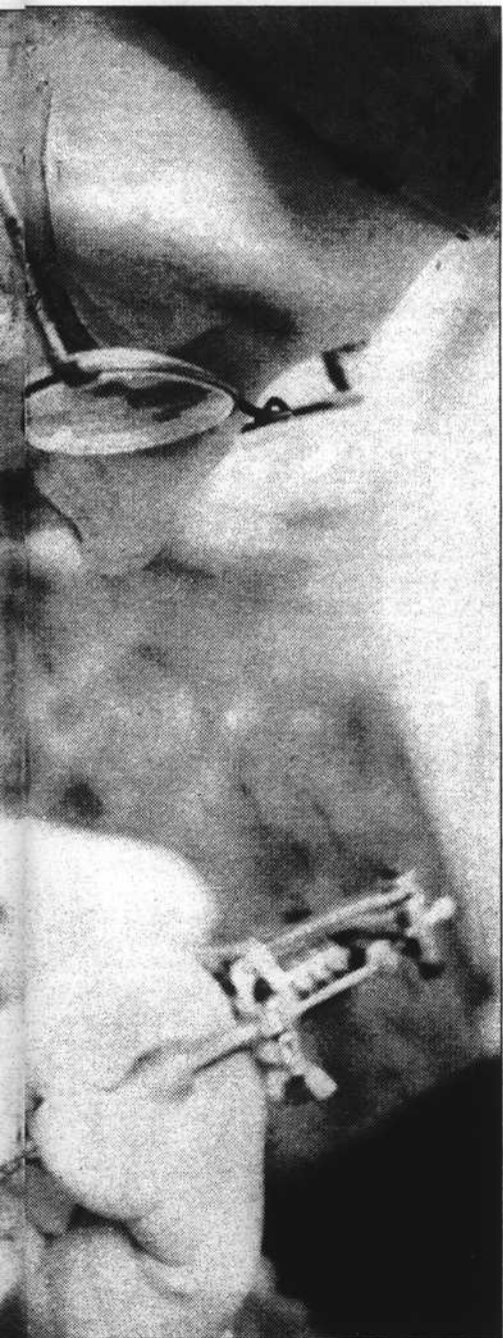


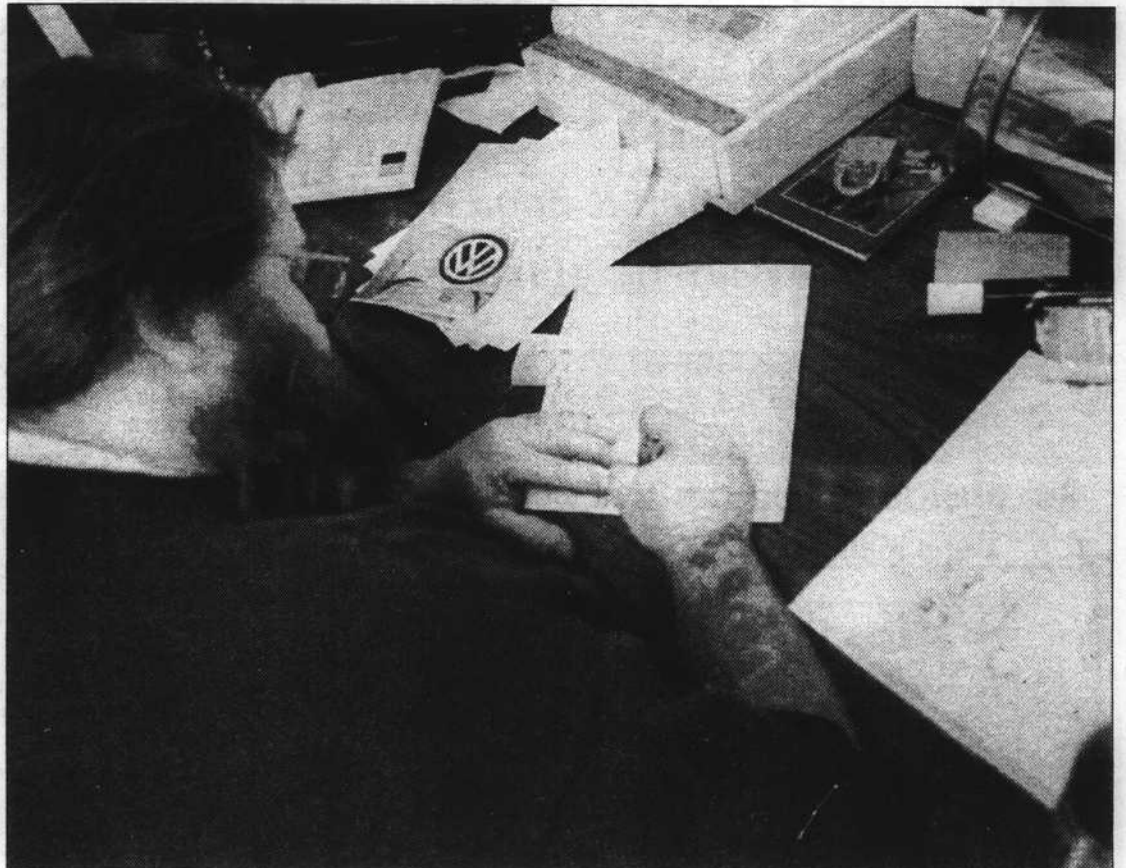


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After shrinking the design to size, Ralph traces it onto carbon paper before beginning the tattoo.

Tattoo facts



By Ted Taylor

I've been told that a good reporter must live the story to tell the story. And getting another tattoo had been on my mind for a while. When I saw the blank line next to this assignment for our spring fashion supplement, I decided now would be as good a time as ever. (And thought maybe the DN would pay for it.) So I somewhat hesitantly agreed to do it. Well, OK, the story assignment didn't say that we actually HAD to get a tattoo, but like I said, to tell the story... So, as a service to you here are some quick tattoo facts Matt and I learned while Matt clinched his camera and I clenched my teeth last Thursday night.

Most common place for tattoos on females:

"Butt"

Most common place for tattoos on males:

"Arm"

Most common design for college students:

"The Tazmanian Devil (or any Looney Tune character.)"

Most commonly asked question of newly tattooed person:

"Did it hurt?"

Most common response:

"Nah."

Most common unheard response:

"Yeah it *#@!\$%ing hurt. How could a needle going in and out of your arm faster than wings of a hummingbird not hurt?" (No seriously, it didn't hurt...much...well, maybe a little.)

Most painful place (according to Ralph and partner Rod Creamer) for tattoos:

"The ribcage, fingers or wrists."

Most painful place (according to me, but not from personal experience):

"Back of the neck, and probably the forehead. Most expensive tattoo Ralph's ever done: \$3800 (it took two, three hour sittings.)"

Cost of one Volkswagen logo tattoo:

\$30.

Number of tattoos on Ralph Spangler:

31

Number of tattoos on Rod Creamer:

11

Most common reason people say they get tattoos:

"They're cool."

Most common reason people say they don't get tattoos:

"They're not cool."

Most famous person Rod Creamer ever tattooed:

"The bus driver for Hank Williams Jr. (who, by the way, gave Creamer a whole row of concert tickets for their April 1st show last year.)"

Most common name depicted with tatoos:

"Mom"

Number of weeks for tattoo to completely heal:

6-8

Number of weeks for mom and dad to completely heal:

"I'll let you know."