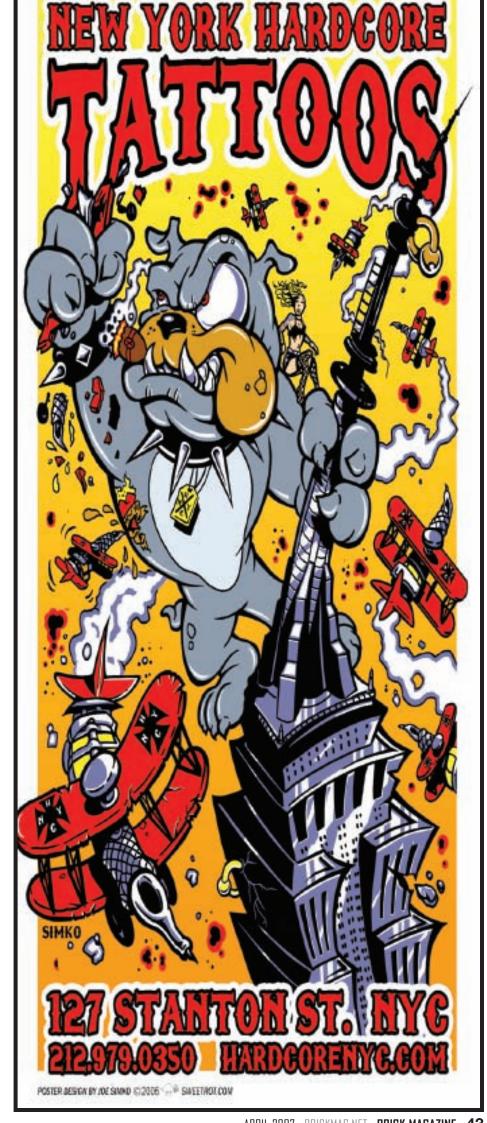
Any last words?

My English is no good. I hope you understand. Thank you! 🛨









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MUSIC NOTES

BANDS WORTH HEARING & SUPPORTING



BOB DYLAN: DON'T LOOK BACK

65 Tour Deluxe Edition DVD

Docurama - Docurama.com

Don't Look Back is filmmaker D.A. Pennebaker's intimate and ground-breaking documentary following Bob Dylan during his 1965 concert tour. Forty years after its release, the classic film is receiving the remastered deluxe DVD treatment. The 2-disc collector's set includes a brand new, hour-long look at Dylan – a musician whose words and songs helped define a generation. The film presents a personal, stark, and sometimes harsh portrait of the performer during the early years of Dylan's career. Thankfully, Dylan's personality has aged pleasantly over the years. A must have for every Dylan fan and film guru. - Stephen Jefferson



SCREAMING MASTERPIECE

1.000 Years of Icelandic Popular Music DVD

Milan Records - Screamingmasterpiece.com

Screaming Masterpiece: 1,000 Years of Icelandic Popular Music is Ari Alexander Ergis Magnússon's beautiful and revealing documentary on Iceland's musical scene. The film showcases talents such as Bjork, Sigur Ros, and other lesser knowns. Screaming Masterpiece deftly drifts from one performance to another, often letting the music and musicians speak for themselves. - Stephen Jefferson



SOUNDS LIKE VIOLENCE

With Blood On My Hands

Deep Elm Records - Myspace.com/soundslikeviolence

This album is a jagged mix of nervous energy, pop hooks, and post hardcore fury. The screechy male vocals hover around a fierce pitch while singing, and delve into some pretty harsh screams. The instrumentation is highly melodic while maintaining a dark indie aesthetic. Fans of The Refused, The Hives, and Rise Against should enjoy sulking to this disc. - Patricia (Evilneedles.com)



MENDEED - The Dead Live By Love

Nuclear Blast Records - Myspace.com/soundslikeviolence

Taking cues from several genres of metal, Mendeed's *The Dead Live By Love* is a juggernaut of speed and girth that crushes the ground below and reaches for the stars above. Ambitious guitars and rampant drums create vast, triumphant soundscapes as metalcore screams and melodic backup vocals scorch and sear. The end result is an infectious brand of music that is highly technical and frighteningly brutal.



KRUM BUMS - As The Tide Turns

TKO Records - Myspace.com/krumbums

A word of warning for anyone listening to this album while driving; the Krum Bums make music that's hotwired directly to your gas pedal. Their relentlessly fast and aggressive hardcore street punk takes hold of your feet and eardrums for all 33 minutes. Their sound is akin to bands like G.B.H, Zeke, and Motorhead. This chaotic album is a standout in

the pile of punk discs. - Gustavo Montoya



SODAJERK - Sodajerk 2

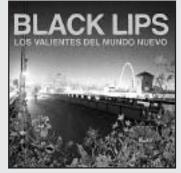
odajerkcountry.com

Sodajerk returns with their perfect blend of rock, country and rockabilly musical stylings. This album gets your toes tapping and head nodding about five seconds into it, and doesn't let up; just like their songs about loving, drinking, fighting and all the usual country standards. Their twangy, raw rock 'n' roll stands out on tracks like "Fuck N' Fight" and "Car Bomb (To Your Heart)." Sodajerk also shows their tear-jerking side on "Heart Of Chrome" and "Long Time Coming." This is good country done right. - Geoffrey Stephenson



Los Valientes Del Mundo Nuevo Vice Records Alkalinetrio.com

Punk slime, the Black Lips just released a new record entitled Los Valientes Del Mundo Nuevo. The album was recorded live in Tijuana, Mexico on Vice Records. The Black Lips have only progressed in ideas and sound with this album that features twelve great tracks, including songs from past albums and a new track, "Buried Alive," a creepy tale with a haunting '60s melody that will make



you shimmy your ass out of the seat. It continues in progression as an intriguing follow-up to their *Let it Bloom* release. It's pumped full of the energy and excitement of their live show with a surf/psychedelic/punk driven presence. And be patient, because around the end of track 12 there's a little something special, brought to you by birds and lions from all over. *Los Valientes Del Mundo Nuevo* is a sure thing, guaranteed to keep you culture-shocked and pop 'n' locked until the very end.

- Casheena Frison

MODEST MOUSE

We Were Dead Before the Ship Ever Sank
Sony Records

Modestmouse.com

Modest Mouse fans, fear not. It's been almost three years since their introduction to being pop culturally acceptable, and now that Johnny Marr is in the band, you can stop blaming yourself for hating The Smiths all these years. With this album, Modest Mouse brings a decidedly different, yet still recognizable, perspective of their sometimes-manic music. It's intense — Isaac Brock's lyrics



lead one to question and, eventually, to think critically of the songs' intentions and meanings. And for those still unfamiliar with this band, let's just say that if Modest Mouse was your girlfriend, she'd be bi-polar, but in a fun sort of way. Take this album for what it is — a mélange of all that is progressive and proper in American music.

- Sean Dettmo

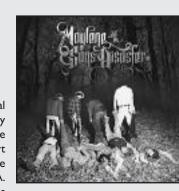
MAYLENE AND THE SONS OF DISASTER

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Ferret Records - Mayleneandthesonsofdisaster.us

This disc will make you want to grow a mullet, steal your neighbor's Camaro and go on a beer run. A rowdy mix of Skynyrd, Pantera and Every Time I Die, these boys throw down some heavy-ass groove-laden dirt metal that's tweaked just right for 2007. At times these songs feel a lot like early '90s Faster Pussycat or L.A. Guns, but the three guitar riffing and monolithic vocals make Maylene just a bit more intricate and modern.

- Patricia (Evilneedles.com)



THE STOOGES

The Weirdness
Virgin Records

When the Stooges original releases were remastered recently, a lot of reviewers commented on how well their music has stood the test of time. The Stooges brought bare, high energy rock 'n' roll at you hard and fast; often shamelessly sleazy and brutal. Their recent reunion after three decades apart finds them recreating the raw powers of their early years. Most of the tracks



on *The Weirdness* sound like they could've possibly been outtakes from their early albums. You get the sense that Iggy and the Stooges had fun creating this album, and weren't too worried whether they can top their classics. Instead, they just played what they wanted to, and made some good music in the meanwhile. The Stooges have already solidified their musical legacy. *The Weirdness* isn't anywhere near their best release — but it's a good reunion album, pure and simple. - *Gustavo Montoya*

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SUN - APR 15, 2007 - 8:00PM OK Productions presents: Junior Boys with San Serac

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Daveglassart.com

Delicious Boutique in Philadelphia, Pa. presents A Decade of Vice art show featuring works by artist Dave Glass. Original sketches, ink and brush, and paintings by Glass will be on display. This exhibit features works done over the past 10 years, and also includes new works never before shown to the public. Glass is a DIY artist whose work displays a punk rock aesthetic.

April 14

DVA GALLERY TATTOO SHOW

DvA Gallery in Chicago, Ill. will be holding its first ever tattoo show featuring such artists as Shawn Barber, Tyson McAdoo, Mitch O'Connell, Chucho and many more. There will also be live tattooing during the opening.

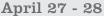


April 21 - May 20

IN POOR TASTE ART EXHIBIT

Therabbitholegallery.com

The Rabbit-Hole Gallery in Atlanta, Ga. presents Bethany Marchman's In Poor Taste art show April 21st through May 20th. This is a solo show featuring all new oil paintings by Marchman. Rabbit-Hole is a new gallery in Atlanta specializing in underground, pop surrealism and lowbrow art.



METAL & HARDCORE FESTIVAL Metalandhardcorefestival.com

The New England Metal and Hardcore Festival 2007 at the Palladium in Worcester, Mass. The festival will feature performances by Dimmu Borgir, Walls of Jericho, Behemoth, Unearth, Cannibal Corpse, Bury Your Dead, All Shall Perish, Devil Driver, Kylesa, 3, Lizzy Borden, Death Before Dishonor, Satyircon, xDeathStarx, Bloodlined Calligraphy and many more.





On Tour in April & May

MODEST MOUSE

Modestmouse.com

Modest Mouse are hitting the road with newest member, former Smiths' guitarist Johnny Marr, in support of their new release, We Were Dead Before The Ship Even Sank.

On Tour in April

IGGY AND THE STOOGES lggypop.com

Iggy Pop and the long-dormant Stooges hit the road this month. Be sure and catch this long-awaited reunion tour featuring the ever-energetic Iggy Pop on vocals, guitarist Ron Asheton and drummer Scott Asheton. The tour comes in support of The Weirdness, their first new CD in over thirty years. Definitely a must see event!



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AUL RODNEY HAS COME A LONG WAY SINCE MAKING TATTOO MACHINES OUT OF CASSETTE PLAYERS AND GUITAR STRINGS. HE'S MOVED ON TO A LIFE OF CUSTOM ARTWORK, PUBLISHED FLASH, AND A STOCKED TROPHY SHELF. ALONG THIS JOURNEY HE'S ALSO MADE CRYSTAL A PART OF HIS LIFE, AS MUCH AS HE IS A PART OF HERS. CRYSTAL RODNEY IS NOW THE POSTER GIRL FOR BLAZIN COLORS TATTOO IN WILMINGTON, N.C. AND RODNEY'S WIFE, YOU CAN FIND THE COUPLE ON THE CONVENTION CIRCUIT, ONE OF THE VENUES WHERE CRYSTAL LIKES TO EXPRESS HERSELF IN A WAY THAT LETS OTHER GIRLS KNOW THAT "IT IS SEXY AS HELL TO HAVE INK." BUT CRYSTAL ALSO ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS LIKE HANGING OUT AT THE BEACH (WITH SOME SPF60), COLLECTING SEASHELLS, AND RELAXING WITH HER FAMILY AND HER POMERANIANS.

Max: Where are you originally from, and when were you first introduced to tattoos?

Crystal: I'm originally from New Jersey. I was first introduced to tattoos when I found out my younger sister got one on her back. I thought it looked so pretty and I wanted one immediately, so I dragged my best friend to the tattoo shop with me one night.

When did you meet Paul, and how has your life changed since then?

I met Paul when he did my first tattoo. I found out later that he didn't do it all in one sitting so he could see me again. I think he may just have liked staring at my underwear. Meeting Paul has made it okay for me to be me, and opened me up to my new hobby of obtaining a more erotic look.











I get tattoos of things that I have always loved in my life that inspire me, things that are beautiful to me. I get things that signify there is still beauty and hope in this crazy, cold world. Paul has done all of my tattoos, and is capable of anything he puts his mind to.

What do you like about tattoo conventions?

Tattoo conventions are a lot of fun. You get to see a lot of great art work, and meet lots of interesting people. And the best part is you get to see all sorts of crazy tattoos. It's a place where anything and everything goes. I think sometimes people express themselves through the artwork they wear, or it may just be a moment in time where they said, "Hey, I want that."













What are your plans for your future tattoos?

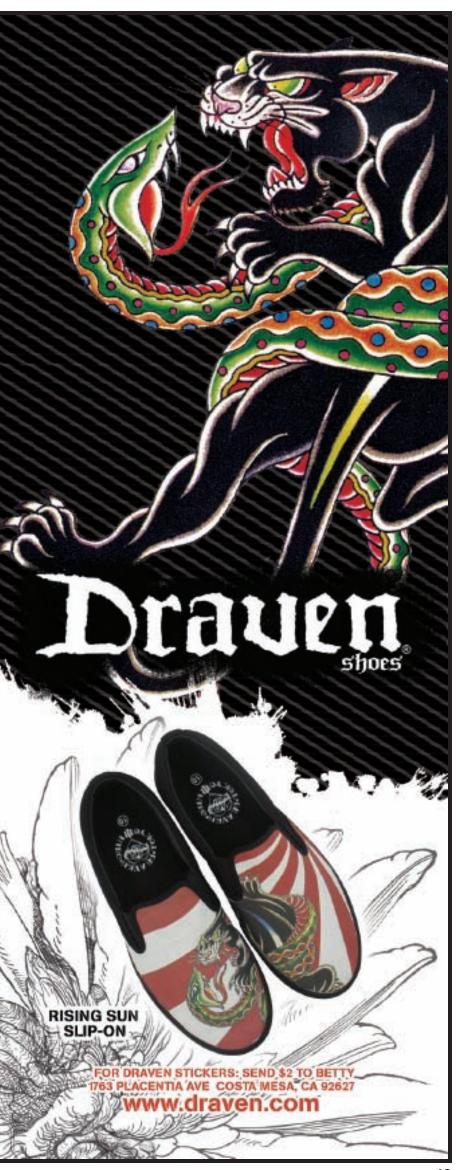
I just started a new piece on the side of my left thigh, and it's my largest one yet. It's a sea horse with water and flowers. It goes from my hip, down the side of my leg, to my knee. It's amazing, and I can't wait until it is done, because it has been painful as hell.

How did you end up modeling for David Bollt?

I had been dying to do a photo shoot, and a visit with David Bollt is just what the doctor ordered. He is so professional, and made me feel comfortable. It took a few hours, but it could have gone on all night. Almost every position he puts you in is a new pose. It was tiring, but the pictures came out great, and it was well worth it. I can't wait to do it again!

Has that turned into anything yet? Are you excited that you might see yourself as a Bollt painting?

I am completely flattered that such a great artist might be inspired by a picture of me, and make something out of it. It is really exciting just to know that it was a thought, and I am very thankful to David. If you like what you see check out more pictures of me and some great tattoos at Blazincolors.com. *



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PRICKIN' AROUND

LUCKY DRAW

TATTOO PARTY AND SIDESHOW BY CHUCK B.

hat could be considered the far northern rim of the Atlanta tattoo community is Phillip Duke and his Lucky Draw Tattoo Studios. Having been in the tattoo business for a long time, Duke knows how to throw an event and promote his work. On Feb. 21st, his friends gathered from all over the southeast to attend the Ladies' Night and Lucky Draw Tattoo Contest party at Double Visions Bar and Grill just down the street from Lucky Draw Tattoo. Local radio station, Project 9-6-1, was set up doing a live broadcast/party patrol, and there was a sideshow provided by Tiny, the

The contest was judged by well known artist David Bollt, a random person from the crowd, and me. Although the judges were unbiased, most of the winners

Sexiest Tattoo

Kaylee Bullard Tattoo by **Tim Ambrose**

because most of Duke has his

















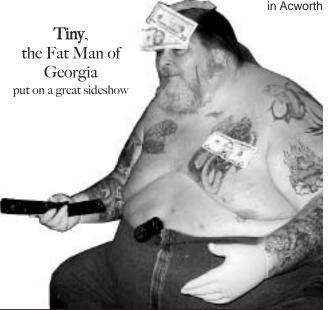
Phillip Duke, owner of Lucky Draw Tattoo



for his "Git-R-Dun" tattoo



Worst Tattoo went to Billy Bob Mallory Gates won Besi of Lucky Draw

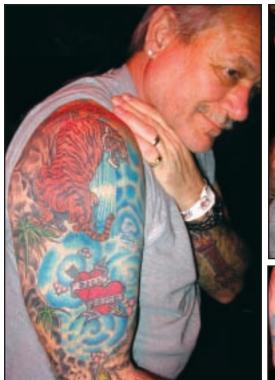






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Best Over All winner **Bill Jackson** (above)
Tattoos by **Phillip Duke** of Lucky Draw

corner of the world locked in and everybody loves him.

When Tiny, the Fat Man took the stage all the dance floor party people stopped shaking their booties and turned to find a sight that they had never seen before. Tiny proceeded to skewer himself through the arm with a large needle, cracking jokes all the while. Then he went on to run a needle through his face, cheek to cheek, forcing a few people to run to the bathroom. To end the show Tiny got the audience involved by letting them staple various denominations of dollars all over his torso and head. It was a good party, to say the least. *

For more information, go to www.luckydrawtattoos.com.



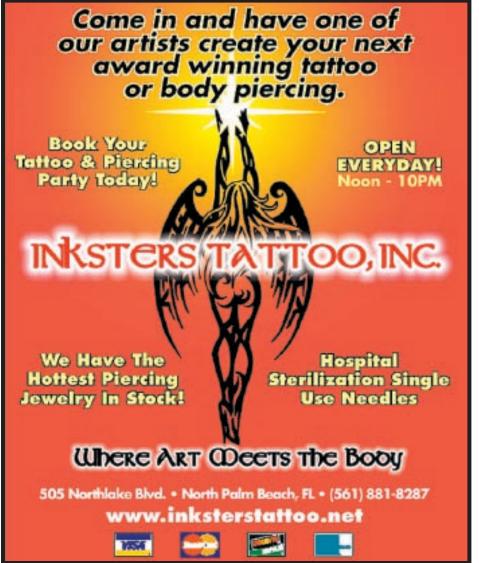


Best Color Tattoo winner **Tammy Nuhibian** (above right and below). Tattoos by **Phillip Duke**











TATTOO NEWS



BY LISA SHARER

Ami James and Chris Nunez hangin' at Love Hate Lounge

MIAMI INK AFTER HOURS

If Miami Ink were a bar, this is what it would look like. Ami James and Chris Nunez not only star in the reality TV show Miami Ink, but they have also decided to go into the business of the nightlife. Their project, Love Hate Lounge, is a high class night club that sits a walk away from the beach. "Love Hate Lounge is a way for our fans to see the real us...to spend a night experiencing our lives...the excitement, the parties and the glamour," says James.

Although primarily viewed as a rock 'n' roll bar, Love Hate Lounge serves up a variety of music including old school hip-hop, old school ska, and an assortment of live acts. "We wanted to create a space that would combine elements of ourselves with a party like Miami has never seen. Love Hate [has] high-quality music and an amazingly diverse, fashionable and friendly crowd," says Nunez. It is open six days a week and carries marvelous drinks and light appetizers.

The soft glow of the lighted bar and the aesthetic of the tattoo inspired art attracts all of Miami's elite. Love Hate Lounge has proven to be the new hot spot in the southern tip of Florida. Tattoo enthusiasts that happen to be visiting Miami can get a look at the shop by day and the party place at night. Whether you love or hate to party, this club is one you just have to see. *









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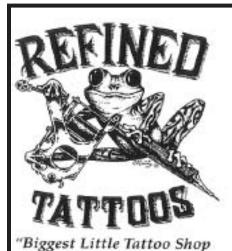
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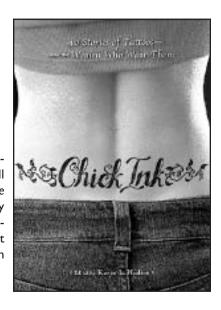
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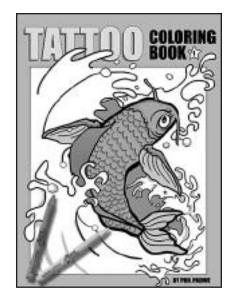
Adams Media

Adamsmedia.com

\$14.95

"According to a recent study in *Details* magazine, women account for more that half of all tattoos given." It's the *Chicken Soup for the* (tattooed soul). As the first inspirational story collection to celebrate women and their tattoos, it can be cheesy at times. However, it just might be the one little read that many women can relate to.





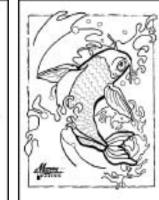
TATTOO COLORING BOOK

Mommyhastattoos.com

\$9.95

The Tattoo Coloring Book #I, by artist Phil Padwe, contains 32 black and white pages based on real world tattoos. The first in an upcoming series of books, number one includes koi fish, dragons, cherries, flowers, butterflies, hearts, suns, stars, unicorns (thankfully), swallows and much more. Fun for kids and parents.











THE LOST ANGEL

Mistercartoon.com

\$130.00

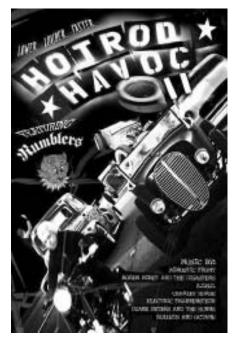
Super Rad Toys presents tattoo artist Mister Cartoon's 15" vinyl collectible entitled *The Lost Angel*. Based upon the title character from Cartoon's new graphic novel. The toy comes with signature Mister Cartoon tattoos, two changeable pairs of Nike shoes, a boom box, removable T-shirt, a scaled down T-Mobile Sidekick and more.

HOTROD HAVOC II

Hotrodhavoc.com

\$24.95

Lower, louder, faster. Hotrod Havoc is back with 40 minutes of footage of real cars being driven by the hands of the men who built them. The DVD soundtrack features music by Roger Miret, Lars Frederiksen, Electric Frankestein and more. HH II also features skateboarding legend Steve Caballero, Keith Weesner, and Vern Hammond of the Burbank Choppers.





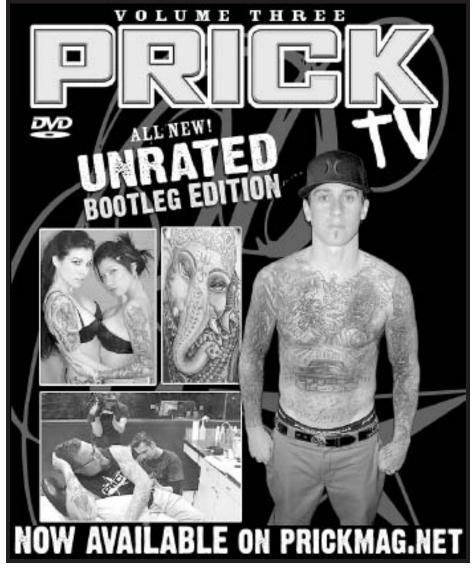
SAILOR JERRY ANCHOR AVA DRESS

Sailorjerry.com

\$135.00

With Spring upon us, now is the perfect time to shed those heavy layers, and show off your tattoos again. The Sailor Jerry Anchor Ava dress is a navy cotton stretch sateen dress embroidered with the classic Sailor Jerry anchor design. It has a demure boat-neck with a sexy hourglass figure and is finished off with a zip close and rope belt.







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