



"Tattooers see Portland as a great place to live," says Phuc Tran of Tsunami Tattoo.

## **tat stats**

Total number of tattoo parlors statewide in 1995: **39**

Number of tattoo parlors registered with Maine's Health Inspection Program in 2008: **66**

Percentage of Americans with tattoos in 2004: **16**

Number of tattoo parlors in Portland in 2002: **8**

Number of tattoo parlors operating in Portland last year: **8**

Hours it took Angus McFarland to get a modified Maine coat of arms tattooed on his chest: **4.5**

Number of busty women appearing in McFarland's tattoo: **2**

Number of moose appearing in his tattoo: **1**

Hours it took Michelle Souliere to get the name of her blog, Strange Maine, tattooed on her back: **3**

Last year in which the Mad Hatter's Tea Party tattoo convention was held in Portland: **2007**

Years the convention had been hosted by Old Orchard Beach's Lou Robbins: **20**

Number of years Deanna Lippens of Orlando, Florida, attended Robbins's convention: **19**

Estimated miles she will travel to organize this year's Hatter's Remains convention: **1,396**

Cost in dollars for anyone to attend: **0**

– *P.A.S.*

*The Hatter's Remains tattoo party will be held March 5-7 at the Best Western Merry Manor Inn, 700 Main St., South Portland.* •PHOTOGRAPH BY MARK MARCHESI