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Issue #7

# The Weekly Ink Waster

## **Tough Metal**

That's the color scheme I've chosen for this week's Ink Waster – mainly because I don't want to waste my color ink (new printer, I don't care if it's the Ink Waster!), not because I have terrible taste in colors, although I'm pretty sure I do. Can't really tell. Last week's was Expensive Jewelry. If there's a certain color combination you like, I'm open to suggestions. But I may reject Hot Pink or something like that. No promises. Also, this is only a one-pager and there's not really any good stuff on here, just a little biography of the Ink Waster's history that I wrote because I'm really not "in the zone" today.

## **Biography**

7 issues and still kicking...its way out of the dumpster. It all began on November 17, when issue #1 was released into my school. It apparently was a big hit. I know less than you think I do. Anyway, to tell you the truth, there was an #1 before the 2 page #1 – it was just 1 page and contained just the intro, CDs rip you off, a review of THUG, and the Jeopardy question. Pretty boring stuff. So I redid it and the evil genius that is me came up with Issue #1. I started the website at the release of #2, and the email list right after the first one was out, so at least the newsletter was getting distributed to relatives and out-of-school friends as well as classmates and teachers. To this day, I have just under 20 people on my email list, about 15 kids who read it at school, and 7 or 8 teachers, for about a total of 40 readers and counting. Chris Motto also began writing his To the Next Level column with #2. Issue #3 was unfortunately met with somewhat less enthusiasm than its previous partners, so I had to make it up to everybody by making #4 a real winner, which it turned out to be. As a little surprise, I ventured slightly from my 2 page norm to create a 4 page special edition issue #5. John Facey debuted with Column of a Dangerous Mind in this issue. Then winter break, and the website's address was changed from the somewhat cryptic [www.geocities.com/vperpetua](http://www.geocities.com/vperpetua) to the much better sounding [www.inkwaster.com](http://www.inkwaster.com). The domain name was thankfully unused – I doubt people would have appreciated [www.theweeklyinkwaster.com](http://www.theweeklyinkwaster.com), or [www.weeklyiw.com](http://www.weeklyiw.com), or something weird like that. I wrote one Ink Waster for the Monday I came back following a new color design that people seemed to like. And here we are at the mini issue #7, which I'm not stretching out. I included, behind this page, a logo and some Ink Waster joke I made in The Print Shop for your viewing enjoyment. Bye, see you next week, visit the website!

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