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New York: Today, partly cloudy, humid. Some thunder. High 85. Tonight, early shower. Low 72. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 90. Yesterday, high 77, low 64. Details are on page 34.

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## Coffee-Bar Fad Meets Tattoo Fad On St. Marks

Coffee bars have found their way into bookstores, stationery stores, even car washes. On St. Marks Place, a new marriage of caffeine and commerce has popped up with an East Village flavor.

"Cappuccino and Tattoos" reads the bright orange awning over No. 94, yoking two businesses: Jonathan Shaw's 20-year-old World Famous Fun City Tattoos, and the Lynda Diva Go-Cart Cafe, an outdoor coffee stand run by poets that will celebrate its first anniversary this summer.

"It's definitely a great idea," said Gecko Girl, a performance artist who Rollerblades by four or five times a day for coffee and who sports tattoos of two gecko lizards and a fish. "With coffee, everybody's doing it. With tattoos, everybody's doing it. I've never seen them together, though."

A symbiosis has grown. Customers waiting to be tattooed sip iced mochaccinos and nibble pecan squares. Coffee drinkers stroll inside to peruse the drawings on the walls that guide customers and tattooists.



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Wedding of convenience: Two trendy businesses, one bright orange awning.

Mr. Shaw, known for popularizing tribal art tattoos, has developed a taste for cappuccinos in the afternoon. And Xavier Cavazos, the 25-year-old poet who founded the coffee stand, went to Fun City for tattoos of scorpions (he is a Scorpio), a sumo wrestler (because he said it looked cool), a rose (it's a classic) and the words Lynda Diva (the nom de cafe of his wife and partner).

The stores have become neighborhood hangouts. People drop by to pet the coffee

stand's pit bulls, Lucy and Slim, and to talk poetry with Mr. Cavazos, who reads his work at the Nuyorican Poets Cafe, Biblios and other local venues.

Not everyone patronizes both businesses. After Luis Rodriguez spent an hour under the needles getting his mother's name etched onto his left shoulder with a heart and a rose, he decided to pass on the espresso. "I don't drink coffee," he said. "It's bad for your health." **MICHAEL COOPER**

## F.B.I. FINDS CLUES TO THE TRUCK USED IN SAUDI BOMBING

### MORE SECURITY PLANNED

### U.S. Defense Chief, at the Site, Assures Skeptical Survivors of Safety Commitment

By **PHILIP SHENON**

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia, June 29 — F.B.I. agents were reported today to have uncovered the first leads in the investigation of the bombing here that killed 19 Americans, and the Defense Department announced that it would make changes in security at American military installations in Saudi Arabia.