



PRETTY IN INK

Heidi Lynn Gregory, 22, and her older brother were raised by their grandparents while their mom dealt with a drug problem, and served time in prison.

Heidi has worked many odd jobs since high school such as a campus security guard, a bank teller and she now currently works as a tattoo artist in Canoga Park.

Heidi has worked as a tattoo artist at Nathan's Tattoo Shop for 8 months but is considering other career choices

because of the risk of contracting or spreading bloodborne pathogens.

"I don't want to be the person that gives someone AIDs or some other disease and I certainly don't want to get infected myself. Even though I take all the precautions it is nearly inevitable (to become infected), and I don't think its worth that risk."

Gregory recently made the decision to leave the tattoo shop to attend beauty school to study hairstyling and cosmetics.

▼ Heidi takes every precaution to be as safe as possible.



▼ Tools of the trade.



HER NEEDLE AND HER PERSONALITY WILL LEAVE A LASTING IMPRESSION



▲ Focusing intently on her work.



▲ Heidi tattoos an outline of the state of California on her boyfriend, Jesse Azarva.