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Ish Schuurbeirs applies a tattoo to Jason Farley last week at Ink-Side-Out Tattoo in Norwalk. The Norwalk Health Department will begin inspecting the city's three tattoo parlors.

Eyes on the ink

Norwalk to inspect city's tattoo parlors

By Lisa Chamoff
Staff Writer

NORWALK — Bernard Singer reclined in a chair at the back of Raven's Nest Tattoo in Liberty Square, wincing slightly as Alex Balionis etched a fourth Harley Davidson-inspired design on his shoulder.

Singer, 69, recently entered the world of body art, but thought he was in good hands at the East Norwalk tattoo parlor.

"When I walked in here, the place was cleaner than most places that should be cleaner," the Norwalk man said. "I watched Alex take all the precautions."

Despite the satisfaction of customers, the Norwalk Health Department will begin inspecting the city's three tattoo parlors.

In 1995, the state enacted a law that requires tattoo parlors to arrange for a physician to visit annually to make sure that sanitary procedures are in place.

Though the law requires that the physician's report be available to city health officials, it doesn't require that they inspect the tattoo parlors themselves.

A member of the Norwalk Board of Health recently asked whether the health department had oversight of tattoo parlors. Tim Callahan, director of the department, said sanitarians then went to all three tattoo parlors and discovered that none were inspected by a physician recently.

"So they're not in compliance in



Schuurbeirs applies Farley's tattoo. Health department inspectors will check whether Norwalk's tattoo parlors have been inspected by a doctor. The department plans to amend city ordinances regulating inspections of salons to include tattoo parlors.

the law," Callahan said. "The board's feeling is that this is inadequate."

The health department plans to go through the Common Council and amend the city ordinance regulating inspections of salons to include tattoo parlors. For now, inspectors will check whether the shops have been inspected by a physician.

Tattoo parlor owners said they are open to health inspectors but that they adhere to safety procedures, which include properly disposing of used needles and sterilizing non-disposable equipment.

"I think tattoo artists as a whole are good at inspecting themselves," said Josh Glasser, who opened Ink-Side-Out Tattoo on Wall Street in 2004.

State regulation

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Dayna DeYulio, who has owned Raven's Nest for 20 years, also is fine with health department inspections, but said the state law is unnecessary.

Local and state health departments don't have lists of doctors who inspect tattoo parlors, and it is difficult to find one who will, DeYulio said.

"Luckily my doctor sponsors my Please see **TATTOO**, Page A4

Feds work on bank rescues

Plan will need Congress' OK

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson says the government is crafting a plan to rescue banks from bad debts that are at the heart of Wall Street's worst financial crisis in decades.

The plan will need congressional approval, Paulson said late Thursday. He and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke briefed lawmakers on the options they are considering.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said he expected the administration and the Fed to have a proposal to lawmakers in a matter of hours, rather than days.

Paulson, Bernanke and Securities and Exchange Commission chair Christopher Cox asked lawmakers at the session to pass legislation giving the government power to buy distressed assets.

"It will be the power — it may not be a new entity — it will be the power to buy up illiquid assets," U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass, said.

Frank said there was "virtually unanimous agreement" among lawmakers in attendance that such legislation was needed.

Stocks rallied more than 400 points late Thursday after a report that the Bush administration was working on a new plan to alleviate fallout from the housing and credit crises. Those debacles have badly bruised the economy and pushed unemployment to a five-year high.

"What we are working on now is an approach to deal with the systemic risk and Please see **RESCUES**, Page A4

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THE ECONOMY?



Paul Arvoy
40
Electrician from Turn of River, Stamford

"It's like all the headway I made in the last five years doesn't matter. You can't get ahead. I have five kids and I tell them to be really smart and get scholarships. But I can't worry about it. I'd end up in the loony bin. I just go to work every day and bring the check home, and that's it."



Guadalupe Alvarez
27
Baker, Stamford

"But I think that the government and the banks have the capacity to reorganize everything, to get this all back to normal. Right now, I'm working a lot so that my son will have to work a little bit less and have more opportunities."



Tamara Grasty
23
Retail associate and nurse's aide, Stamford

"It does worry me, and they're not giving us any answers about when it's going to get better. I think it's going to take a while, but hopefully it will get better. Gas has gone up a lot, so I actually walk a lot more now."



Paul Riccardi
94
retired builder, Greenwich

"I don't think I'm losing sleep over it, but I'm 94. Maybe if I were younger, I'd be worried . . . My feeling is, it's all up in the air right now. The politicians don't know what to do. They are all saying they're going to straighten things out, but no one says how. It's impossible to know the future."

Photos by Helen Neafsey

Early diagnosis vital in West Nile fight

Woman released from hospital

By Martin B. Cassidy
Staff Writer

The 87-year-old Stamford woman stricken with West Nile virus last month

said yesterday she is on the mend and looking forward to playing the slots at Foxwoods Resort Casino or Atlantic City.

"I feel much more myself," Betty Zinsser said yesterday. "I can't believe you can get so sick from a

mosquito bite."

Three weeks ago, Zinsser's family checked her into Stamford Hospital after she became increasingly weak, feverish and confused. There, doctors diagnosed her with the Please see **WEST**, Page A4



Staff file photo

Bailey — backstage at the 2007 Westminster Kennel Dog Club show — has been missing from his Stamford home since Wednesday.

Missing: Dog champion

By Jeff Morganteen
Staff Writer

STAMFORD — The streets are no place for a show dog. But that's where a prize-winning border collie from Stamford may be spending his nights.

Bailey — Brigadoon It's All About You, by his show name — went missing from his Wedgemere Road home at about noon Wednesday, according to his owners, Michele and Scott Piskin.

Power tool noises from construction workers' doing Please see **MISSING**, Page A4

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