



Kim Dotcom

Police Gazette Sponsors Battle of the Bands

Round One of the Rock Your Scene Battle of the Bands will take place at Adriano's, 275 Floral Ave in Johnson City, on Friday, February 15th. Four bands will compete with one moving on to the finals. The *Police Gazette* is one of the sponsors of this event, which features a special guest performance by New Jersey band The Victory.

Other Rave Reviews for Parker!

Top tastemaker though the *Police Gazette* is, there are other journals out there with their own 2 cents to throw in. We begin with an excerpt from the *New York Times* review, which describes the same screening that we attended:

"A master class in how to balance chaos and coherence...." For one fight scene, "the inventiveness of this bloody ballet is impressive. Even more so was the reaction of the audience members at the screening I attended, who cheered and whooped as the dance reached its lethal conclusion. This was not a crowd of popcorn-crazed teenagers, mind you, but a room full of well-dressed, middle-aged Manhattanites at, ahem, the Museum of Modern Art. That they could be thrilled (as was I) by the impact of bodies on floors and porcelain on heads is testament to the skill of the director, Taylor Hackford."

A.O. Scott, *The New York Times*

"Jason Statham keeps *Parker* standing and fighting...." Jennifer Lopez is "a sweetheart here...." And Michael Chiklis "is scary no matter which side of the shield he's on."

Betsy Sharkey, *Los Angeles Times*

Statham demonstrates "a commanding screen presence that cannot be dismissed.... Lopez delivers one of her more convincing performances."

Peter Sobczynski, *Chicago Sun-Times*

A "jaggedly satisfying thriller.... Must see it again!"

Stephanie Zacharek, *NPR*

"Parker roars into a dull January and enliv-

Kim Dotcom Launches New File-Sharing Site Gets Comic Strip for His Trouble

Kim Dotcom launched a new website on January 20th called, simply, Mega—a new angle on Dotcom's Megaupload site that was closed a year ago by authorities who charged him with internet piracy. The United States Justice Department, at the urging of Hollywood movie studios, had compelled New Zealand police to raid Dotcom's mansion and place him under arrest. If convicted, Dotcom could spend years in prison for allegedly taking part in the illegal dissemination of copyrighted new movie releases, among other materials. Needless to say, Dotcom denies any wrongdoing, saying that he was not personally transferring files; his website was simply a service that others used in order to transfer files that had no direct connection to Dotcom or those in his company. Many around the world have come to Dotcom's defense, including Apple cofounder Steve Wozniak. And a cascade of New Zealand court rulings have found illegalities and various improprieties in the warrants, raid, searches and arrest of Dotcom.

Dotcom hopes his new site, at mega.co.nz, will insulate him even more from suspicion as it's set up in such a way that Dotcom and his associates cannot see the files their customers are transferring even if they want to. It's essentially the internet version of a Swiss bank safe-deposit box. Some might say this makes it even more possible for users to transfer things like feature-movie files undetected. In any case, the way things are going in New Zealand, the likelihood of Dotcom being extradited to the United States to stand trial is evaporating

as we write this.

In the end, movie studios will have to come to the same realization as the music industry—which they only came to with Steve Jobs's help. And that is they'll be better off adapting to the new technology rather than suing and arresting everyone in sight.

At any rate, in honor of Mega's launch we present in this issue the first installment of a new comic strip: *The Adventures of Kim Dotcom*. Find it on page 11.

ROLLER-DERBY GIRLS IN JELLO-WRESTLING SHOW-DOWN!

The B.C. Rollers and Wise Ash Lounge & Speakeasy are teaming up for a jello-wrestling extravaganza. On Saturday, February 2nd, the Rollers' Parlor City Tricks will battle rival roller-derby team the W-B Scranton Roller Radicals in a jello-wrestling bout at the most unique bar/lounge in the area.

The Wise Ash Lounge is located at 59 Washington Ave in Endicott, just off Monroe Street. A meet & greet begins at 8:00pm and the wrestling starts at 10:00. There will be raffles, a 50/50, and roller-derby shot girls. All proceeds benefit the Roller Radicals and the Parlor City Tricks. The cover charge is \$5 at the door.

Sad News from Uncle Pete

Uncle Pete is a favorite of the *Police Gazette* for his horror/action B-movie show on Time-Warner cable access channel 4. *The Dark Vault of Public Domain* can be seen Saturday nights at 10:00pm. Pete is also a DJ at WHRW-FM with his Uncle Pete Show. Sadly, in mid-January Pete's beloved mom fell ill. Here is the info from Pete's blog:

"My mother Helen Letkiewicz suffered a ruptured blood vessel on her brain. She had surgery, but she is still in a coma and the doctors are not very optimistic. She is the toughest person I have ever known in my life, so we have not given up hope yet. Mom has always been a major influence in my life and without her, the Uncle Pete radio show and the Dark Vault would probably not exist and certainly Uncle Pete would not exist. Her love of music, fabulous soprano voice, and her imagination and creativity have been a major force in my life. Please remember her in your thoughts and prayers. She will always be a winner to all of us who know and love her."

We at the *Police Gazette* wish all the best for Pete and his family. For more information, see darkvault.wordpress.com.

Mix Your Own Parker Drink!

Appleton Estate Jamaica Rum, a sponsor of the New York *Parker* premiere, created a special drink for the occasion called, what else, a Parker. Just mix up the following:

2 oz Appleton Estate Reserve
6-8 Mint leaves
1/2 oz Lemon juice
1/4 oz Grand Marnier
1/4 oz Simple syrup
1/2 oz Pomegranate grenadine

ens the movie landscape.... Jason Statham is a nice match for the hero of the Donald E. Westlake novels."

Connie Ogle, *The Miami Herald*

"Crisp and efficient.... Taylor Hackford has fashioned the 50-year-old franchise into a neat-fitting outfit for Jason Statham" and "shows off Jennifer Lopez (literally) to good effect.... Westlake's antihero seems destined for at least another 50 years."

Brian Lowry, *Variety*

Leslie is "played by a brittle, funny Jennifer Lopez...." Jason Statham exhibits "pure panther prowl and vigilant poise."

Nick Pinkerton, *The Village Voice*

"Statham is born for this material."

Peter Travers, *Rolling Stone*

"The action is fast and furious.... Taylor Hackford directs crisply, unpretentiously."

Steven Rea, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*

"Statham's Southern accent is nearly worth the price of admission itself.... Magic moment: A take-no-prisoners balcony battle."

Elizabeth Weitzman, *New York Daily News*

"Jason Statham ups his game.... Neatly directed by Taylor Hackford, who keeps things moving quickly."

Stephen Whitty, *Newark Star-Ledger*

"Did it need to be made with such lavish and almost gleeful attention to hurting, killing, bleeding, and loading bullets?"

Lisa Schwarzbaum, *Entertainment Weekly*

"It's small, but it hurts."

Joe Morgenstern, *The Wall Street Journal*