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# **ABOUT ME**

If you made it this far then something about my resume must have peaked your interest. Was it my career-hopping across three different industries? Perhaps my very basic name? Whatever the reason, I say welcome to you.

The following interactive book highlights some of my best work from all of the industries I've been fortunate enough to work in over the years. Anyone who has ever worked with me will tell you that I am a Simon Sinek stan and I always ask what the "why" is behind any project. Whether it's a local news promotion or motion graphics for a film, it all starts with asking "why."

This combined with the inherent understanding that I don't know everything has lead to me becoming a valuable asset to any team I'm fortunate enough to be on. Like the Avengers or the Ninja Turtles, roles are defined by strengths and leaning on people who are better at you at different skills. When asked what my greatest strength is, I always answer that my greatest strength is that I'm not afraid to ask for help.



CINEMATOGRAPHY/EDITING REEL

Wisetail Way Award-Winner for BEST LMS • Texas Associated Press Broadcasters - Best Photojournalist • 48-HR Film Project ABQ - Best Cinematography • Desert Reel Film Festival - Best Music Video Winner Desert Reel Film Festival - Best Director Nominee • Permian Basin ADDY Awards - 20+ Awards including BEST PROMOTIONS and BEST CAMPAIGN • Texas Intercollegiate Press Association - Best Radio Documentary





### **JON GARCIA**

Adobe Photoshop • Adobe InDesign • Adobe Premiere • Adobe Illustrator • Adobe Illustrator • Unity • Pixaki • Procreate Graphic Design • Traditional Illustration • Digital Illustration • Graphic Design • Cinematography • Video Editing Copy Writing • Motion Graphics/AnimationWeb and UX Design • Photography • Game Development/Design • Public Speaking

### TRAINING DESIGN MANAGER | Torchy's Tacos (Austin, TX) | Oct 2017 - Current

- Creative lead for the Learning & Development Department.
- Redesigned 90% of all training materials (Presentation Guides, Taco Bible Recipe Guides, New Store Opening Guide, Bar Bible, etc.) to be fully digital and interactive. With an emphasis on moving to fully interactive digital guide, the company is able to save hundreds of thousands in print and shipping costs as well as enabling updated edits in days as opposed to months.
- Graphic Design and Video for internal communication including the new back of house tv program to provide real-time communications to all stores.
- All Training photography, videography, and editing allowing for faster turnaround, no reliance on outside production companies, and a working knowlege of the company saving both time and an average of \$40K/year.
- Online multimedia training via Wisetail Learning Platform.

### PRODUCTION ARTIST/GRAPHIC DESIGNER | One Creative Inc. (ABQ, NM) | May 2014 - Dec 2016

- Graphic Design for Prints Advertising, Collateral Materials, Social Media/Digital Ads.
- In-House Cinematographer and Photographer for Print, Web, and Video Ads saving over \$20K/year due to no longer needing outside contractors leading to more flexible budgets for clients.
- Created graphic standards and wrote copy for email marketing.
- Brand Identity and Development including market research, concept art/design, & client presentation.
- Copywriter for client websites, press releases, and all email marketing.
- Concept Artist, Product Mock-Ups, Logo Design, Website Design (UX, Navigation, Photography, Graphics, GIFS, etc.), Social Media Graphic Design.

### CREATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR | KWES-TV (Midland, TX) | Aug 2005 - Jan 2014

- Creative lead for station promotions and all external advertisers.
- Writing, Cinematography, and Editing for all station promotions and external client commercials.
- Graphic design and photography for all print advertisements.
- Photojournalism for news and sports department. Best Photojournalist winner from the Texas Associated Press.
- Promoted to Creative Director in 2008 after starting as a topical producer

### EDUCATION

University of Texas Permian Basin - Odessa, TX | BA: Mass Communication | BS: Psychology | Cum Laude Graduate



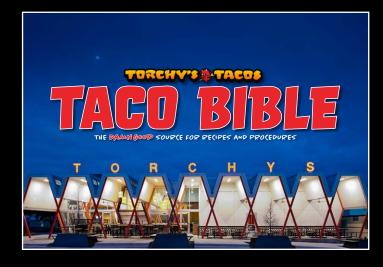


# DIGITAL RECIPE GUIDES TORCHY'S ATACOS

"A project roughly 2 1/2 years in the making, this project was originally a redesign of the existing Taco Bible, Bar Bible, and Presentation Guide. As I worked on the project, the need for a full digital guide became very apparent. The constant changes to recipes and procedures meant numerous reprints and shipping to an ever-growing number of stores. The goal was simple: Torchy's Tacos needed recipe guides that could be easily edited, pushed to stores quickly, and provided consistent procedure and recipes for every single store.

This project was not only imperative to reducing printing costs company-wide but also creating a consistent product that would be served in over 100 stores (and growing) across the country. The switch to digital not only meant that edits could be made and pushed in days as opposed to weeks but also provided edition control, a more consistent product, and limited food waste.

I was the creative lead on this project. From creative direction to photography and design, my hands are all over this project. It was after a very intense trip to Adobe Max in Los Angeles that I saw the true potential of utilizing the Adobe Creative Suite to creative visually appealing and dynamic interactivity for instructional design. The Torchy's Tacos Taco Bible, Presentation Guide, and Bar Bible are true highlights of my professional career."











### **DIGITAL RECIPE GUIDES** TORCHY'S ATACOS

STEAMWELL リッグ・VILり ボッく トジ・バ Inclador 1 ea Flour Tortilla #60 scoop - Green Chiles 1.5 oz Fried Trailer 1 oz red tongs - Lettuce 1 oz perf. spoodle - Pico De Ga 1 oz spoodle - Mixed Cheese Poblano Ranch (Side)

Allanaemo mila Tanttila

WE SERVE GREAT FOOD ALL OF THE TIME. FIT'S NOT DAMN GOOD, WE DON'T SERVE IT.



TOMATILLO SALSA

TACO FACTS The Matador is a spin-off of the Green Chile Pork









**BACON BOURBON MARMALADE** 







 Combine corn starch and water (slurry) in a bowl and whisk together until fully combined

5. Bring the maple bourbon mixture to a vigorous boil. 6. Slowly add/whisk in the slurry.

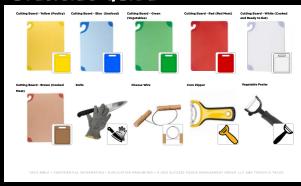
7 Lower the flame back to a light hoil and cook for an

additional 5 minutes to cook out the corn starch. 8. Add the bacon and cook for an additional 1-2 minutes.

9. Remove from the range and pour into a 2-inch pan to cool 10. When marmalade is room temperature, portion it into

1 oz containers with lids. Store portions in a container with appropriate label at room temperature, not in the walk-in. 11. Marmalade will be held at room temperature for service

### UTENSILS GUIDE







### TORCHY GARNISH GUIDE



 Cuba Libra Gin and Tonic Mexican Beers

Margaritas Peg Leg Tequila Sho

Tito's Charry Limeada

Vodka Soda

Sangria Sucker Punch Tequila Sunrise

Cosmopolitan







SKEWERED OLIVES CHERRY Tito's Cherry Limeade

### TORCHY'S TITO'S® CHERRY LIMEADE



GLASSWARE

16 oz. Red Rimmed Glass

2 oz - Sweet & Sou

½ oz - Grenadine

GARNISH 1 ea - Lime Wedge

1 ea - Cherry

Combine all Ingredients except Sprite into the glass.
 Fill glass with ice.
 Cover with shaker tin and

lightly shake.
4. Pour contents back into glass.
5. Add Sprite.
6. Garnish with a lime wedge and

cherry. 7. If requested, insert tall straw.







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# APP ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

### TORCHY'S TACOS

"For a hot minute, I returned to the marketing world and was the creative lead for app and loyalty engagement project. With Torchy's moving away from phone orders but wanting an enhanced focus on app downloads and the 'Taco Junkies' Loyalty Program, I was tasked with creating visually engaging collateral and digital materials while keeping true to the 'Torchy Voice' of being a little cheeky and fun. The goal was pretty simple: More app downloads. More Loyalty Members. In the end, app downloads jumped 55% and loyalty members increased 60%. Within this project, I also took the initative to update the Kid's Menu with new illustrations, games, and a link for more app engagement."









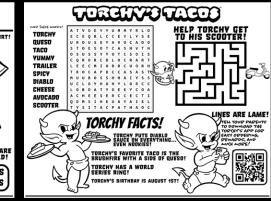
APP ENGAGEMENT BAG STICKERS



APP ENGAGEMENT FRONT DOOR WINDOW CLING



APP ENGAGEMENT NAPKIN INSERTS



NEW CHILDREN'S MENU W/APP ENGAGEMENT CALL TO ACTION





SCRAMBLE

# **APP ENGAGEMENT PROJECT**

# TORCHY'S TACOS











# BACK OF HOUSE TELEVISIONS TORCHY'S ATACOS

"A pain point for many organizations is communications. Inboxes can be overwhelming. Slack or Teams is better suited for small scale instant communication. And when there is something particularly urgent, like a food recall or shortage, trusting a simple email blast to reach over 100 stores can be hit or miss.

A major project that quickly went from a simple pilot to a company wide initiative was the Back of House TV Project. The goal was to visually communicate important information in a matter of minutes to large televisions mounted in the back of house. From the initial stores, the project was a massive success. Using real-time visual communication, we were able to make team member more aware of important dates (Benefits deadlines, New Store Openings), training for new products, information about what was happening within the company, and real-time view of queue lines. Overall, the project has increased engagement with Team Members while reducing visual clutter in the back and giving the company an extra outlet for communication at a significantly smaller cost. Ultimately, we didn't want anyone to ever say that they weren't aware of something."

















# PARTY LIKE IT'S 1 A FILM WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY ALEJANDRO MONTOYA MARIN

PRIMARY ONE-SHEET POSTER FOR "MILLENNIUM BUGS"

# **MILLENNIUM BUGS**

INDEPENDENT FEATURE FILM



"Working on 'Millennium Bugs' was both one of the coolest and most difficult projects I've ever worked one. As a crowdfunded independent film, the people working on this film had to wear a ton of hats and the director, Alejandro Montoya Marin, had a lot of eyes on him. After his appearance on the reality docu-series 'Rebel Without a Crew', the pressure was on to create an amazing follow-up film. Having worked with him for many years, I was incredibly humbled that Alejandro trusted me to handle not only the marketing design but also the end credits and some of the set dressing by way of posters and product design."

- Motion Graphics and Illustration VFX (Trailer and Feature)
  - Graphic/Production Design for Set Dressing
    - End Credits Design and Animation
  - Primary and Secondary One-Sheet Poster Designs
    - Social Media Marketing Design
      - Film Website Design
- "Millennium Bugs" Pitch Deck Design and Copy Writing





# MILLENNIUM BUGS





"CLERKS" INSPIRED ALT POSTER FOR "MILLENNIUM BUGS"



"PULP FICTION" INSPIRED ALT POSTER FOR "MILLENNIUM BUGS"



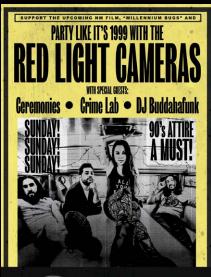
ON-SCREEN BAND MERCH FOR FAKE BAND, THE ZOMBABIES



"MILLENNIUM BUGS" SOCIAL POST



"FIGHT CLUB" INSPIRED ALT POSTER FOR "MILLENNIUM BUGS"

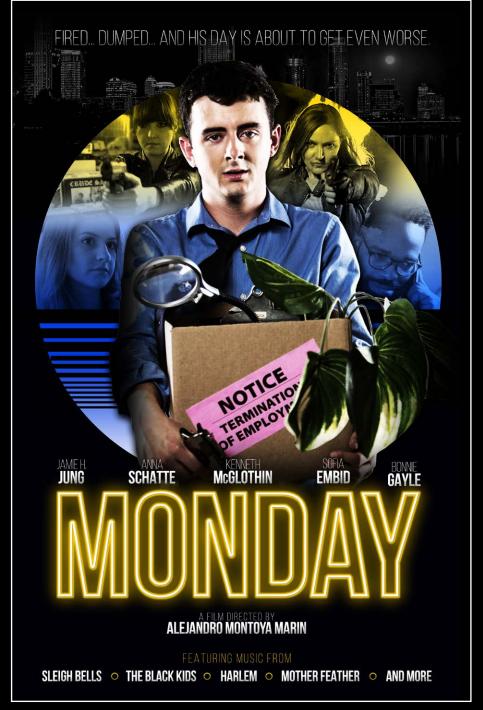




RED LIGHT CAMERAS CROWDFUNDING PROMO







# MONDAY

FEATURE FILM CREATED FOR "REBEL WITHOUT A CREW"



"When my frequent collaborator, Alejandro Montoya Marin, was cast on the Robert Rodriguez produced reality docu-series REBEL WITHOUT A CREW, he asked me to help him on his film. The goal was simple but daunting: produce a feature film with a budget of only \$7000 and shooting schedule of only 14 days.

I was tasked with many aspects of the production from graphic

design and marketing to VFX and credits. The pressure and visibility on this project was insanely high but when it was all said and done, we celebrated with a special screening as SXSW.

- Motion Graphics and Illustration VFX (Trailer and Feature)
  - End Credits Design and Animation
  - Primary and Secondary One-Sheet Poster Designs
    - Social Media Marketing Design
  - "Monday" Pitch Deck Design and Copy Writing

PRIMARY ONE-SHEET POSTER FOR "MONDAY"

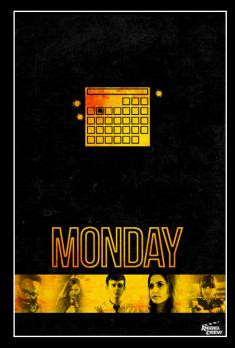




# MONDAY

FEATURE FILM CREATED FOR "REBEL WITHOUT A CREW"

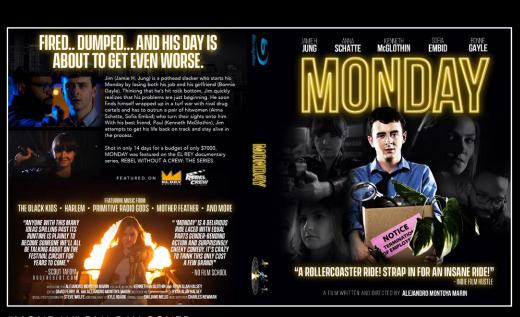
# KEY ART/LOGO







"MONDAY" SOUNDTRACK COVER



"MONDAY" BLU-RAY COVER



"MONDAY" T-SHIRT





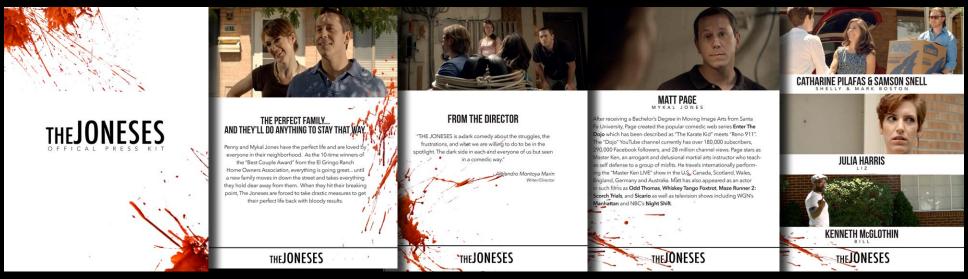
"MONDAY" SOHO FILM FESTIVAL SCREENING POSTCARD





# PITCH DECKS/PRESS RELEASES

"The money people behind productions can be tough nuts to crack. Being independent creators, we have to sell them not only on our vision but our professionalism, as well. Designing and writing pitch decks is a project that I take great pride in and I can honestly say that we've had a lot of successes than failures. Having a news background means that I saw my fair share of great and not so great press release which in turn gave me an inside track on what to write, how to write it, and most importantly, how to tell a compelling story that will be shared."









# PITCH DECKS/PRESS RELEASES



### THESTORY

d is entering a new millennium with a potential technological catastrophe on, two best friends are reaching a crossroads in their lives. As they are nake decisions and choices that will define their futures, they realize that in life is friendship, laughter, and a killer soundtrack.

I BUGS is a love letter to the late 90's. Driven by music and the dirty f growing up, this stylized film embodies the indie film spirit that spurred a tion of creators. Tackling real problems such as alcoholism, depression, expectations, MILLENNIUM BUGS perfectly balances humor and realism.







### Y DO WE NEED TO TELL THIS STORY?

than ever, a movie like this needs to get made. re our protagonists are not the typical-looking characters you see in -cutter "indie" movie that somehow have a \$5 million dollar budget. ers of MILLENNIUM BUGS have real flaws rooted in their backgrounds, a, and experiences. This is a film with a diverse cast and crew, ive of the melting pot that makes up our world, telling a story that the time period it's set in and will be relatable to anyone sitting down to

### THE CHARACTERS

### KELLY

ossy, impulsive, and in pain. After losing her parent 4 years earlier, inds herself in a downward spiral of drinking, overspending, and direction. The inheritance from her parent's death is running out. ier adding to her problems. Using booze and drugs to numb the pain sing her family is finally starting to catch up with her. With massive hanging over her head and her problems only getting bigger, Kelly is ng the point of no return. Faced with a new millennium, Kelly has to

### IGUEL

generation American whose parents movied to the United States to ir family a better life and more opportunity. With pressure to get cation and hold a steady job to help the family, Miguel is at odds his true passions. As he awaits an acceptance letter to a prestigious ol, Miguel continues to pursue his true passion of comedy... a career tons of obstacles and no guarantees of success. His heart is set on ing comedy hundreds of miles from his family in Los Angeles. Torn n his family obligations and staying true to himself, Miguel has to whether he'll play it safe or follow his own path.

artists in the decade of grunge, the nostalgic sound of 90's movies will be, rything else, genuine and unforgettable. The music will help underscore rytning eise, genuine and uniorgettable. Ine music will nelp underscore ones of angst, love, compassion, and energy... all the while serving as the D's companion to our main character's personal journeys. Utilizing some alent, this soundtrack will be on everyone's playlist... we can guarantee

### DIRECTOR'S VISION

e this movie a fluid and energetic tone that only slows down when it's

rful color palette will be utilized along with a small layer of m grain to give the audience that nostalgic look that will transport the nce to a time of dial-up internet before we all had cell phones in our

plan is to shoot this movie and then go on the festival circuit in order generate real, authentic, grassroots buzz. We will also utilize the onships we've made through our first feature film, MONDAY, in order show people that our film has a real, genuine appeal and was created by ners, just like them.

, companies such as the El Rey Network, Cinetel, Vice, and Indie Film











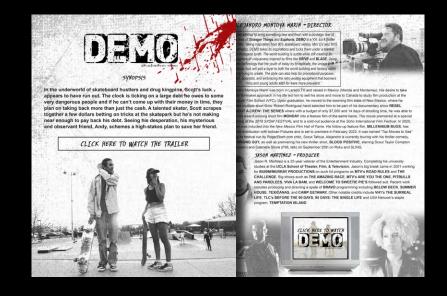
VIEWS FROM OUR LAST FEATURE FILM















# PITCH DECKS/PRESS RELEASES





Alejandro is best known for being featured on the Robert Rodriguez produced television docuseries, REBEL WITHOUT A CREW: THE SERIES. On the show, Alejandro was challenged to shoot a feature film in 14 days with a budget of only \$7000. Taking the challenge headon, Alejandro created MONDAY, an action-comedy that went on to achieve numerous film festival selections (SXSW, SOHO NYC, Closing Hollyshorts Film) and positive reviews from prominent film critics such as RogerEbert.com, Indie Film Hustle, and many more. With this success, Alejandro was eager to make his next feature and turned to Indiegogo to help finance MILLENNIUM BUGS

Using groundroots marketing and networking, the crowdfunding goal for MILLENNIUM BUGS was reached. With a successful Indiegogo campaign and the DIY skills learned on REBEL WITHOUT A CREW: THE SERIES, Alejandro has crafted a film that embodies and pays homage to indie film trailblazers Kevin Smith, Quentin Tarantino, and Robert Rodriguez and is a true testament to the independent spirit of making great art at any cost.

### THE STORY

In the days leading up to the year 2000, 2 friends find themselves on the cusp of their future. Kelly (Katy Erin), floating through life, is drowning herself in drugs and alcohol in an attempt to avoid dealing with her feelings about her parents' death. When her inheritance money begins to run out, Kelly begins to see the realities of her actions. Her best friend, Miguel (Michael Lovato) is torn between his immigrant parent's expectations of his life and his dream to become a comedian. The pressure to pursue his dreams while defying the sacrifices his parent's made for him pushes Miguel to the brink. Together, Kelly and Miguel find themselves wondering what's next.

Both an homage to 90's films and the indie film revolution of the time, MILLENNIUM BUGS is a comedic love letter to a generation that found themselves on the cusp of a technological revolution that was both exciting and uncharted. This film speaks to anyone who has ever felt broken, pressured, or lost and carries with the universal and timeless desire for good friends, good laughs, and great tunes.

MILLENNIUM BUGS stars Katy Erin (WISDOM OF THE CROWD, GAL PALS) and Michael Lovato (GRAVES, THANK YOU 5). With a strong LGBT female lead, a Latino leading man, and a diverse cast both in front of and behind the camera, the production of MILLENNIUM BUGS has the potential to appeal to a wide variety of audiences with a genuine vibe of collaboration and diverse perspectives. As a first-generation Mexican-American, Alejandro knows the value of the perspective and skillset a diverse production team can bring to a film.

CLICK HERE TO VIEW TRAILER

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO CONTACT US. PLEASE VISIT WWW.MILLENNIUMBUGSFILM.COM



"A GREAT EXAMPLE OF WHAT A SKILLED FILMMAKER CAN DO WITH LITTLE MONEY

"THE INDUSTRY SHOULD PAY ATTENTION. MONTOYA MARIN COULD HONESTLY BE

MICHAEL EWON

In 1992, a Hispanic filmmaker from San Antonio took Hollywood by storm with a feature film that he made for only \$7000. Using available resources, unparalleled creativity, and money from subjecting himself to medical testing, Robert Rodriguez created **EL MARIACHI**, a Spanish language action film that helped to jumpstart his filmmaking career and also the 90's indie film revolution. Rodriguez, along with Quentin Tarantino and Kevin Smith, inspired a new generation of filmmakers to pick up cameras and just create.

On the 25th anniversary of EL MARIACHI, Rodriguez decided to challenge himself and 5 indie filmmakers to make a feature film for \$7000. The new documentary tv series, REBEL WITHOUT A CREW: THE SERIES (named after Rodriguez's autobiographical account of creating EL MARIACHI), will showcase the journey and challenges the 5 filmmakers encounter creating their films.







MONDAY (adapted from his award-winning short film of the same name) is the \$7000 action-comedy feature film written and directed for the series by Albuquerque, NM filmmaker, ALEJANDRO MONTOYA MARIN. Jim (Jamie Jung) is a pothead slacker who starts his Monday by losing both his job and his girlfriend (Bonnie Gayle). Thinking that he's hit rock bottom, Jim quickly realizes that his problems are just beginning. He soon finds himself wrapped up in a turf war with rival drug cartels and has to outrun a pair of hitwomen (Anna Schatte, Sofia Embid) who turn their sights onto him. With his best friend, Paul (Kenneth McGlothin), Jim attempts to get his life back on track and stay alive in the process.

With an incredible soundtrack featuring SLEIGH BELLS, THE BLACK KIDS, HARLEM, MOTHER FEATHER, and more, Montoya Marin stretched his \$7000 budget to the limit and created a film that far exceeds its budget.

MONDAY made its world premiere at the 2018 SOUTH BY SOUTHWEST FESTIVAL (SXSW) in Austin, TX and has recently been accepted into the SOHO FILM FESTIVAL



TO REQUEST A SCREENER FOR REVIEW PURPOSES, PLEASE EMAIL: ALE JANDROMONTOYAMARIN@HOTMAIL COM





# **INDEPENDENT FILM**

"I think everyone dreams of making a movie. For some people, it's fleeting. For others, it's a passion. For me, it fell somewhere in the middle. I want to be a storyteller so I just did it. Though I'm no longer an aspiring director, I've found the skillset of motion picture production and graphic design along the way. I made a few flicks and while they weren't going to bust down the doors of Hollywood, I did learn a lot and nabbed a small awards or two. The best part was the relationships I made and the skillsets I acquired. And it's always nice to set a goal and hit it. Below, you'll find links to watch the trailer for my short film, DRINKING WITH STRANGERS, along with WHEN I GO, a short film I completed for the ABQ 48-Hour-Film Project. My wife was the sole assistant I had on this film and we managed to walk away with an award for Best Cinematography... not too shabby considering it was shot on a Canon T3i camera with two lenses. As they say, it's not the gear, it's the person."



"DRINKING WITH STRANGERS" TRAILER



"WHEN I GO" SHORT FILM





# **NEWS DOCUMENTARIES**

"Occasionally, I'd leave the safety of the edit bay to shoot some news stories. While I had my hand in many a sweeps piece, these two stories were completely solo endeavors. Both of these stories were originally independent productions that our news director reviewed and felt were good enough for on-air. While that was an honor in itself, the best feedback was from the subjects of the stories I told."



### "OSW WRESTLING"

THERE'S SOMETHING INFINITELY ENJOYABLE ABOUT WATCHING PEOPLE PURSUE THEIR DREAMS. FRED URBAN (R.I.P.) BROUGHT THIS GROUP OF WEST TEXAS MISFITS TOGETHER AND TRANSFORMED THEM INTO A LEGITIMATE WRESTLING ORGANIZATION THAT ENTERTAINED WEST TEXAS. WHILE THE COMPANY HAS SINCE FOLDED WITH THE PASSING OF OWNER FRED URBAN, THE LEGACY CONTINUES WITH MANY OF THE PERFORMERS STILL ACTIVE TO THIS DAY. I WAS VERY HONORED THAT I WAS ABLE TO TELL THEIR STORY AND DOCUMENT THIS VERY SMALL MOMENT IN TIME. THIS WAS ALSO MY FIRST ON-AIR VOICEOVER BUT IT WOULDN'T BE MY LAST.



### "COBRA ROCK BOOT CO."

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED ITSELF TO SHARE THE SKILLS AND PASSION OF SOMEONE I ADMIRE. ORIGINALLY AN ACQUAINTANCE FROM MY BAND VIDEOGRAPHY DAYS, THE OWNER OF COBRA ROCK TRANSITIONED FROM INDIE ROCK MUSICIAN TO OWNER OF ONE OF THE COOLEST SHOPS IN TEXAS. THE CHALLENGE OF TELLING A STORY WITH NO VOICEOVER IS PRETTY DAUNTING BUT IT FORCES THE EDITOR TO FIND THE STORY AND CREATE SOMETHING COMPELLING WITH ONLY VISUALS AND INTERVIEWS.





# **INKTOBER CHALLENGE**

"For those in the illustration world, the month of October is affectionally known as 'Inktober.' The purpose of Inktober is to create a new drawing every single day throughout the month of October. There is an official prompt for each day but many illustrators, including myself, create their own version of Inktober. Here you'll find my best yearly Inktober challenges."



31 DAYS OF HORROR - INKTOBER CHALLENGE



TEEN MOVIES - INKTOBER CHALLENGE



RICK AND MORTY - INKTOBER CHALLENGE



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TED LASSO - INKTOBER CHALLENGE



# **PODCAST ART**

### INDEPENDENT FEATURE FILM

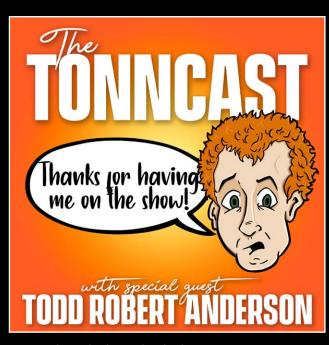
"I can safely say that I listen to podcasts almost daily so it only made sense that I'd design some art for a few of them. 'The Tonncast' artwork came about after actor Todd Robert Anderson (You're the Worst, Blast from the Past) reached out after purchasing some fan art I illustrated for his FX show 'You're The Worst.' When 'Ted Lasso' really took off, I started listening to a variety of fancasts but the show from the Front Row Network and NPR Illinois really stood out to me. After a brief back and forth, hosts Craig McFarland and Jeremy Goeckner asked me to redesign their key art."



"PEANUT BUTTER AND BISCUITS" TED LASSO PODCAST KEY ART.



"THE EXPERTS" COMEDY PODCAST KEY ART.



"THE TONNCAST" PODCAST KEY ART.



# **SPORTS PIXEL ART PROJECT**

"If you come at me with an offer for some retro gaming, particularly sports games, two things will happen: you just made a friend for life and strap in, sweet prince or princess, because we aren't going anywhere for a while. The combination of love for retro pixel art and sports made this project a no-brainer."

# ALRIGHT! ALRIGHT! ALRIGHT!

















# **POP CULTURE PIXEL ART**

"The challenge of turning movies and shows into video games... some are obvious. Some require a little more thinking. When a friend challenged me to make a game from some aspect of 'King of the Hill' I told him to hold my Alamo. I mean, who doesn't want to play a mower race??"



KING OF THE HILL "DURNDLE CO. MOWER RACES" GAME



STRANGER THINGS "GUITAR HERO"



BOB'S BURGERS - THE ARCADE GAME



WHITE MEN CAN'T JUMP "NBA JAM"



MIGHTY DUCKS "NHL '96"



KILL BILL - THE FIGHTING GAME



"THE PLAYDATE'



# NewsWest ?

"Local news is an important pillar in any community and I was incredibly proud to put my stamp on my hometown station. Starting off as a nightside Topical Producer, I was quickly promoted to Commercial Producer, and ultimately, the Creative Director. From the annual ToyDrive to Sweeps Promotions, I had my hand in every aspect of creative. Being a small station, I had to wear a lot of hats... from writing and shooting to editing, motion graphics, and even print design, I gained a working foundation of many aspects of creative production, usually on a micro budget. Even many years later, some of these creative endeavors are still some of the best things I've ever created."



### "DIRTY CAR PROMO"

OUR STATION WAS MADE FUN OF REPEATEDLY FOR OUR DIRTY CARS SO I TURNED THOSE CRITICISMS INTO AN AWARD-WINNING PROMO. THIS PROMO WAS ACTUALLY PRESENTED AT A NATIONAL NBC CONFERENCE IN LAS VEGAS.



### "NEWSWEST 9 APP PROMO"

OUR STATION WAS ONE OF THE FIRST IN THE AREA TO HAVE A WELL-DEVELOPED APP. THIS PROMO RAISED AWARENESS AND LEAD TO OVER 15K DOWNLOADS IN JUST UNDER 2 WEEKS.



### "WEATHER PROMO"

OUR BIGGEST STRENGTH WAS HAVING 3 METEOROLOGISTS ON STAFF WHILE THE OTHER STATIONS JUST HAD TALENT READING THE WEATHER. TEACHING THE DIFFERENCE TO OUR VIEWERS LED TO AN INCREASE OF 45% VIEWERS DURING SEVERE WEATHER.



### "MORNING SHOW PROMO"

OUR MORNING SHOW WAS ONE OF OUR STRONGEST PROPERTIES BUT THERE WAS A DEMOGRAPHIC OF VIEWERS THAT WEREN'T LOYAL TO ANY PARTICULAR STATION. THIS PROMO LEAD TO A 10% INCREASE IN VIEW TIME IN THE MORNING.



### "COLD CASES SWEEPS" & "CHECKING IN SWEEPS"

THE REPORTERS WOULD WORK FOR WEEKS OR MONTHS ON THEIR SWEEPS PIECES SO IT FELT RIGHT TO MAKE SURE THE PROMOS REFLECTED THAT HARD WORK. MY GOAL WAS TO MAKE

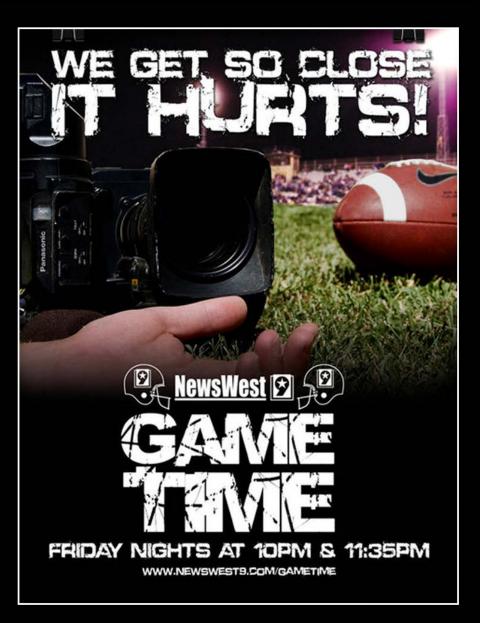
MY GOAL WAS TO MAKE
OUR SWEEPS PIECES SEEM
LIKE SOMETHING YOU'D SEE
IN LARGE MARKET NEWS.
UTILIZING MOTION GRAPHICS,
EDITING, CINEMATOGRAPHY,
AND DESIGN NOT REALLY SEEN
IN THE AREA, OUR SWEEPS
PACKAGES HAD HIGHER
VIEWERSHIP THAN OUR MAIN
COMPETITORS AT CBS. THE
SWEEPS PROMOS ARE SOME OF
THE BEST THINGS I CREATED

WHILE CREATIVE DIRECTOR.









### "NEWSWEST 9 GAME TIME PRINT AD"

ONE OF THE FEW PRINT ADS WE CREATED. THIS AD WAS PRINTED IN THE GAME DAY PROGRAMS FOR OVER 40 WEST TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS THAT WE COVERED.

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### FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL PROMOTION

"In West Texas, football is king. I love football so being the lead for our flagship Friday Night Football show, GAME TIME, was a dream. From on-air graphics and promos to even the shirts and hoodies the videographers wore, I had my hand in all aspects of branding. I loved it so much that I would stay late on Friday and travel to various West Texas towns to shoot and edit highlights for games. Our videographers would actually shoot from the sidelines so our highlights had a grittier and a more 'in the action' vibe to them which lead to our tagline: WE GET SO CLOSE, IT HURTS.



### "GAME TIME PREMIERE PROMO"

A FUN LITTLE SKETCH SHOWING HOW OUR VIDEOGRAPHERS ARE RIGHT IN THE ACTION. THIS PROMO CAMPAIGN WAS AN ADDY-AWARD WINNER.



### "SO CLOSE IT HURTS PROMO"

SOMETIME THE BEST FOOTAGE FALLS IN YOUR LAP OR, IN THIS CASE, FLIES INTO YOUR CAMERA. STATION VIDEOGRAPHER, MARTIN AREVALO, CAPTURED THIS FOOTAGE AT A FOOTBALL GAME IN CRANE, TX. THE CAMERA AND CAMERAMAN WERE FINE AND WE HAD AN AWESOME PROMO THAT SHOWED FIRSTHAND HOW GOOD OUR COVERAGE WAS.





# **GAME DEVELOPMENT**

"Everyone needs a passion project and this is mine: solo developing a video game with no prior game dev experience. My love of retro pixel art, point and click games, and the 90's lead to me creating FRIDAY NIGHT 1998. This work-in-progress is my latest attempt at learning a new skill and telling a story in a way I've never tried before."





















