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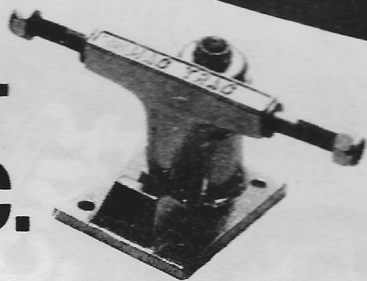
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UPDATE: FREE SKATE L.A.

By Debbi Bennett

I am still working with the committee assigned by the Los Angeles City council to write a law dealing with skateboarding as a public nuisance. So far, I have met with different committee members on three separate occasions, and here are the current results:

1. The committee agrees that the original ordinance text, submitted by Councilman Gilbert Lindsay, is far too restrictive. It would have banned skateboarding on all public streets, sidewalks, and private driveways in certain instances.
2. The law proposed is unenforceable and the driveway provisions unconstitutional.
3. The committee will accept further testimony and statistics from Free Skate L.A.
4. The committee is, in place of an ordinance, now considering a recommendation. To show that they have studied the "problem",

they will recommend there be no skateboarding in the public streets. This recommendation will carry no penalty to the rider, but should satisfy the individuals in City Council, who pushed this committee, that work has been done.

Last, a note of happy import. I have been successful in gathering together some prizes for the kids/riders who have cheerfully worked voluntarily. To date, prizes have been donated by the following manufacturers: ACS, Inc.; Ampul; Board Blades; Cheetah; Free Former; Gimori; Hobie; Kryptonics; Logan Earthski; Maherajah; Powell; Seabreeze; Tracker Trucks; Val Surf; and Van's Shoes.

I thank them, and my workers will thank them by riding their equipment safely.

That's the news from L.A. County's Freeskatel.A.

P.S. Thanks to everyone at the "Skateboard, Surf, & Accessories Show" for all the good vibes!

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LET'S HEAR FROM: JAPAN

The Japan Skateboard Business Association was founded in January of 1977 by Yoshiaki Nakamoto, otherwise known as Hank, the current president of the Association. Hank worked in California for several years as the executive V.P. of PT Distributing Co, a distributor of Skateboard products. He returned to Japan for a short vacation, however, he hasn't been back to California since. While he was in Japan, Hank presented skateboarding and skateboard parks at a meeting of the Leisure Market Center, which is an association of over four hundred leisure oriented investment companies. These investment companies were so enthusiastic about skateboard parks that they encouraged Hank to form a skateboard association in order to promote skateboarding in Japan. Thus, the JSBA was created by Hank and the LMC acts as the parent company in helping finance and support the new association.

The JSBA consults and designs skateboard parks to insure the safety and high quality of their construction. At the time of this writing the JSBA in conjunction with the skatepark owners plans to open six skateboard parks next spring and summer all over Japan. Many more investors are simply waiting to see how these pilot parks do, before they invest in parks of their own.

The JSBA is the only authorized skateboard association in Japan, and is set up as a non-profit association to promote skateboarding in Japan. The JSBA is attempting to learn from our mistakes in this country, for example the JSBA has already secured insurance coverage as an association for its members. The JSBA is unifying the skateboard industry in Japan before the first modern skatepark is built, in order to standardize the safety requirements of the parks and the equipment used in the parks. Without such a regulatory body to assure the safety standards of the parks and equipment, insurance coverage would not be possible.

The JSBA is composed of skatepark owners/investors, manufacturers, dealers, wholesalers, and retailers. Although the JSBA's membership is small presently, it is growing rapidly as skateboarding's popularity increases in Japan. The cost to join the JSBA is 120,000 Yen per year, approximately \$500 U.S. As members, the skatepark owners will receive the JSBA's help in designing their parks. The JSBA will keep all its members up to date on the latest developments in skateboarding by means of a newsletter. The skateboard parks will have to meet certain minimum safety standards in order to be approved by the JSBA and receive JSBA insurance coverage. The skateboard equipment used in approved JSBA parks will also have to be authorized by the JSBA. The skaters will all have to be covered by JSBA insurance in order to be able to use the parks. The JSBA insurance sticker will be placed on the skateboard indicating that the owner is covered by insurance.

In this way, the JSBA can guarantee the safety of the parks and equipment avoiding any problems with insurance coverage. The JSBA hopes to affiliate with the ISA in the near future, and work together in promoting skateboarding on an international level. The JSBA's U.S. representative, Joseph Garrie, has been in contact with Ms. Sally Ann Miller and Ms. Diana Line concerning the future interrelationship of the two associations. The JSBA is especially interested in working with the ISA on a safety program, the JSBA hopes to educate the Japanese skaters before the boom next summer. Joseph Garrie has spoken with Chip Wolfstein, who has been instrumental in developing the ISA's safety program. Perhaps the JSBA can translate his safety lecture series into Japanese, and work with Chip in setting up a similar program in Japan.

Even today, Japanese skaters can be seen all over their country, wherever they can find a little bit of land to skate on. Especially, on the weekends, where they can be seen in the parks, shrines, and temples, which are closed off from traffic. The Japanese will go crazy over skateboarding as soon as they are provided with more facilities to skate in. The six parks will be built this coming spring-summer, and the boom will hit soon thereafter. Skateboarding fits all the prerequisites for popularity on the mass scale in Japan: a new leisure sport from California, which emphasizes balance, speed, and agility. The market potential in Japan is unlimited for both parks and equipment. If you are interested about further information concerning the JSBA, please contact Joseph Garrie: 5413 Avenida Fiesta, La Jolla, Ca 92037--(714) 270-2666.

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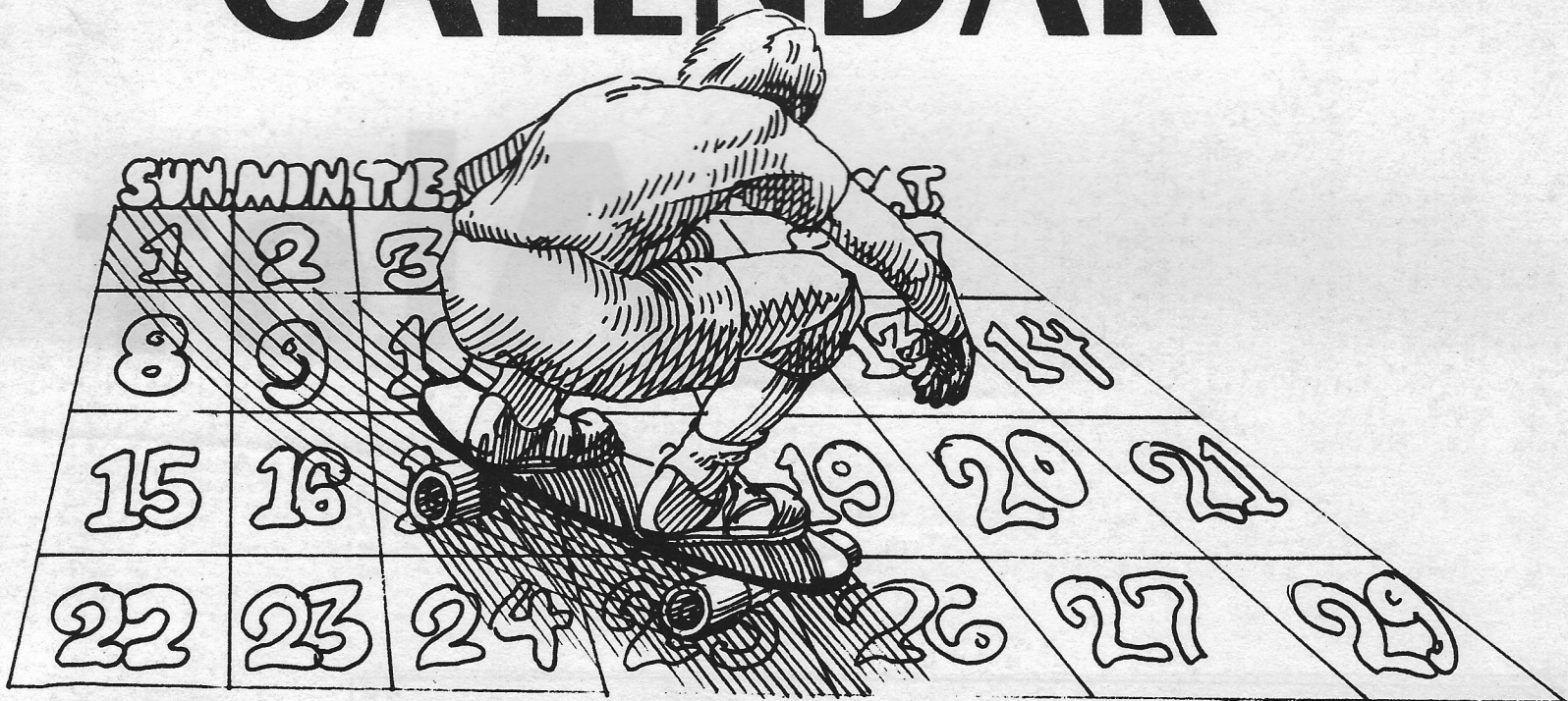
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CALENDAR



MARCH

- 1 - Sacramento, Calif; **OPENING OF RAINBOW SKATEPARK**; located at Sunrise Vista Mall, Sacramento; call 415/457-9121 for information.
- 4, 5 - Spring Valley, Calif; **HESTER - ISA PRO BOWL SERIES**; first of a four-stop series; \$1,000 first place; three hot dog events for \$100 first place; points accumulated throughout tour; call 714/646-0258 for information.
- 11 - Pismo Beach, Calif; **DUAL SLALOM RACE**; down Main St.; call 805/528-5120 for information.
- 11 - Santa Monica, Calif; **Trials for the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HIGH JUMP**; ABC coverage; \$1,000 winner take all in Pro class, also a Jr. and Women's Division; call 213/838-0280 for information.
- 11, 12 - Clearwater, Fla; **FUN AND SUN DAYS PRO-AM SKATEBOARD CHAMPIONSHIPS**; Giant Slalom, dual slalom, freestyle, cross-country; \$3 entry; \$500 first place; held at Clearwater Skatepark; call 813/461-1215 for information.
- 17 - So. Calif; **OPENING OF "SKATEBOARD"**; in 100 theaters; from Universal Studios; check Sunday paper after March 12.
- 18 - Boise, Idaho; **2nd ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY SLALOM RACE**; the start of the '78 season of weekly races; call 208/336-8492 for information.
- 22 - Santa Monica, Calif; **Finals for the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HIGH JUMP**; see March 11 for description.
- 23, 24, 25 - Jacksonville, Fla; **7-Eleven/Coca Cola PRO-AM COMPETITION**; at Kona Skatepark; freestyle, slalom, ramp (huge!), and bowl riding; call 904/724-9603 for information.

APRIL

- 1 - Los Alamitos, Calif; **CONTEST**; by local Rec. Center; slalom, freestyle; Novice (\$1 entry) and Amateur (\$2); call 213/430-1073 or 714/827-9014 for information.
- 8, 9 - Los Angeles, Calif; **HANG-TEN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS**; at Magic Mt.; slalom, freestyle; call 714/646-0258 for information.

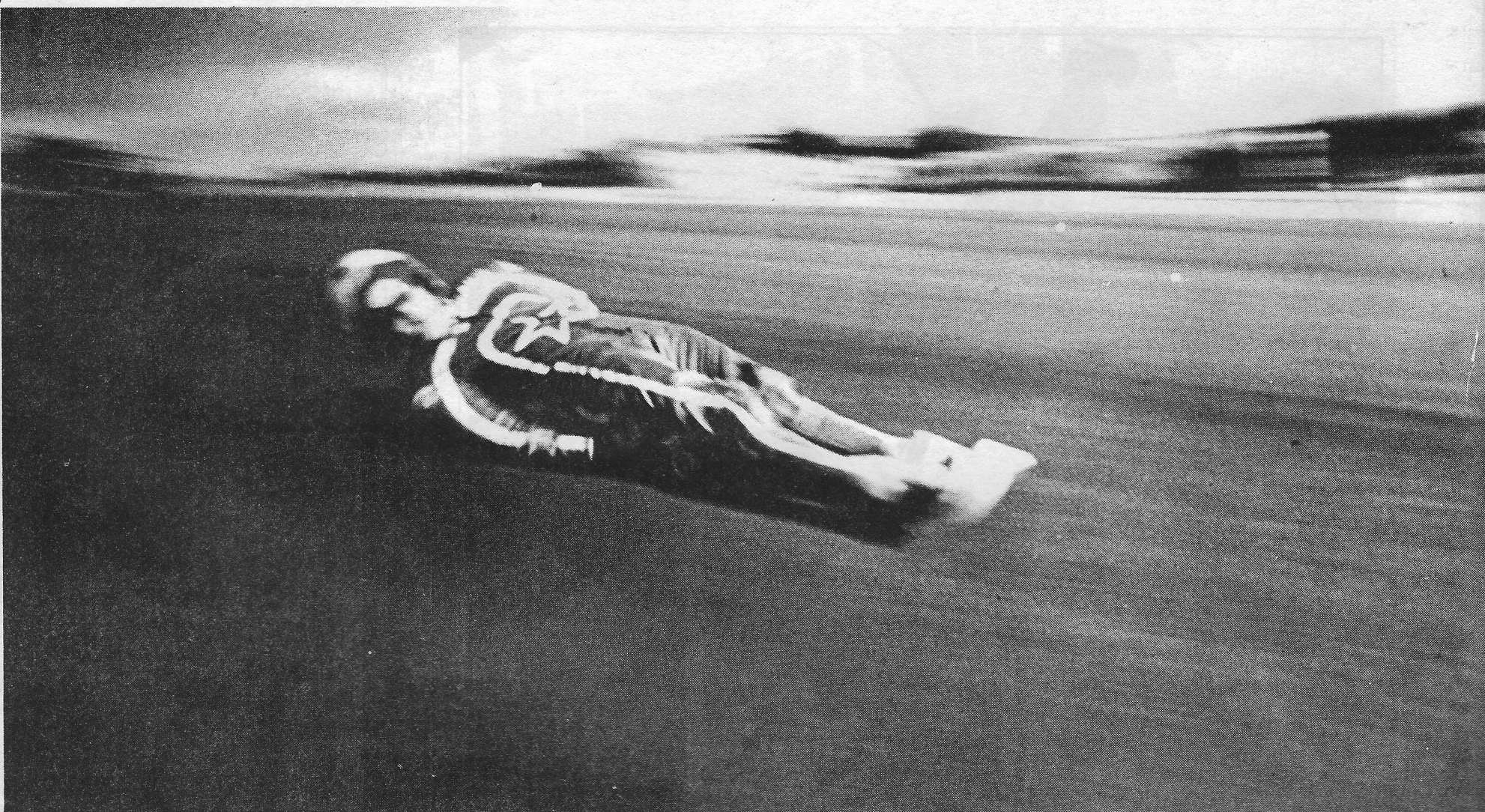
MAY

- 6, 7 - Carson, Calif; **RUNWAY/PEPSI SLALOM CHALLENGE CUP**; banked slalom, regular slalom; filmed by Hal Jepson; call 213/323-1100 for information/

(Tentative - due to insurance requirements) 20, 21 - Oceanside, Calif; **PRO FREESTYLE COMPETITION**; ISA sanctioned; \$10,1000 purse; call 714/646-0258 for information.

JUNE

- 11 - Long Beach, Calif; **4th ANNUAL SIGNAL HILL SPEED RACE**; by the U.S.S.A.; best time over last year's record to go into Guinness Book of Records; call 213/830-4110 for information.
- 17, 18 - West Palm Beach, Fla; **Part I of the VAN, SURF, AND SKATEBOARD EXPO**; in West Palm Beach Auditorium, will have rock and roll bands, movies, skateboard demos; call 305/686-6397 for information.
- 24, 25 - Orlando, Fla; **Part II of the VAN, SURF, AND SKATEBOARD EXPO**; see June 17, 18 for description.



There are lots of ways to go fast. But nothing beats a 60-plus m.p.h. run at a favored proving ground for Signal Hill.

JOHN HUGHES - drawing lines for practice. Photo by Tim Stahl.

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ANTHONY FISCHER adding fuel to the fire at Modesto's Heat Wave. Photo Jon Malvino.

The "AlotAflex" team from San Francisco Bay Area has been active throughout North America since 1973. They're not just safety demos in their time, though. They practice the most, mostly they are more. They don't spend much time out of the most is freestyle, slalom and taking 1st's in REVIEW only hope them this summer.



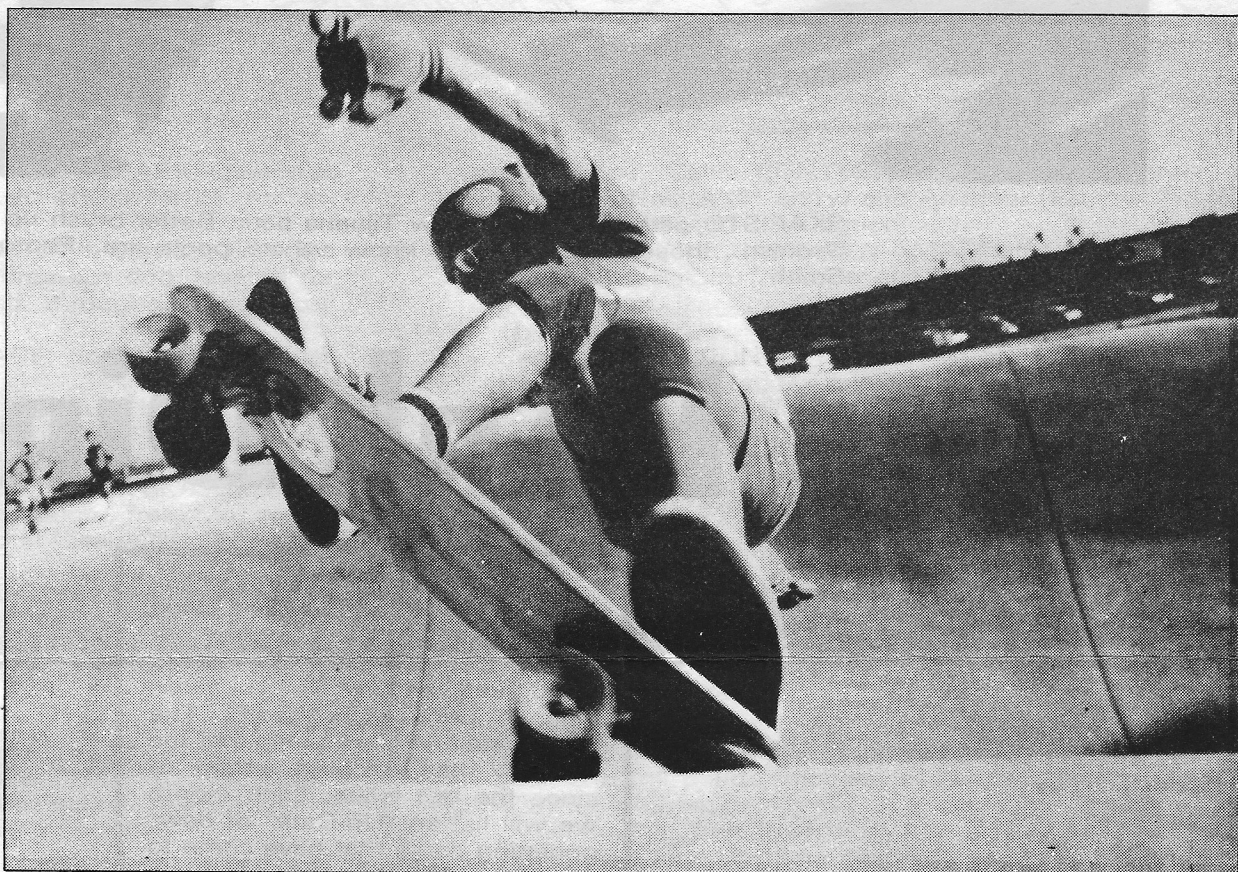
The team's heavyweight: PACO PRIETO. Photo Jon Malvino.



The ALOTAFLEX Skateboard Team members: Sand, Chris Fischer, Ted Sommer, man, and Tim Marting. Not shown is Fischer.

EX TEAM

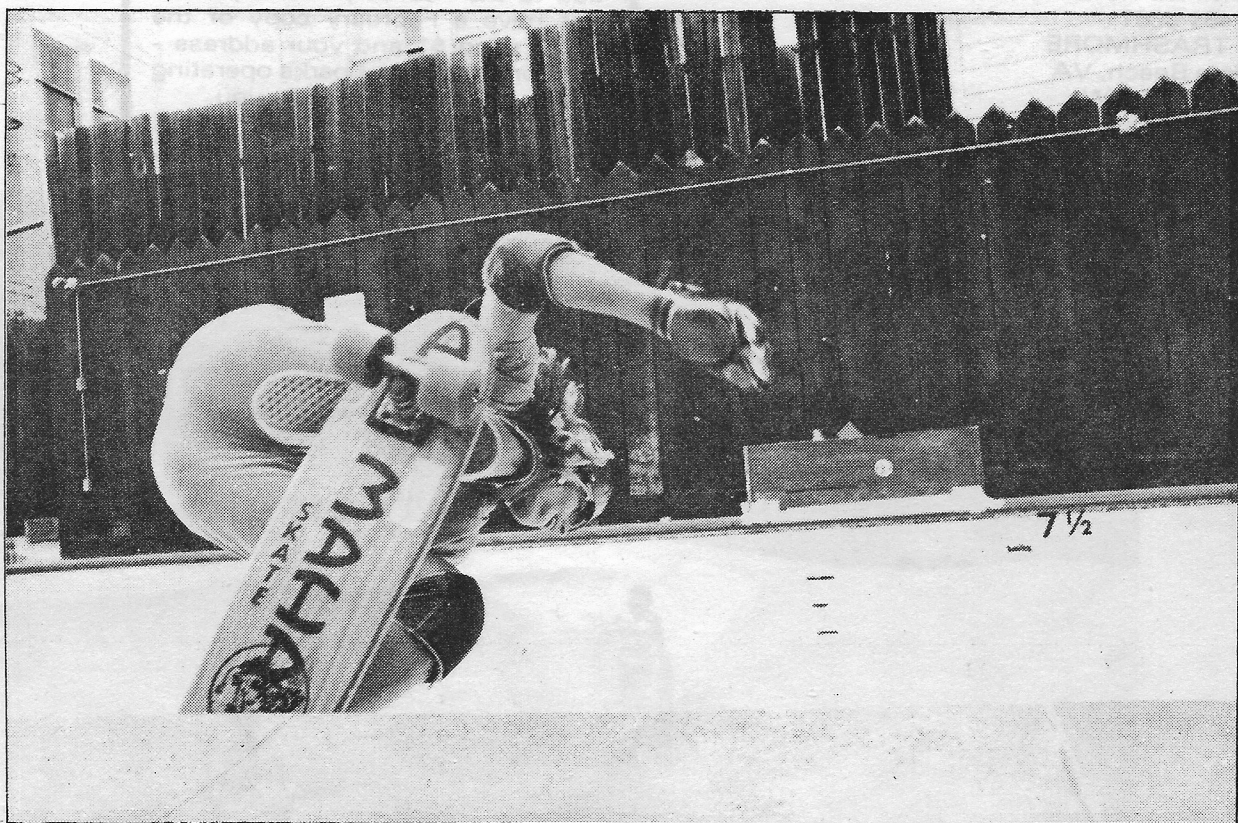
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DAVID FISCHER mirroring moves with his bro'. Photo Jon Malvino.



aving it all off: (left to right) Jeff Prieto, Anthony Fisher, Jay Leh-David Fischer. Photo by David



CHRIS FISCHER working a local pro called the Jungle Bowl. Photo D. Fischer.



SKAPISTO park rider at the new Tijuana park. Better brush up on the Spanish...those guys probably know where pools are. Photo Lance Smith.

Skate Park Directory

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LAS VEGAS DESERT SURF
4825 W. Flamingo
Las Vegas, NEV
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You saw in the February issue the complete listing, with addresses, of operating parks throughout the U.S. The list is too long to print each month. The parks listed now are those that the REVIEW has become aware of since the last issue. Each month we will list an "Up-Date" of new, operating parks that have come to our awareness. Periodocially through the year we will print a complete listing of operating parks. Here, then, are parks you should add to the February list. If you do not have a February copy of the NSR, send \$1 and your address - the complete list of parks operating nation wide will be sent to you.

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Good over-view of Mexico's first skateboard park, SKAPISTA, located in Tijuana. Photo by Lance Smith.



MISS R.C. COLA, Kelly Moran, is shown receiving her Sims Team shirt as she becomes an honorary member of the Sims Pure Juice Team. Formerly of Tony's Pizza Parlor, Miss RC and the Sims Team have been

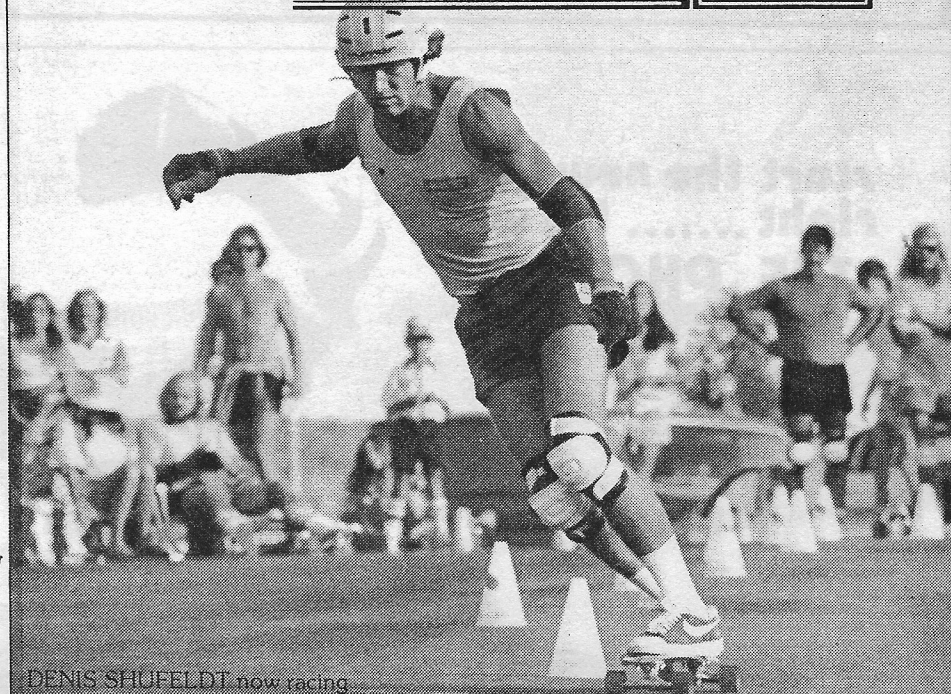
doing safety demos for Union Federal Savings in California. Standing left to right: Rudy Duran, Tony Howlett, MISS R.C., and Scott Hostert.

SIGNAL HILL ENTRIES

Received entries since Jan. 30 (deadline for entering March 15).

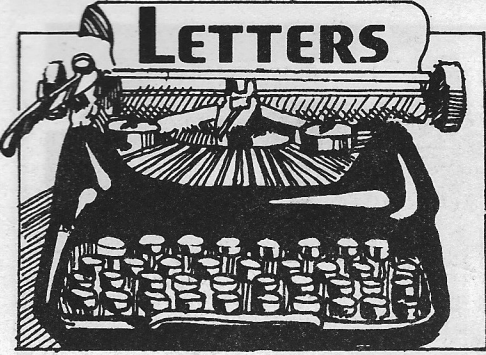
NAME	AGE	MODIFIED or STAND-UP	SPONSOR
1. Don Baumea Jr.	20	mod	Powerflex
2. Harvey Hawks	23	mod	Pipeline of Uplands from Alabama
3. Larry White	24	SU	
4. Gib Lewis	23	SU	
5. Gary Tracey	29	mod	OJ, Tracker
6. Larry MacDonald	21	SU	Campo Const.
7. Manfred Dunn	18	mod	C & D
8. Bob Skoldberg	25	SU & mod	Hobie
9. Eddy Weatherman	27	SU & mod	U.F.O., from Texas
10. Chris Proctor	23	mod	El Dorado skbds.
11. Craig Plescia	33	mod	Mitch's & Tunnel Prod.
12. Dan Hendrickson	36	mod	City Wheels
13. Wyatt Radke	23	mod	Tube skbds. Upland
14. Dale Irwin	29	mod	
15. Jim Drake		SU & mod	Mitch's & Tunnel
16. Tim Piumarta	18	SU	Santa Cruz skbds.
17. Tom Stuart	20		
18. Leslie Jo Drake	21	mod	Mitch's & Tunnel (female)
19. Henry Hester	26	mod	
20. Nick Leonard	30	mod	Powerflex
21. Guy Grundy	25	SU & mod	Freeformer
22. Sam Puccio Jr.	27	mod	
23. Jack Lee Smith	21	mod	Solid Wave Arroya Grande
24. Dave Dillberg	29	SU & mod	IDI
25. Terry Brown	18	SU	Santa Cruz skbds. (female)
26. Michael Goldman	25	SU	Santa Cruz
27. John Hutson	23	SU	Santa Cruz
28. John Krisik	25	SU	Santa Cruz
29. Jeffrey Junkins	32	SU	
30. Bob Madrigal	27	SU & mod	Santana skbds.
31. Len Gambo	25	mod	

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DENIS SHUFELDT now racing for Logan Earth Ski Skateboards. Photo by Saccio.

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among first of eleven new parks planned for the Washington D.C. area. The Skateboard park is a 3-acre park in Norfolk, Virginia, that was designed and built by Camp Construction, Pyramid Olympic Division. There are two parks in the Virginia Beach, Virginia, area: one public and one private. Mt. Trashmore is the public park which has a downhill run and two serpentine. The private park in Thunderbowl Skatepark. It has 45,000 sq. feet of pumped concrete.

Please publish this letter because I think some skaters will benefit. Special thanks to "Skateboarder" for some of my information.

Brian Herbert,
McLean, Virginia

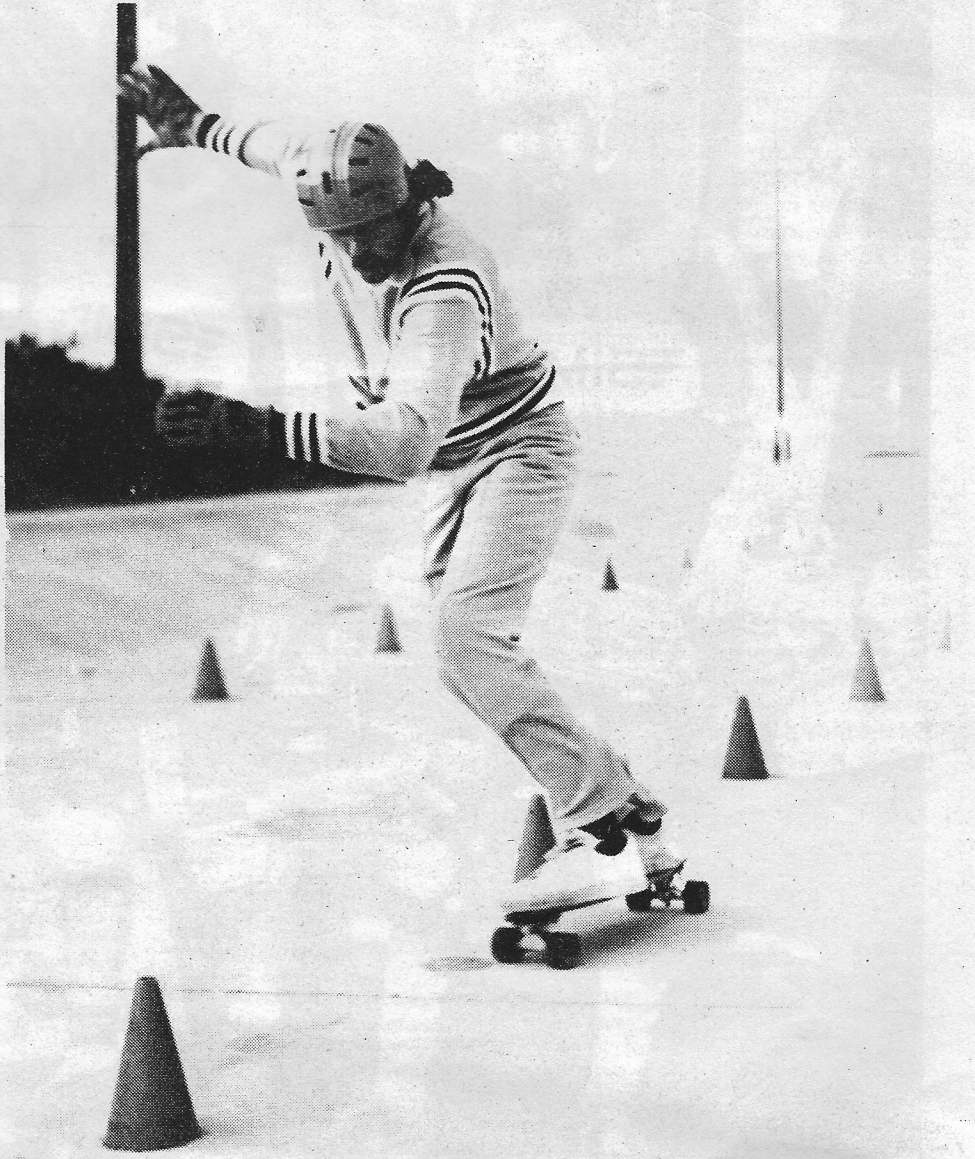
Dear Brian,
Thank you for the research you did. I'm sure reader's will benefit so I am pleased to print your letter. Can you get me the addresses of those parks? Then the listing will be complete.

Dear Di,

I have just received my first issue of N.S.R. and I fully enjoy it. I think the N.S.R. and "Skateboarder" are a tremendous help to skaters everywhere.

I realize that you can't be everywhere so I'd like to inform you of some new parks. In Gaithersburg, Maryland, there's an indoor park with the banks molded out of fiberglass. In Northern Virginia, Skate World and the Mall Wall are

LET'S HEAR FROM: SOUTH BAY, CAL.



CHRIS FOLEY - one of California's South Bay Boys - is the '77 State Amateur Slalom Champion in his division. Photo by Cyndi.

You ask, "What is S.B.B.?" It stands for SOUTH BAY BOYS.

People do not recognize the fact that some of the "hottest" skateboarders in the world have come from this area.

To name a few: Kevin Anderson, Laura Thornhill, and Ty Page.

Now ask yourself, "What about slalom racing?" SOUTH BAY BOYS answer is Chris Foley (Staton Team), the 1977 California State Slalom champion, and future pro in 1978 summer. Chris and the rest of the slalom crew work out at SKATEBOARD WORLD in Torrance, California.

Chris learned his basic slalom skills in the summer of 1976 in the LA COSTA SUNDAY RACES. His first big win came in 1976 at the NEW MEXICO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS where Chris overpowered all the racers.

SOUTH BAY BOYS love racing and will go anywhere to compete. Chris, in fact, will go anywhere in the world to race.

The group may be small, but strong. We put out the challenge to the slalom world "Come and race!" In the future, look out for Craig Stein, Gib Lewis, and Mitch Junkins (MAG.)

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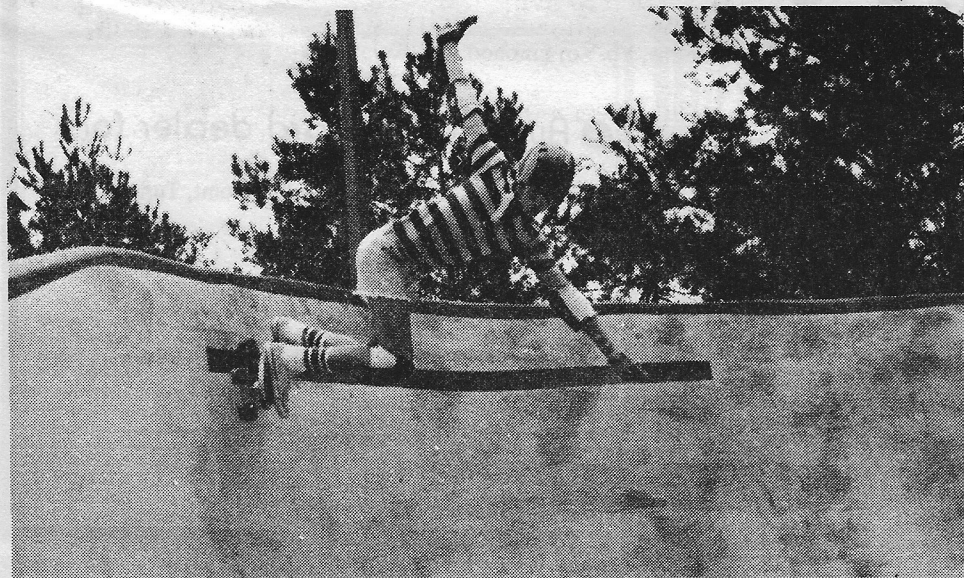
Drawing by Dan Van Guilder,
Michigan.

LET'S HEAR FROM: MARYLAND



PAT TRUITT struttin' his one-wheelin' stuff at the Ocean City Bowl. Photo Troy Purnell.

GEORGIA



"Not as rad as we can get" - Watch for more photos of Capt. Combat in Georgia.

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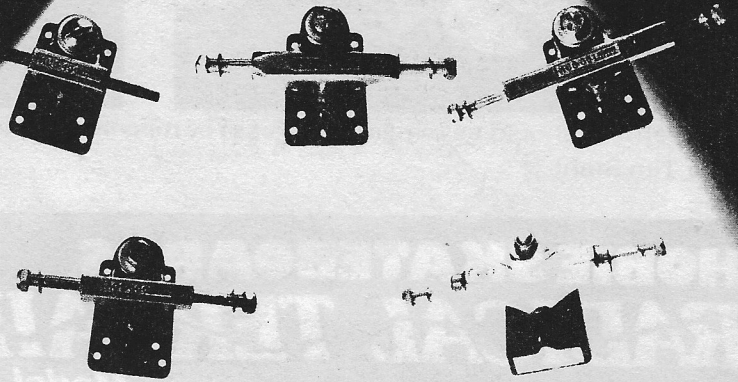


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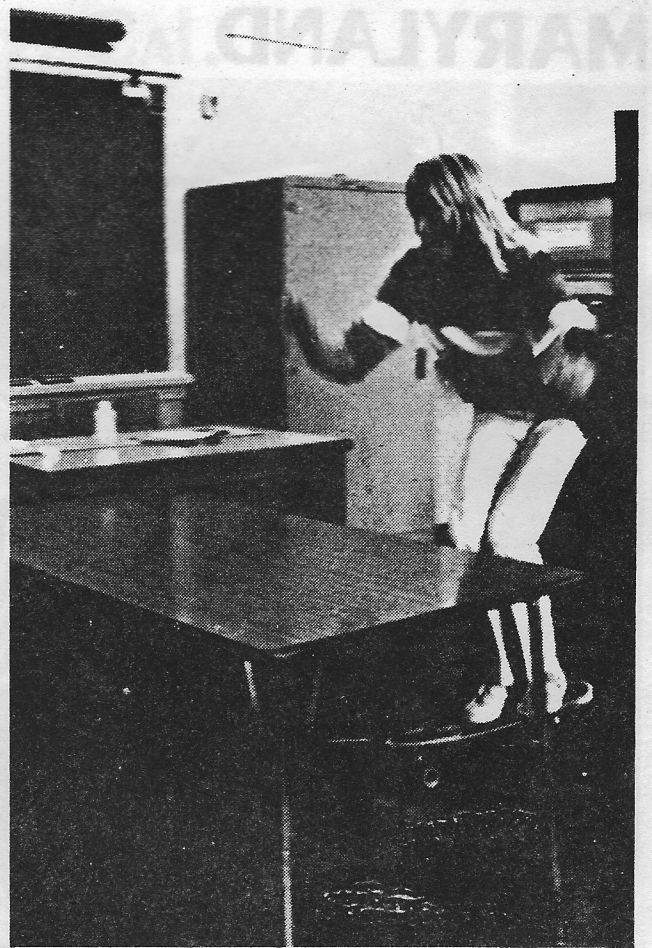
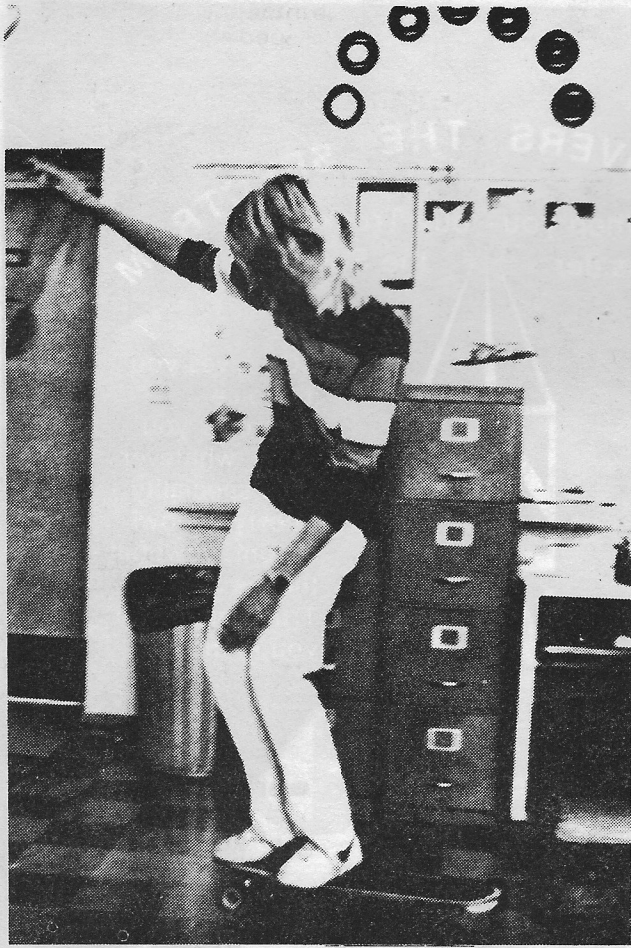
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Eric Tollgaard (or should he remain nameless) putting school tools to good use.
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