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**SITTING PRETTY:** Sienna Miller is ready to make you the next *Spialone*. *Left:* Est. 1887's silver-infused t-shirt.



## THE FAST LANE! THIS MONTH'S NEWS BLIPS AND CHEAP GROTS

Has L.A.'s luxury T-shirt market finally gone too far? Recently launched men's brand Est. 1887, available at dude dens H. Men and Douglas Fir, is now weaving actual silver into its otherwise plain ol' cotton T-shirts. For \$126 a pop, you, too, can experience the metal's "antimicrobial and thermodynamic advantages" (PR-speak for keeping you stench- and sweat-free). >>> It was bound to happen: Having already made stars out of no-name L.A. lolitas like Tila Tequila and Cory Kennedy, MySpace is making the leap to real showbiz projects—this time, on an international stage. The Santa Monica-based social-networking site is financing a "Movie MashUp" competition in the U.K., where any wannabe Spielberg can submit a short and win the chance to make a full-length feature. Among the acclaimed judges are director Anthony Minghella and, er, ex-Jude Law plaything Sienna Miller. >>> In a novel approach to combining both architectural and financial preservation, Urban Pacific Builders, the developer behind downtown's five-story Pan American Lofts on Broadway, has allowed the Los Angeles Conservancy to take guardianship of its façade—in return for tax deductions of up to \$80,000 per condo owner. The IRS might be gritting its teeth at this transaction (apparently the first of its kind), but Beaux Arts aficionados and their accountants are no doubt smiling. >>> Foodie blogs were atwitter a while back when word leaked that Bravo's *Top Chef* season one contestant Stephen Asprinio would be opening a 1,000-square-foot wine store downtown with the name "Tastevin" (pronounced, they assumed, "Taste-Stephen"—ick). Asprinio denies that he was trying to be cute with a pun, though: "It's actually just a word for the cup that sommeliers used to hang around their neck during tastings—very old-school, very gaudy. And, for the record, it's pronounced tay-stuh-VAN." Noted.



**THINK BEFORE YOU INK:** Johnny Depp has altered some notorious tattoos, but you should see what Dr. Tattoff is removing these days.



## NOT-SO-PHAT TATTS

Back in the day, before he pirated the Caribbean, Johnny Depp made headlines when he changed a tattoo that read "Winona Forever" to "Wino Forever" after breaking up with *Ms. Girl, Interrupted*. Well, that's nothing compared to the truly out-there ink that men alter these days at Dr. Tattoff, an L.A.-based chain of tattoo-removal specialists expanding to malls across the U.S. come summer. "Guys are getting the weirdest stuff removed now," says James Morel, who started the biz three years ago because he couldn't find someone to fix his own ink. "Tattoos are becoming more acceptable, so I guess guys are just going to the max. They don't think." Herewith, Morel reveals a few of the clinics' latest loony erasures:

1. Tattoo of a wedding band removed from Danny Bonaduce's ring finger, after the radio host cheated on his wife and the ink "reminded her of the affair."
2. Smiley face removed from a gent's, um, nether region. "Can you imagine being the girl who had to deal with that?"
3. A big blue Chewbacca removed from the back. "Why blue? I don't ask. It sounds judgmental!"
4. The words "Exit Only" removed from just above the posterior. "Apparently, he didn't think it was funny anymore."

## ABSOLUTELY PREFAB-ULOUS

Sure, design geeks are swooning over the new prefabs created by leading eco-architect David Hertz and Southern California Institute of Architecture founder Ray Kappe (from \$215 per square foot, [www.livinghomes.net](http://www.livinghomes.net)). But their pop-up houses have nothing on the creations of David Neighbor, owner of San Diego-based Pre-Fab-Pets, who creates miniature modern dwellings (pictured; from \$200, [www.pre-fab-pets.com](http://www.pre-fab-pets.com)) for the four-legged set—complete with slatted walls, a modular façade and a built-in scratching post on some models. And while the two starchitects' models max out at 3,100 square feet, Neighbor's pads are just big enough for two felines or one big mutt. "I'm interested in modern architecture—Frank Lloyd Wright, Schindler—so I'm inspired by all of those guys," says the erstwhile industrial designer. "But I doubt our cats care. They just love to hang out on it."

