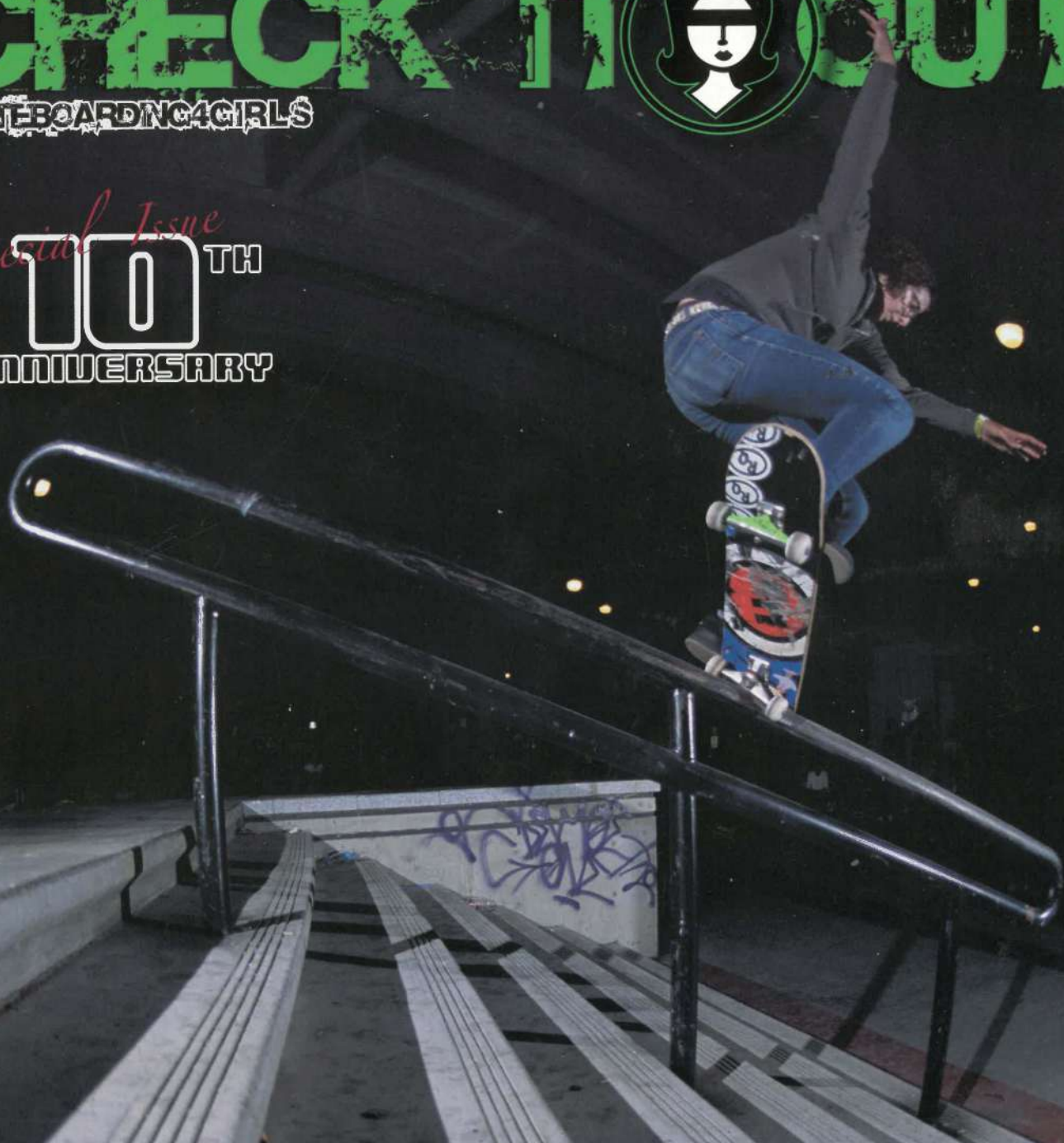


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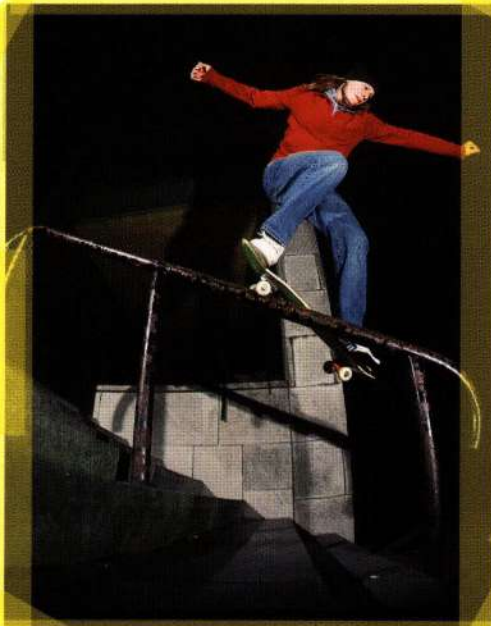
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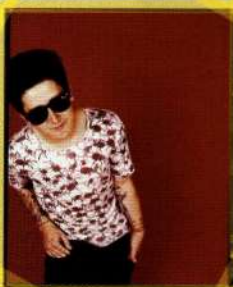
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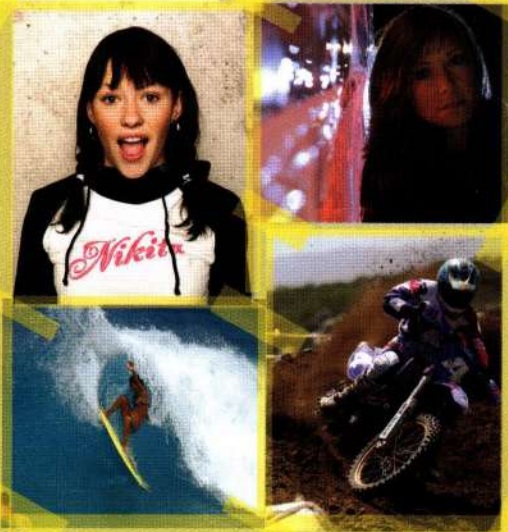
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Editorial

Doing this magazine for 10 years now, we have watched the girls skate scene go through its ups and downs. Some girls started to skate, ripped, and then just stopped for many different reasons. If not for an injury, marriage, or kids, they lost enthusiasm or reached the limits of their stamina. On the other hand, we have watched little girls start to skate, grow up and skate better and better every year. Women that have been skating for several years still continue to improve their skills and now influence the younger girls to pick up skateboards and ride. We can't read our future to know how long our skateboarding life will last, but we know that as long we are skating, we want to live it out to the fullest. 10 years of Check It Out Magazine means 10 years of skateboarding, development, and celebration of the talented girls in skateboarding. The best part of this anniversary is observing how much we've grown as girl skateboarders. We still have the stamina to skate and keep creating this magazine. We're still dreaming, improving and increasing the number of C.I.O. readers and girls joining the sport.

Happy Anniversary to us all!
Liza Araujo Grzeskowiak

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Women's Sports Foundation

The 27th Annual Salute to Women in Sports Awards Gala and Auction on Monday, October 16, at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City had Elissa Steamer as a guest on stage. Each October, the Women's Sports Foundation gathers the most decorated female athletes together with celebrities from film and television to celebrate the achievements of women in sports and highlight the best individual and team performances of the year.

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On the left, the athletes on stage and Elissa sporting a gown.



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The Alliance

The world's best female skateboarders are united in purpose and voice, working together to empower each other and to create more opportunities for girls in skating worldwide. Some of the Alliance girls are: Cara-Beth Burnside, Amy Caron, Lyn-z Adams Hawkins, Mimi Knoop, Jen O'Brien, Vanessa Torres, Lauren Mollica, Lauren Perkins, Holly Lyons, Van Nguyen, Monica Shaw, Sophie Poppe, Karen Jones, Apryl Woodcock, Tina Neff, Nugget, and Rebecca D. One of the first Alliance missions was to get together at the X-Games to discuss the big prize difference between the guys and the girls. Members of the alliance were ready to boycott the competition, when one of the organizers of the X-Games said that they were going to sit down with the girls and talk about the situation because "the show must go on." Now the girls have a bigger voice to speak for them. Congratulations! Long live the Alliance!

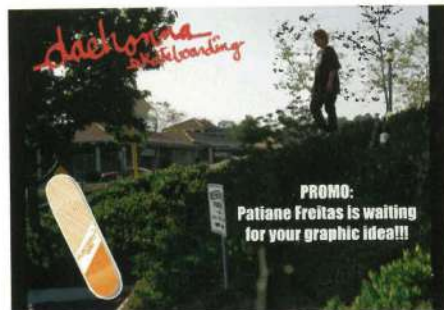


Meeting to discuss better prize for girl skateboarders at the X-Games.



Promotion!!!

Patiane Freitas is getting her first pro model board by Daehonna skateboards and she needs your help to create a cool graphic idea for her next board! Send your graphic ideas to:
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The winner will get their graphic launched on Patiane's board, a subscription to Check It Out Girls Magazine, Daehonna boards, t-shirts, and stickers.



The Osiris Suitcase Campaign

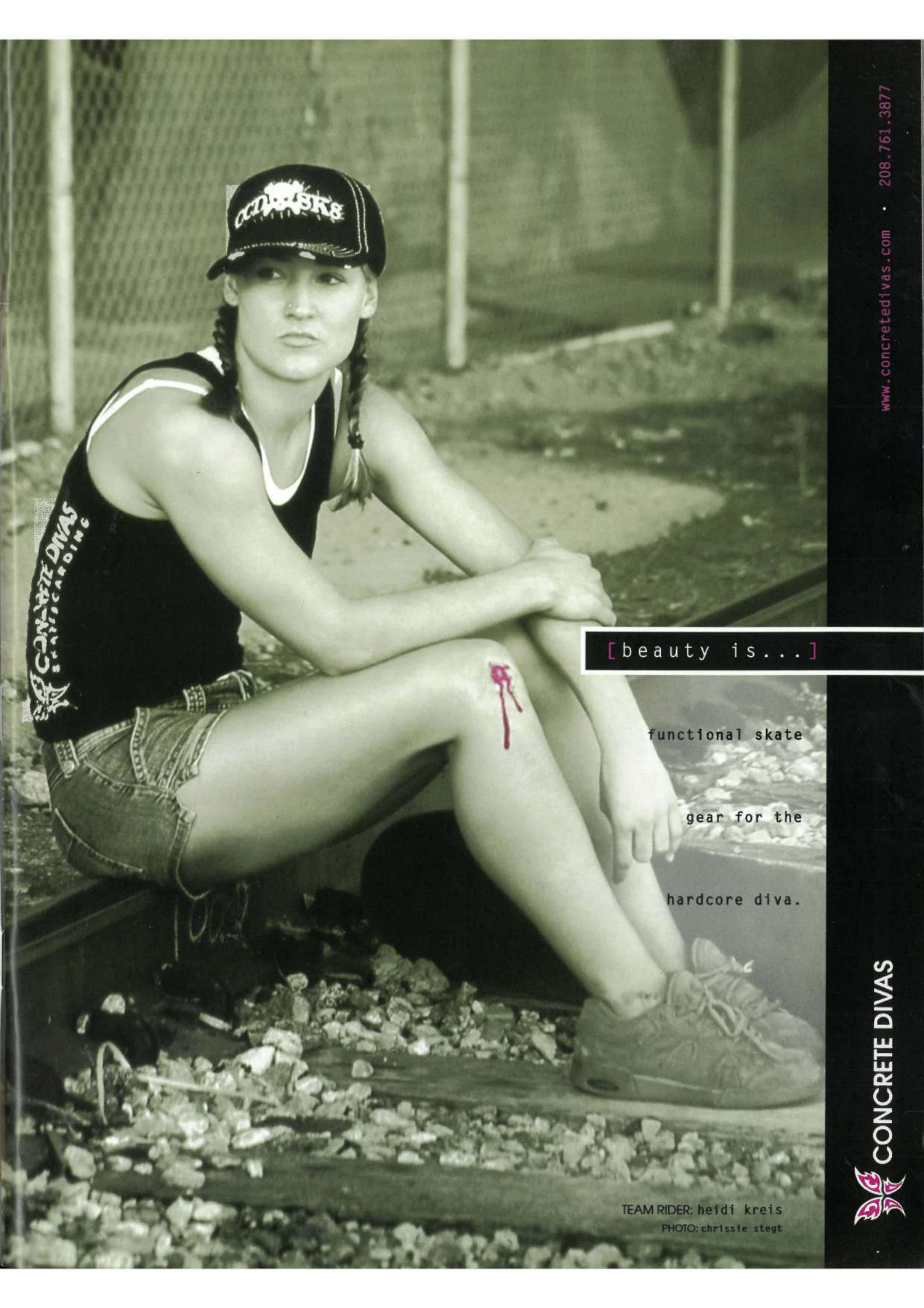
WHAT IT IS:

- * Girls sign up online to be an "Osiris Girl" at OsirisGirl.com or www.myspace.com/osirisgirls
- * Osiris will send the suitcase out full of product to a girl they pick
- * The girl keeps the stuff
- * The girl takes the suitcase on a PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT (see sample)
- * The girl tags/stickers the outside of the suitcase
- * They send the suitcase back with the used disposable camera
- * Osiris posts the pictures on their website
- * Osiris sends the suitcase to the next girl (They send two per month)
- * At the end of the year, the most creative girl wins a grand prize trip to the coast of their choice

SAMPLE PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

- Grab the camera, it's time to hit the town with the suitcase!
- Take a picture of yourself with the suitcase:
1. In a close-up with the suitcase open and everything you received inside
 2. With your new pair of shoes on
 3. At the beach
 4. At night (any setting you choose)
 5. With any sort of road/city sign
 6. At your favorite shop/store that sells Osiris Shoes
 7. With your friends at one of your favorite places in town
 8. Sitting on the suitcase (any setting you choose)
 9. Doing something you could get in trouble for (but don't get in trouble!)
 10. In a close-up after you've added your tag/design to the outside
 11. Use the rest of the film to be as creative as you can be!





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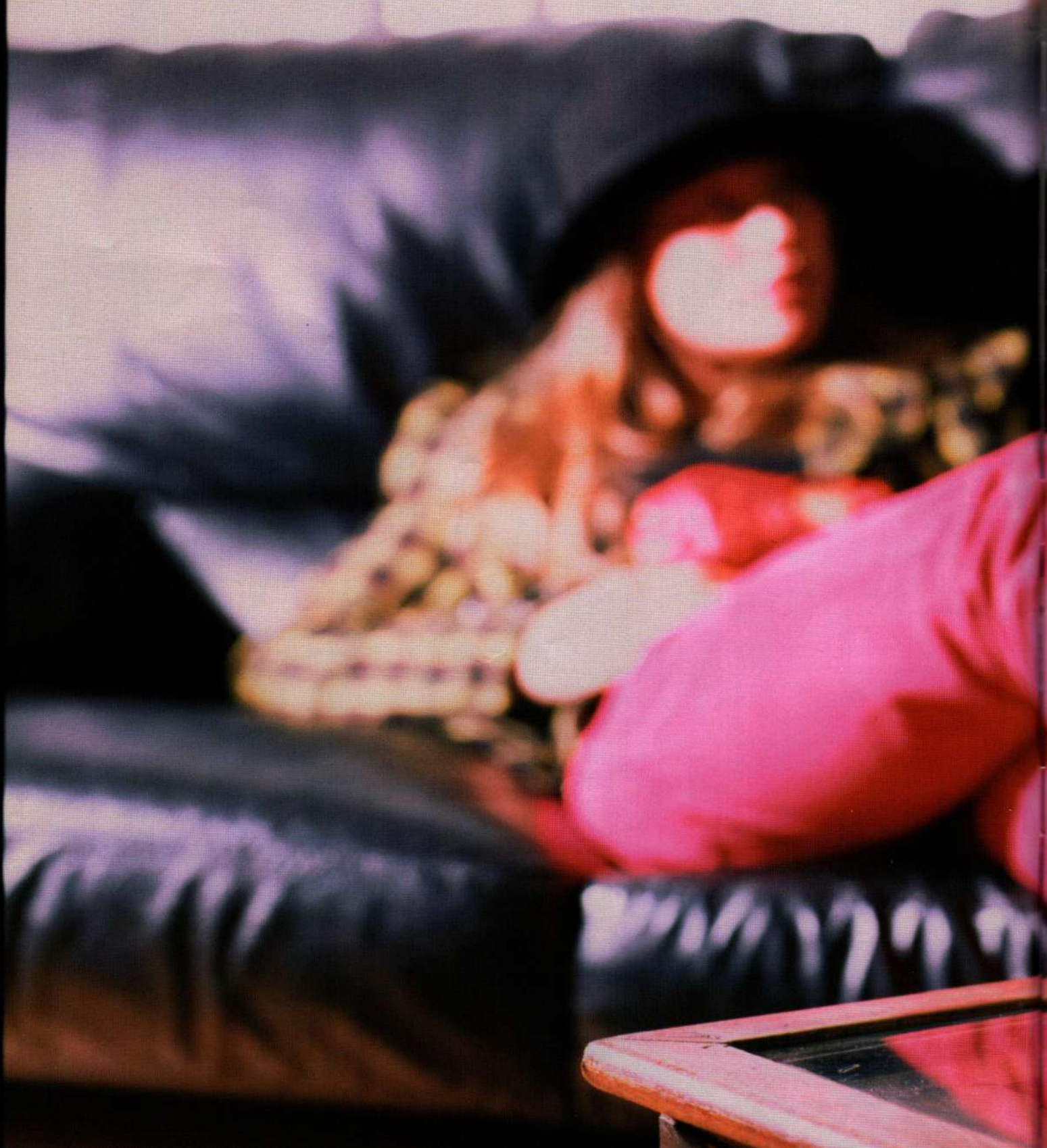
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CONCRETE DIVAS



Evelien (Evelyn) is a very talented European skateboarder. The first time I heard of her was when Brooke Pedersen from Etnies told us to put her on the tour we were doing. She said she was coming from Belgium for the X-Games (this year the X-games brought a lot of surprises and new girls with amazing talent that we've never seen before). Unfortunately, her obligations with school did not let her stay for the tour, but we had a chance to meet her and see her skate at the X-Games. She placed second, right after Elissa Steamer, her teammate on Etnies. Now with the help of our friend and photographer, Jelle Keppens, we have some great shots of Evelien at her street spots back home.



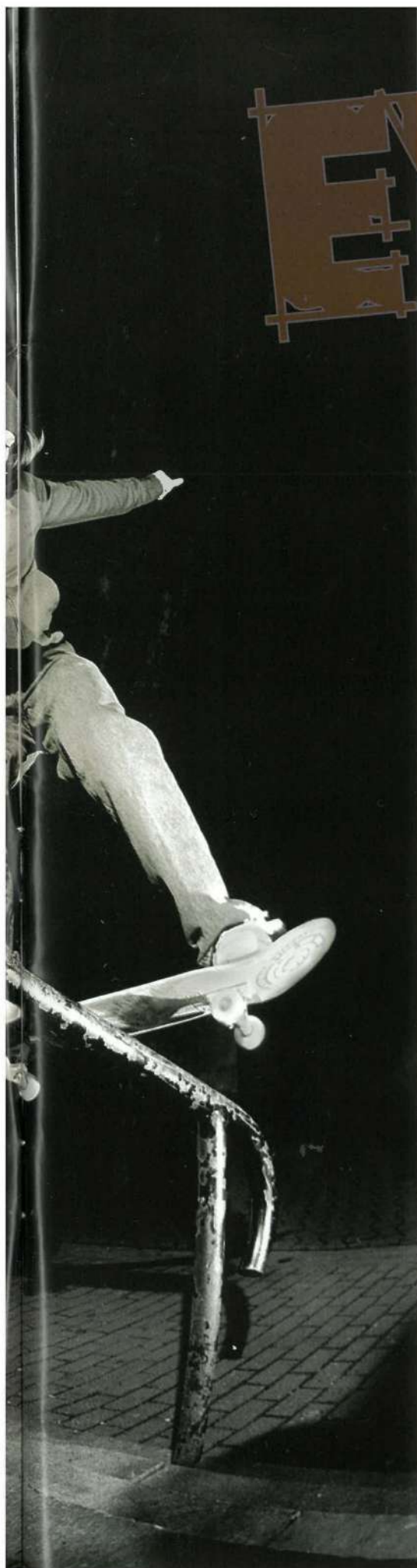
EVE-B

Interviewed by Luciana Ellington

Photographed by Jelle Keppens, Luciana Ellington and Ana Paula Negroo







EVE

What is your complete name?

Evelien Anick Elisa Bouilliar

Do you have a nickname?

Eve or Evie Cakes.

How old are you?

15.

When did you start skating?

Around the age of 10.

Does your family approve of you skating?

Yeah, they support me and when I get the chance to travel they tell me I have to take it.

Where are you from?

Aalter, BELGIUM!!!

Is skating big in Belgium? Tell us about the spots you have in your country.

Well, skating in Belgium ... yeah a lot of boys but not much girls do it. Actually only Sophie and me are the 'real' girl skaters around here. We skate competitions and the other ones learn flips. We learn that stuff too.

Do you travel a lot in Europe?

Yeah, but only for contests. When I'm in another country I want to check out some culture and history, but most of the time I'm at the skatepark.

Why and how did you start skating?

Well, I started skating because I saw a bunch of guys with boards at a new made skatepark not far from my house. So I was like, "I want a skateboard!!!!" I skated for two and a half years with an f'd up board from a toyshop, and then I actually got a pro one.

Who's your favorite pro?

Vanessa Torres.

When did you first see Vanessa skate?

Well, in the video AKA: Girl Skater and Elementality, but for real at the World Championship in Munster. That was the place where I met her. She's rad.

How was your first contest?

Can't really remember ... was competing with the boys. I think I placed 23 in 70 or something. Can't remember exactly.

EVE

Favorite skate video?

Rise Up, the Element Europe video.

Favorite movie?

Uhh, I watch so many movies ... White Chicks, Hocus Pocus...

What is your favorite part in White Chicks?

My favorite part is the dude in the wheelchair and some other jokes I can't really remember.

Who do you ride for?

Element Europe boards and clothes, Etnies Europe, Nixon Europe, 911 Skateshop, and I'm also with Von Zipper.

Do your sponsors pay you a salary or help you out with products and traveling?

Well, I'm gettin' paid now from Element and I get money for photos with the logo on it. My sponsors do everything for me ... pay for travel, hotels ... they are the best! I love them.

Do you skate with any girls?

Yeah, Sophie Poppe from Belgium.

How was it participating in the X-Games in Los Angeles? Was that your first time in America?

Well, yeah, it was my first time in America and I was really stoked that I was invited for the X-Games. So it was fun participating because I got second place. I only stayed for 10 days because I still had to do exams for school.

What are you doing in school?

Uhh, learning stuff. Hang out with my friends. Just normal school life.

Did you go skate around LA? How did you like it?

Well, actually, no. I wish I could have checked out more spots. I only went to the Hollywood High rail but we got kicked out. So we went to a smaller rail and we had a lil' session on that one. And I met a lot of people. I went to the Element office and Sole Technology and got a lot of stuff! Thanks!

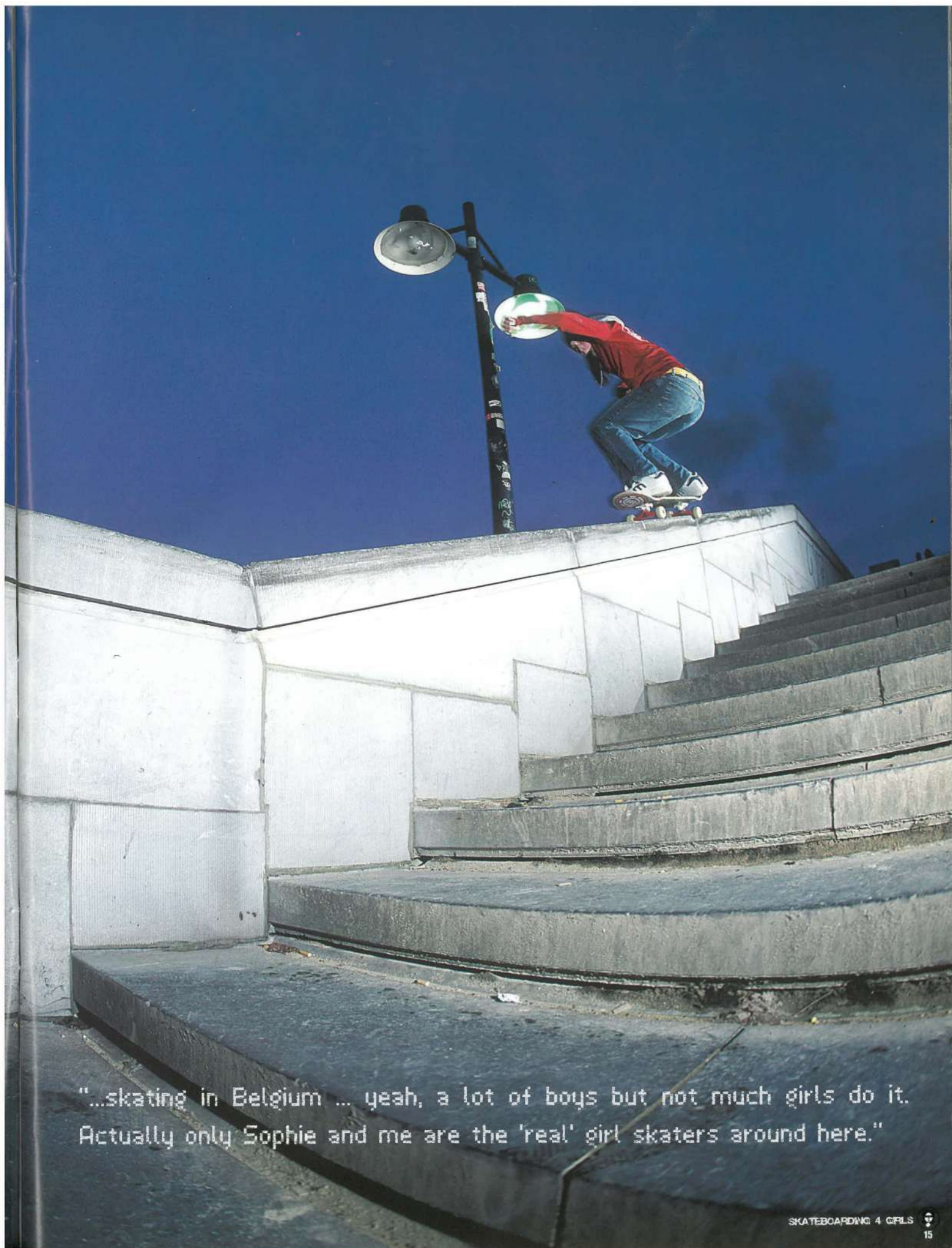
I've heard you are pretty good with the rails and I had the opportunity to see you at the X-Games skating the rails. What's your favorite trick and obstacle?

Well, obstacle rails! Totally my style and my favorite trick is feeble grind!

Thanks?

My parents, my sponsors, Jelle Keppens and my friends.





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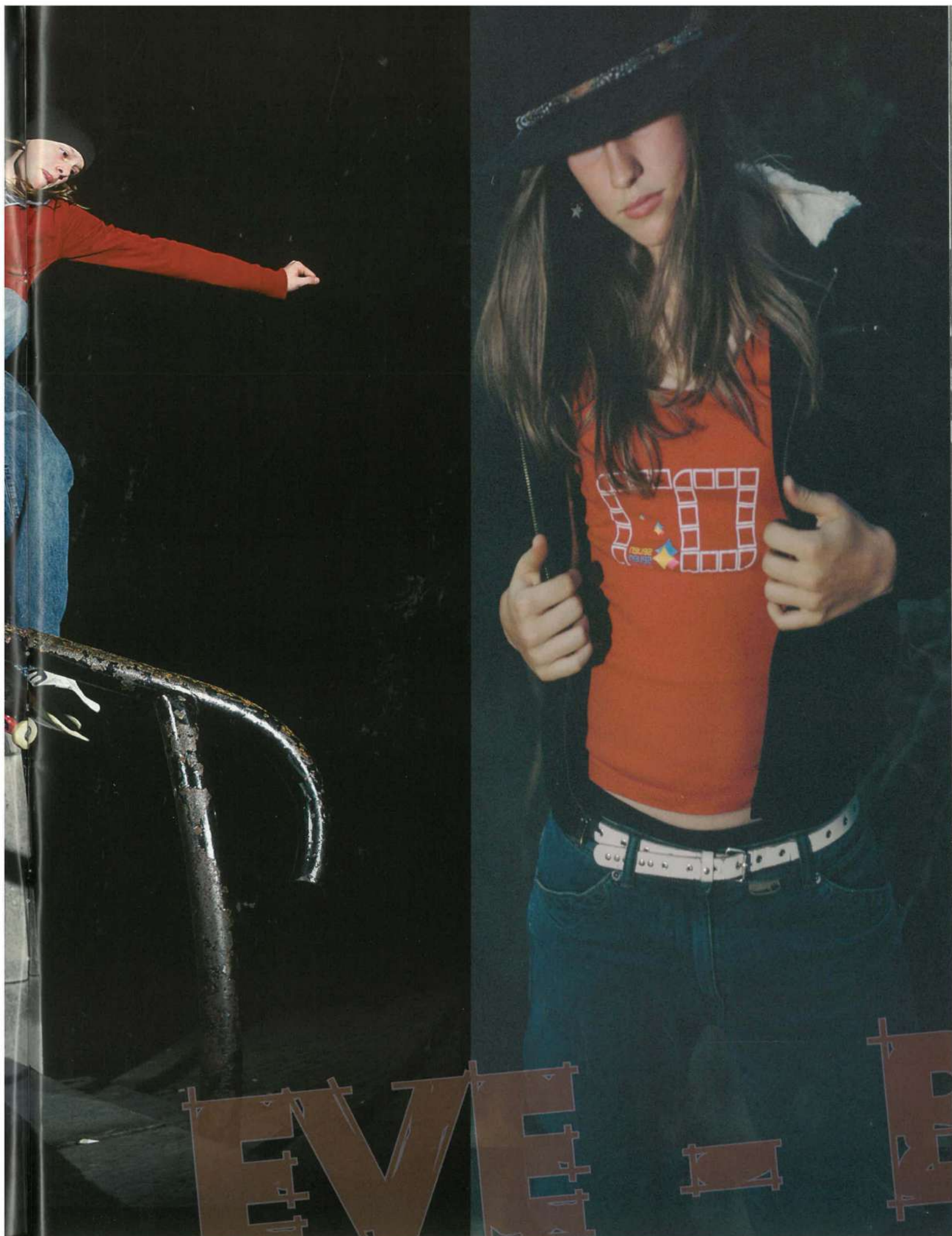




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Visiting Los Angeles for the X-Games, Evelien took some time to do this perfect back lip at the Normandie rail.

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"... It was my first time in America and I was really stoked that I was invited for the X+Games."

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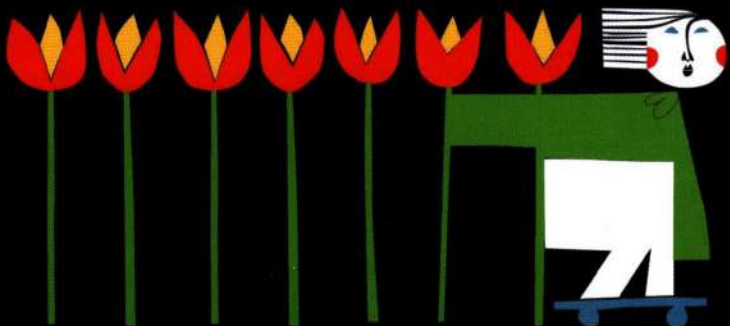
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The Teams

The team is the soul of a brand. Putting the right team together can take a while. The athletes need to fit in and feel connected to the brand and their teammates. In this article we present brands that support women in skateboarding and other challenging sports including surfing, snowboarding, and motocross. These brands have joined together some of the strongest personalities and competitors to represent the spirit and style of women in action sports. That's right, the girls are ripping, and it's time to find out who's on the teams of our favorite brands.

To help you get to know a little bit about these girls we present the girls teams for: Gallaz, DC, Etnies, Nikita, and Vans. These brands have taken a special interest in women who want to challenge themselves and take skateboarding and other sports to the next level. We hope this brings you some inspiration to challenge yourself as well. Remember to buy the brands that support girls teams. Support the industry that supports you!

Skateboarding



Violet Kimble

Gallaz Shoes was the first company to have a girls skateboarding team with more than 5 girls. At the moment the team is not as big as it used to be but it still has strong riders.

Gallaz Girls Skateboarding Team:

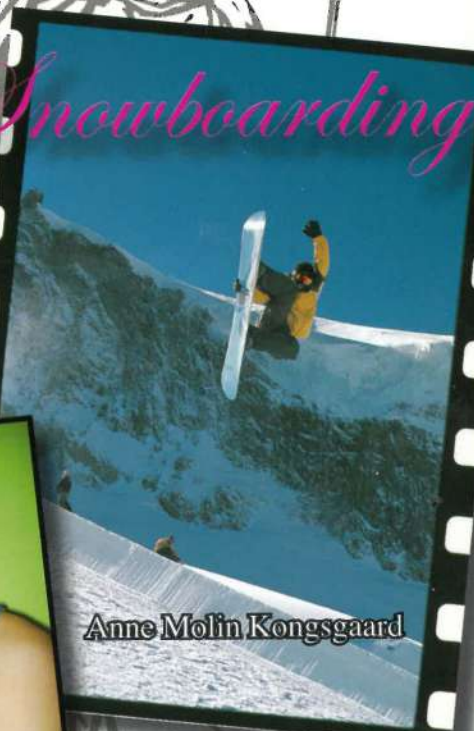
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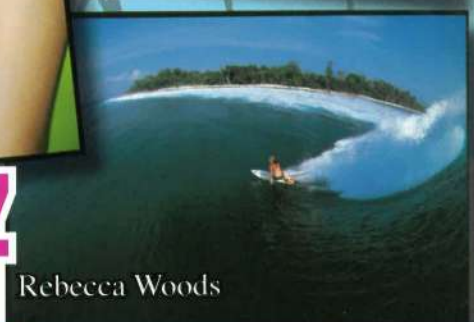
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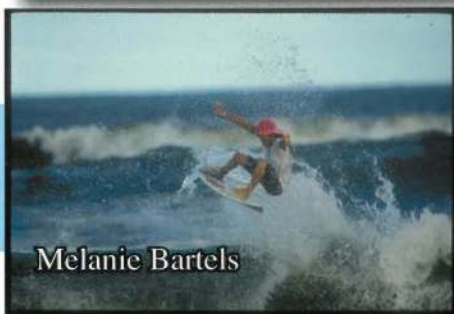
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Lyn-z Adams Hawkins

DC Skateboarding

Name: Lyn-z Adams Hawkins
Nickname(s): Lil Girl, Punky Burster, L-hawk
Birth Date: 9-21-89
Birthplace: San Diego
Current Residence: Cardiff-by-the-sea
Year turned pro: Haven't yet.
Vehicle: Just got my permit, not sure what kind of car I will get, but I do have an electric mini bike.
What would we be surprised to hear from your iPod? That's a hard one because I have a very big variety of music on there.
What's playing right now on your iPod? Akon.
What pushes you? The little voice in my head.
Favorite quote: Follow what's inside you and it will lead you where you need to go.
Inspirations: Anyone who has a good attitude and does what they do because they love it.
Who inspires your riding? People with good style and a good attitude.
Any words of wisdom? Don't think because you are a grom/kid you can't do something. Think because you are a grom/kid you can do something.
Local spot: The Encinitas YMCA Skatepark.
Favorite snowboarding spot: Mammoth Mountain
Favorite tunes: Everything with a good beat or a good message in the words.
Favorite food: Fruit.
Personal goals: Learn how to drive, finish high school on time, learn how to snowboard better, and try to do well in all the contests this year.
What do you think is special about snowboarding; what do you love most about it? Well, although I am a skateboarder I love snowboarding as well and I like it because I can do it with friends, it gives me a break from skating, it's really fun, and because I was and my dad was in the snow when he past away. I feel close to him when I snowboard.

If you are home for a stretch of time, what are you usually doing with yourself? What's an average day like? Wake up eat, schoolwork, trainer, eat, more schoolwork, skate, eat, and then sleep.

What's the first thing you do when you get home from being on an extended trip?

Sleep then skate.

What event(s) do you look forward to next season? X-games, Slam City Jam, and the Canadian open.

What do you have coming up for next season?

A whole lot of skate contests and fun skate trips and hopefully a lot of snowboarding, oh and 11th grade.

If you had the chance to move outside the US, where would you go? I already lived in Mexico and I don't really know where I would go, but probably Canada or Australia.

Favorite word: Cool

What other hobbies do you have?

Snowboarding, surfing, eating, sleeping, TV watching, picture taking, phone call making, painting, cooking, and nose picking.

What was your favorite moment of this past season? Landing the MegaRamp for the first time.

What's the one question you always get asked?

What's your best trick which is my least favorite question because I don't think there can ever be a true answer for it because I skate everything and I have hard tricks in street, on vert, and in bowls.

Top three skateboarding videos: The DC video, The White Album, Getting Nowhere Faster.

Top three non-skateboarding videos:

The Goonies, Napoleon Dynamite, and Harry Potter.



What are your filming goals?

I just hope to have a video part to shoot for.

Video parts:

Getting Nowhere Faster.

Board setup:

7.63 with size 52 wheels for street and 8 with size 60 wheels for vert.

Stance: Regular.

Other sponsors:

Nixon, K-five Boardshop, TSG, Type-S wheels.

What does a "Perfect Day" of riding consist of? I would have to say snowboarding in the morning then skating the rest of the day and I like when it's cloudy so it's not too hot. Oh, and learning new tricks is fun too.



DC Snowboarding

Drea Russell



Name: Andrea Flint Russell

Nickname(s): Drea.....of Course!

Birth Date: July first nineteen eighty seven

Birthplace: Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

Current residence: Truckee, California

Year turned pro: I would not consider myself pro yet.... I have a few things to learn.

Vehicle: I had a Subaru, crashed it, working on getting an SUV or a truck.

Board setup: Neversummer Infinity.

Stance: 15, -15

Other sponsors: Electric Visual, Neversummer.

Video parts: Pshhh...I just graduated. Give me a minute.

Contest results:

1st Place Eastern Regionals, J1 Slopestyle

1st Place Forum Youngblood, Mammoth

2nd Place 2005 Queen Of The Mountain, Open Class

2nd Place Main Event Series, Overall

2nd Place East Coast Invitational

Local spot: Lake Tahoe...so beautiful.

Favorite snowboarding spot:

Northstar at Tahoe.

Favorite tunes:

Everything....Tom Petty is at the top of my playlist lately.

Favorite food: Sushi.

Favorite quote: "A big shot is just a little shot that kept shooting."

Inspirations: Alexis Waite, Silvia Mittermuller, Mike Mallon, Ian Kirk, Rick Shimpeno, Ross Hindman, Scott Palmer, Louie, Lukas, Pat, Jed, Ellery, Goldy, Jack, Lyn-z.

Personal goals: Learning, progressing, and achieving everyday. I know that if I stick to that plan and continue to have fun with what I do I will be able to set and achieve goals that I never thought possible!

What do you think is special about snowboarding; what do you love most about it? Everything about snowboarding is special.

It's a very diverse sport...contests, filming, just plane recreation! I love that it has given me the opportunity to travel. I have met so many amazing people because of snowboarding and I am grateful for that. It is crazy how something that is so much fun can have so many additional benefits!

Lyn-z doing the super jump, the Danny "way"

DC
Skateboarding





Erin Valverde

Oregon native Erin Valverde's incredible big mountain riding landed her a feature part in Chunky Knits' new film, *Transfer*. She started off the 05/06 season by traveling to New Zealand, and has plans to sled around northern mountain states. Travel to Western Europe and Russia are also in store for this talented and naturally athletic back-country rider. Erin balances her on-mountain schedule with her love of art. She attends college and is majoring in graphic design.

Name: Erin Valverde
Nickname(s): Elizabeth
Birth Date: 3-6-83
Birthplace: Portland, OR
Current residence: Clackamas, OR
Year turned pro: Last year...I suppose.
Vehicle: Subaru Outback.
Board setup: Rossignol.
Stance: Goofy.
Other sponsors: Helly Hansen, Dakine, Oakley, Rossignol, and of course DC shoes.
Local spot: Mt. Hood, OR

Favorite snowboarding spot: Krasnaya Polyana

Favorite tunes: Cure, Pretenders, Modest Mouse, and the Beatles.

Favorite food: Greek.

Favorite quote: To see a world in a grain of sand. And heaven in a wild flower, Hold infinity in the palm of your hand and eternity in an hour. -William Blake

Personal goals: To be able to land switch in powder consistently. Have a good segment that is well rounded with all the tricks I can do on film. And to someday have a design agency of my own.

Inspirations: Nature, Art, Love, and Friends.

Did you work hard to get where you are, or did it all just fall into your lap?

I work hard for everything I do. Even if I'm naturally good at something, there is always room for improvement.

Top three snowboarding videos:

Transcendence, Pop, and Dropstitch.

Top three non-snowboarding videos:

Hero, Alice in Wonderland, French Kiss.

Jacqui Berg

DC *Snowboarding*

Name: Jacqui Berg

Birth Date: 1-24-81

Birthplace: Bellevue, Wa

Current residence: Mammoth Lakes

Year turned pro: 2005

Vehicle: Toyota Tacoma.

Board setup: Signal 151.

Stance: Regular, 18 and -3, 22 inches.

Other sponsors: Dragon, Flux, Signal, Elm, Grenade, Shelter, Active Ride.

Video parts: Misschief, But I Was Hurt This Season

Achievements:

8th Roxy Chicken Jam, Park City

4th Slopestyle, Abominable Snow Jam, Hood

2nd Rail Jam, Vans Triple Crown, Breckenridge

9th Slopestyle, Vans Triple Crown, Northstar

Local spot: Slocums.

Favorite snowboarding spot: Mt. Baker.

Favorite tunes: Arcade Fire, Bloc Party, Van Morrison, Killers, Pinback, Radio Top 40, Ratatat, Postal Service, Ima Robot, all sorts of stuff.

Favorite food: Spinach salad, pizza, Mmmm.

Favorite quote:

"Do unto others as you want done to you"

Inspirations: Strong minded, positive people.

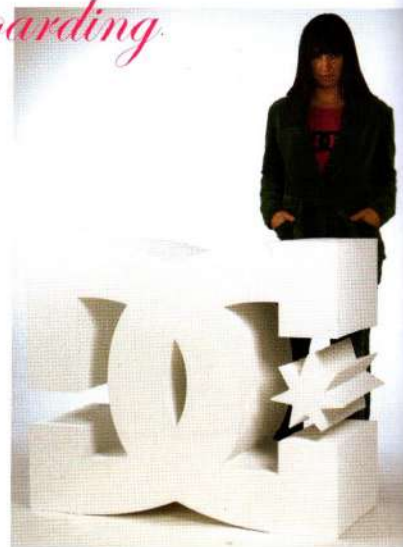
Personal goals: Push women's snowboarding further, and make a strong push forward with my artwork and design.

What do you think is special about snowboarding; what do you love most about it?

I love the feeling after a good day of riding, or learning a new trick. It's such a rush, and you're always outside in beautiful places.

Maybe 1st trick, or most difficult, or what you are currently working on?

This year I spent a lot of time working on street rails, they're so much harder than they look, and just as painful as they look.

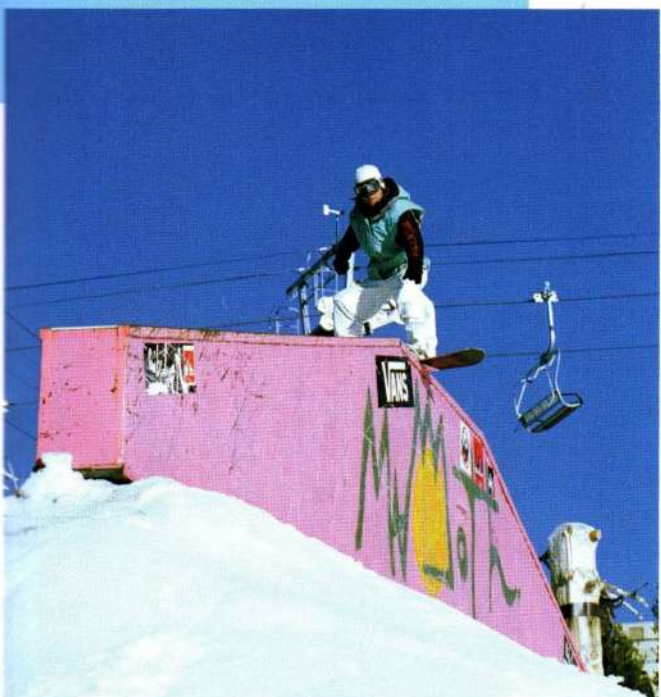


DC Snowboarding



Name: Priscilla Levac
Nickname(s): P or Pris
Birth Date: June 1st, 1981
Birthplace: Quebec, Canada
Current residence: Whistler, Canada
Year turned pro: 2002
Vehicle: Toyota Tundra.
Board setup: Goofy.
Stance: -12 And +15.
Sponsors: DC, Ride, Drake, Bakoda, Spy, Atlas Snowboard Shop.
Video parts:
 Love/Hate (Kids Know Production).
Achievements:
 2nd Session Vail Slopestyle 2003
 2nd US Open Slopestyle 2003
 1st Queen Of The Mountain Slopestyle 2004
 1st US Open Slopestyle 2004
 4th X-Games Slopestyle 2004
 "Rider Of The Year" for Snowboarder Magazine 04/05.
Local spot: Any coffee shop.
Favorite snowboarding spot: Utah.
Favorite tunes:
 Any 80's Rock tunes Rock!!

Favorite food: Indian.
Favorite quote:
 "Saying no to red wine is like saying no to life."
Inspirations:
 Music, travel, dog walks, running.
Personal goals: To be happy.
What do you think is special about snowboarding; what do you love most about it?
 That it's an individual sport, free spirited, like art.
Maybe 1st trick, or most difficult, or what you are currently working on?
 Working on cab 720.
What's your favorite snowboarding trick to do or to watch, or just in general? Cab 360 melon.
Who's influenced your riding? And why? Jamie Lynn, he was the first snowboarder who made me want to snowboard.
What pushes you? Myself always, but a lot of times, pressure.
If you are home for a stretch of time, what are you usually doing with yourself? What's an average day like? Cappuccino, dog walks, gym, friends with dinner etc.



Priscilla Levac

Name: Indigo Monk
Nickname: GoGo
Home Mountain: Mammoth Mountain
Lives in: Manhattan Beach, CA
Stance: Regular.
Sponsors: DC, Roxy, Oakley, Windells, Dakine, Poorboy Wax.
How old were you when you started riding?
 I live at the beach so, when I was three my parents started me out snowboarding, but it wasn't until I was 7 that I started to go more than a couple times a year. Now I am lucky enough to live in the mountains during the winter and the beach in the summer!
Who taught you how to ride?
 My family taught me how to ride because I refused to go to ski school.
Grade in school: 5th Grade.
Hobbies? Surfing, paddleboarding and beach volleyball.

Contest results:
 1st Place: Overall Freestyle, USASA NATIONALS, Copper Mountain, CO 2005

1st Place: Slopestyle, USASA NATIONALS, Copper Mountain, CO 2005

2nd Place: Groms, WCI Rail Jam, Mammoth Lakes, CA 2005 (12 & Under)

2nd Place: Queen of the Mountain Rail Jam, Mt. High, CA 2005 (12 & Under)

2nd Place: Roxy Snow Classic, Bear Mountain, CA 2005 (12 & Under)



Indigo Monk



60 F 4.0 M D55/3.5 120
Vans 48
 60 F 11.0 M D55/3.5 120

Eva Lewington



Hometown: Huntington Beach via San Francisco
Age: 19
Sport: Surfing
In three words, what makes you YOU?
 Compassion, Love, Determination.
Mental stimulation: Sewing, playing/listening to music, reading.
Career highlights: Making the finals at Nationals, 2nd at NSSA State Championships, 3rd NSSA Nationals High School Women's.
Competitions aren't really my thing any more.
Influences: Alex Knost for being rad and ripping all the time.
Favorites in your ipod? Air, The Beatles, Jamiroquai, Frank Zappa, Jurassic 5, Dinosaur Jr., T-Rex, Moldy Peaches, old funk and soul stuff too.
Guilty pleasure: Tabloids...wait was I supposed to pick a food?
Embarrassing thing you're not afraid to admit:
 Spiders...I really, really don't like 'em.
Word Association:
 Style... is everything
 Sports... competitive
 Music... oxygen
 School... really important
 Boys... trouble
What other hobbies do you have? I enjoy many other creative outlets besides surfing. I sew, make jewelry, and play piano on a daily basis. I'm an avid vintage shopper and frequent the local thrift stores with fellow Vans team rider Jill Jacobs. I am currently working on getting some of my jewelry and other handmade products out on the street. I have equal compassion for all of my hobbies.

Who are your heroes?

I respect those who respect themselves, and as corny as it may sound, those who stick to their guns and are innovative constantly. Oddly enough I am more inspired by musicians and designers more so than actual surfers. I admire Marc Jacobs for his ability to consistently stay ahead of the game, while staying true to his style. Also, I admire musical groups/artists such as The Beatles, Air, and Frank Zappa for doing the same in the music industry. There is only so much inspiration you can get from your immediate surroundings. It is essential to look to other sources to further your knowledge and stay ahead of the game.

Words of wisdom or words you live by? Peace.

Favorite food?
 Yams, definitely yams.



Megan Abubo

Photo: Hank

Vans
Surf

Hometown: Haleiwa, Hawaii

Age: 27

Sport: Surfing

In three words, what makes you YOU?

Confidence, Determination, and Happiness.

Mental stimulation: Reading, talking.

Career highlights:

Winning Bells Beach, winning J-bay, and winning Malibu Pro, and going on surf trips, every trip is a dream.

Influences: Rell Sunn, sisters, Mom, Lisa Andersen.

Favorites in your iPod:

The Killers, Five for Fighting, Bob Marley.

Guilty pleasure: Chocolate

Embarrassing thing you're not afraid to admit:

I am hyper active.

What other hobbies do you have?

Running, playing ukulele, writing.

Who are your heroes?

Rell Sunn, Flo Jo, Lisa Andersen, Venus Williams.

Words of wisdom or words you live by?

Treat others how you would like to be treated.

Favorite food? Sushi.



Erica Hosseini

Hometown: Newport Beach

Age: 17

Sport: Surfing

In three words, what makes you YOU? Fun, Sarcastic, Weirdo.

Influences: Friends, family, competitors -- everyone I know influences me and pushes me.

Favorites in your iPod? Green Day, Nelly, Jimmy Eat World, JT, Black Eyed Peas.

What other hobbies do you have? Playing the guitar and snowboarding.

Who are your heroes? Chelsea Georgenson.

Favorite food? Sushi ... THE BEST!

Best movie you recently watched? Surf movie = Kelly Slater and the Young Guns...

Things people normally wouldn't know about you? I wear glasses and I can't touch my

Photos: Zeigler

Hometown: Bend, Oregon

Age: 25

Sport: Snowboarding and skating. I wouldn't say excel, but I also surf a lot.

In three words, what makes you YOU? Water, blood, and skin.

Mental Stimulation: Books for sure.

Influences: Scott Sisamis.

Favorites in your iPod? What? I still use a walkman... ya know, tapes?

Guilty Pleasure: I take the bus.

Embarrassing thing you're not afraid to admit: I let other people affect my mood, it's gross

What other hobbies do you have?

I sew and paint. Sometimes I sew on my paint. I often reep what I sow.

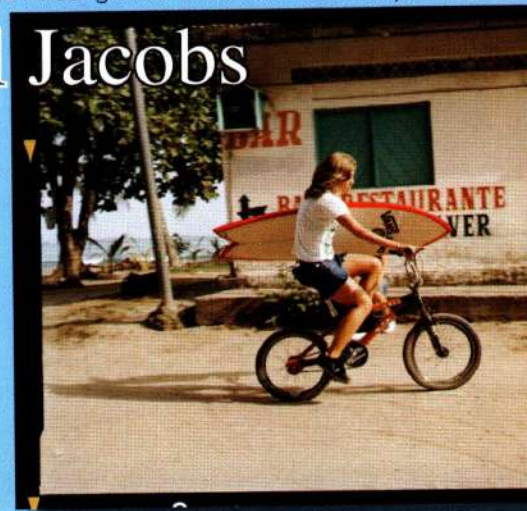
Who are your heroes?

Anyone who deliberately chooses a simple modest lifestyle. Also, my Mom.

Favorite food? Just about anything from Zinc Cafe.

Best movie you recently watched? Barfly (recently for the 50th time).

Jill Jacobs



Hometown: Atlantic Beach, Florida

Age: 16

Sport: Surfing

In three words, what Makes You You? Pure, Radical, Ready.

Mental stimulation: In The Ocean!

Career highlights: 2002 Open Women's National Champion,

Rip Curl WCT Trials Winner, 1st WQS Hello Kitty

Influences: Rory Reep!

Guilty pleasure: ICE CREAM

Karina Petroni



Cara-Beth Burnside

Photo: Luciana Ellington



Hometown: Encinitas, CA

Age: None

Sport: Skate/snowboarding

Mental stimulation:

Reading and meditating.

Career highlights: 1998 Winter Olympics- Fourth Place, World Cup Skateboarding's Female Vert Skater Of The Year 2003, Summer X-Games 1st Place Women's Vert 2003, Slam City 1st Place Women's Vert 2004

Guilty pleasure:

Paul Newman's Peanut Butter Cups.

Who are your heroes?

Oprah, Jane Goodall.

What other hobbies do you have?

Reading, learning about new things, working on my house.

Words of wisdom or words you live by?

Believe In Yourself.

Favorite food?

Sushi, Pizza & Beers.

Best movie you recently watched?

The Machinist & Man On Fire.

Biggest pet peeve?

Litterbugs.

Things people normally wouldn't know about you?

I try to live and support an environmentally-friendly lifestyle including the foods and products I use.

Steffi Weiss

Hometown:

Leichlingen, Germany

Age: 23

Sport: Skateboarding

Mental stimulation:

Music and friends.

Career highlights:

2nd European Championships 2004,

Skater Of The Year 2003,

2nd Place Etnies Cup, Rome

Guilty pleasure: Shopping.

Favorites in your iPod?

Hip-hop and Reggae.

Embarrassing thing you're not afraid to admit:

I am a T.V. addict.

Fashion: I love it! I like mixing vintage with hand-made and store bought clothes. (I work for a clothing company, by the way)

Sports: Besides skating, I enjoy basketball and soccer. I also like watching men play soccer.

School: University of Duesseldorf.

Boys: Yeah! I love 'em.

What Other Hobbies Do You Have?

Shopping, fashion, basketball and hanging out with friends.

Who are your heroes?

Mother Theresa and Helmut Kohl (he made Germany unified)

Words of wisdom ?

The sense of life is life itself!

Favorite food?

Pasta, vegetables and fruits.

Best movie you recently watched?

Fahrenheit 9/11



Tara Dakides

Vans

Snowboarding

Hometown: Mammoth Lakes

Age: 29

Sports: I'm a Jock, I love sports. Competing, I keep it to snowboarding and racing karts n cars. Surfing I would never compete in. Moto for strictly just like in the dirt. I'm really thinking of joining the WNBA, I got a mean slam dunk.

In three words, what makes you You?

Diesel exhaust sucker.

Mental stimulation: The speed channel.

Career Highlights: Landing a backside rodeo at X. All my dawger parts and going on David Letterman minus the crash.

Influences: My good friends and good people.

Favorites in your Ipad?

Fleetwood Mac's Greatest, Pinback, Bjork.

Guilty pleasure:

I have no guilty pleasures unless I wake up the next day with a hangover, I mean headache.

Embarrassing thing you're not afraid to admit:

Letting one slip out in a crowded elevator.

What other hobbies do you have?

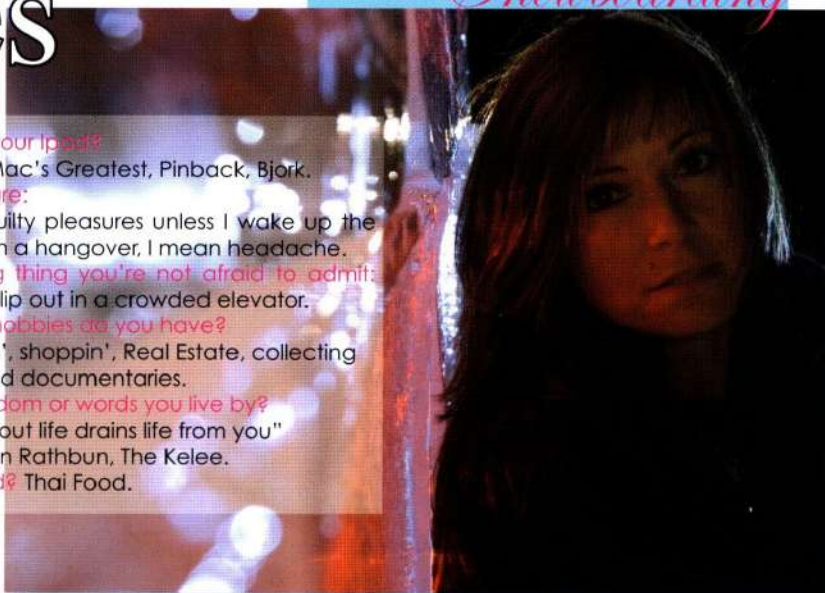
Singin', writin', shoppin', Real Estate, collecting indy films, and documentaries.

Words of wisdom or words you live by?

"To worry about life drains life from you"

Quote by Ron Rathbun, The Kelee.

Favorite food? Thai Food.



Hana Beaman

Photos: Ruhter

Hometown: Mammoth Lakes, CA

Age: 22

Sports:

Swimming, Snowboarding, Tennis

In three words, what makes you You?

Bottle of fun!

Mental stimulation: Jeopardy.

Career highlights:

X-games Silver Medal 2003

Slopestyle,

U.S. Open Slopestyle Gold 2003

Favorites in your Ipad?

Everything in it is awesome!

Embarrassing thing you're not afraid to admit:

I ski raced when I was younger.

What other hobbies do you have?

Drawing, writing, cooking, cleaning, driving.

Who are your heroes?

Everybody that has taught me something; and Mom and Dad.

Words you live by?

Try to be the better person.

Favorite food?

Ice cream.

Best movie you recently watched?

The Punisher

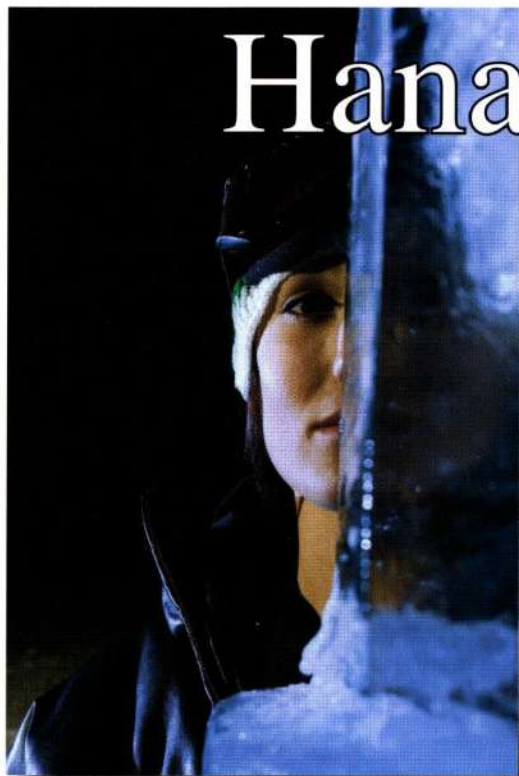
Biggest pet peeve?

Anything my condo manager does.

Goals? Live.

Things people normally wouldn't know about you?

I have a birth mark on my foot that looks like a kiss. Or as some people say, a leech.



Erin Comstock

Hometown: Salt Lake City

Age: 24

Sport: Snowboarding (Slopestyle, Rails)

In three words, what makes you You?

Spontaneous, aggressive, determined.

Mental stimulation: Music, tv, reading, exercise.

Career highlights:

1st Redbull Heavy Metal, Cover Transworld Buyer's Guide, invite to X-games

Influences:

Family, and all my friends who are constantly helping me!!!

Favorites in your Ipad?

Methodman, Greyboy, and 80's are always good.

Embarrassing thing you're not afraid to admit:

Flatulence.

What other hobbies do you have?

Reading, traveling, trying new things.

Who are your heroes?

My mother is the biggest hero in my life.

Words of wisdom or words you live by?

Be aware of the power of forgiveness.

Favorite food? Sushi, Bbq, Cheese.

Best movie you recently watched?

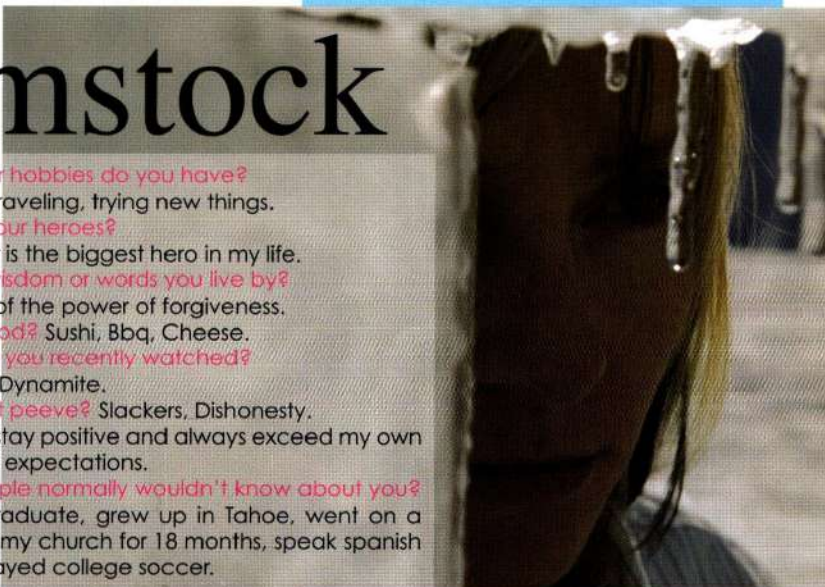
Napoleon Dynamite.

Biggest pet peeve? Slackers, Dishonesty.

Goals? To stay positive and always exceed my own and others expectations.

Things people normally wouldn't know about you?

College graduate, grew up in Tahoe, went on a mission for my church for 18 months, speak spanish fluently, played college soccer.



Etnies

Skateboarding

Arguably the best female in the history of skateboarding, Elissa Steamer has radically redefined the role of women in this male-dominated sport. Her career is riddled with firsts: she was the first female skater to have a pro model deck, as well as the first woman to be issued a pro model street skateboarding shoe—the etnies Steamer, followed by the etnies Tross. Elissa also has the distinction of being the first and only female skater in any of the Tony Hawk video games. She regularly makes the cut skating with the boys, and is virtually unrivaled among her female peers. Elissa first started skating in 1989 with friends in her hometown of Fort Myers, Fla. By 1995, Elissa began to receive packages from The Firm, followed by Tum Yeto. Jamie Thomas noticed her skating in Tampa, Fla., and started flowing her Toy Machine product; she became a full-fledged team member not long after.

From the get-go, Toy Machine treated Elissa as just another rider, rather than as the head of a girls division or as a side project. However, it was not until her 1996 appearance in Toy Machine's "Welcome to Hell"—a video that many in skateboarding consider one of the most influential of all time—that Elissa truly made an impact. Her exposure in the video single-handedly redefined the role of women in skateboarding and ushered in a new era of talented female skaters. Comments Toy Machine's Ed Templeton, "Obviously, she's the best girl skater, and the thing is that she doesn't skate 'like a girl.' It's in quotes because, for some reason, everyone knows what you mean when you say that, even though it sounds like a lame thing to say. She has a good style, stands up straight and skates like a guy."

Elissa Steamer



In 1998, Elissa went pro, the same year that she won the first Women's Street Contest at the Slam City Jam in Vancouver, British Columbia, the largest and longest-running skateboard contest in North America. In yet another first, the Slam City Jam contest was the first all-female contest ever held at a World Cup event. An array of tours, demos, videos and magazine coverage over the next few years increasingly propelled Elissa into the spotlight in a sport that had never had a female star. She

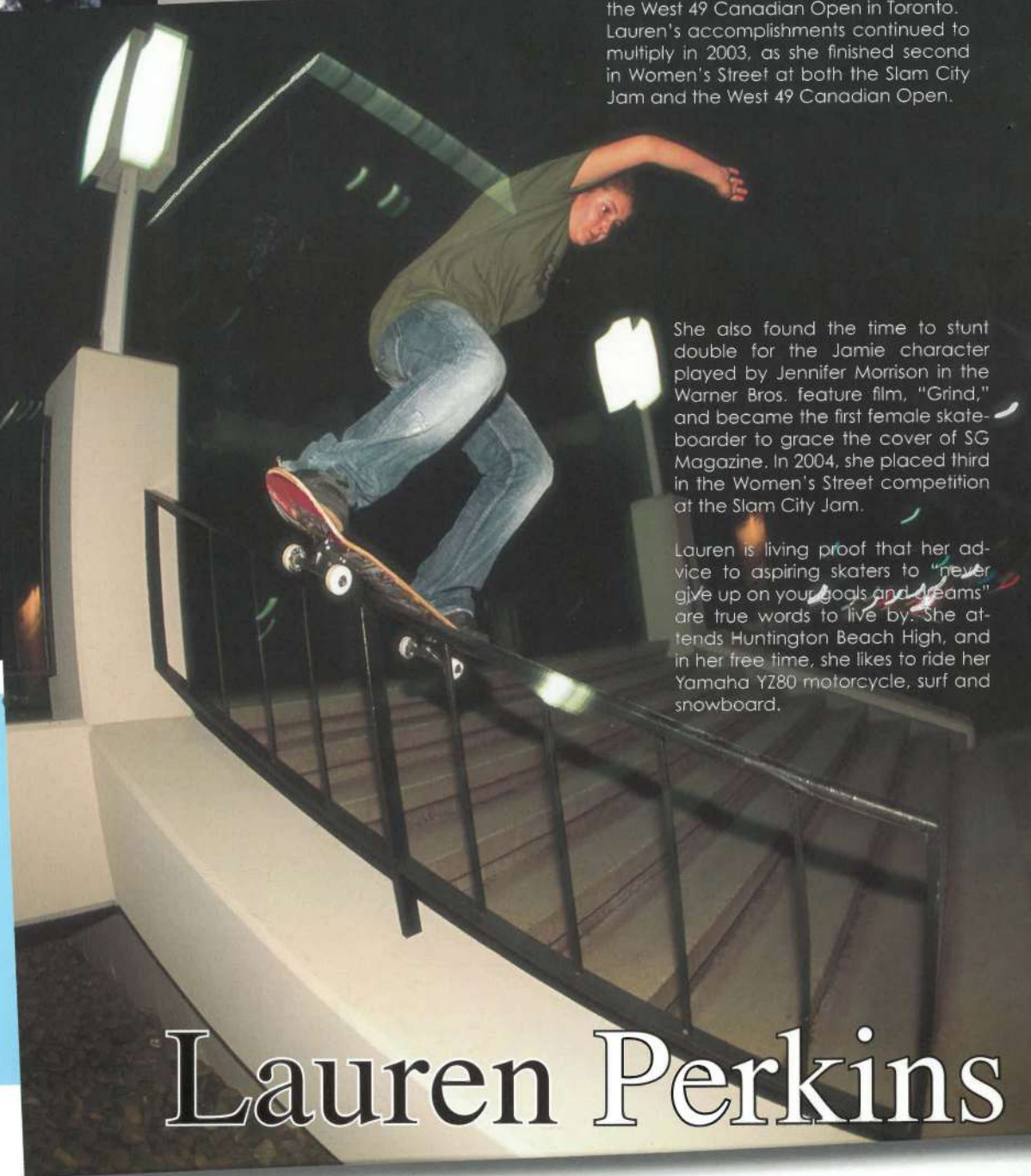
became widely regarded as the best female skater ever—an accolade she continues to shrug off.

After a five-year stint with Toy Machine, Elissa switched to Bootleg. She continues to dominate nearly every all-female event she enters, and was voted Check It Out Girls Magazine's 2003 "Female Skater of the Year." The fact of the matter, however, is that Elissa is simply a great skater—not just a great female skater.



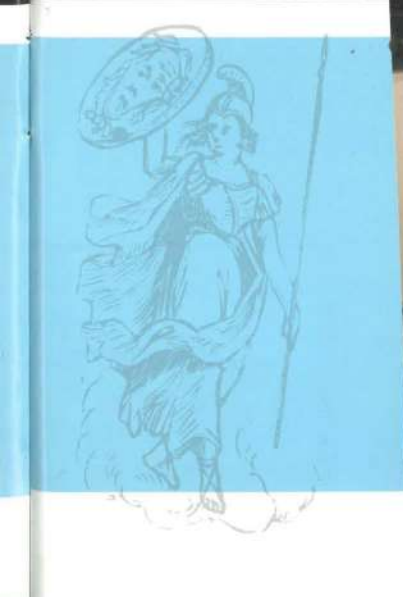
Lauren Perkins is one of the top up-and-coming female skaters in the world. The Huntington Beach, Calif., native started skating in 1998 after a skatepark was built near her home. She thought skating looked like fun, so her parents gave her a skateboard for her birthday and the rest, as they say, is history.

A self-proclaimed tomboy, Lauren taught herself how to skate. By the age of 12, she had become so skilled that she won first place at a Gravity Games amateur contest, beating 45 boys. A year later in 2002, then two months shy of her 14th birthday, Lauren took first place at the All Girls Skate Jam in Huntington Beach, Calif., competing against some of skateboarding's top female pros. That same year, she finished in the top three in Women's Street at the Slam City Jam in Vancouver, British Columbia, the World Cup Australia in Melbourne, Australia, and the Triple Crown Finals in Oceanside, Calif. She rounded out her phenomenal year by placing first in Women's Street at the West 49 Canadian Open in Toronto. Lauren's accomplishments continued to multiply in 2003, as she finished second in Women's Street at both the Slam City Jam and the West 49 Canadian Open.



She also found the time to stunt double for the Jamie character played by Jennifer Morrison in the Warner Bros. feature film, "Grind," and became the first female skateboarder to grace the cover of SG Magazine. In 2004, she placed third in the Women's Street competition at the Slam City Jam.

Lauren is living proof that her advice to aspiring skaters to "never give up on your goals and dreams" are true words to live by. She attends Huntington Beach High, and in her free time, she likes to ride her Yamaha YZ80 motorcycle, surf and snowboard.



Lauren Perkins

Janna Meyen

Janna Meyen

has made a name for herself in the snowboarding world as a powerful and aggressive rider with phenomenal park and rail sliding skills. Born in Torrance, Calif., and raised in Big Bear, Calif., Janna started snowboarding in 1989 after receiving a board for Christmas. By 1991, she had already made her indelible mark on the sport, winning the U.S. Open at the tender age of 13. A flurry of press coverage and subsequent recognition came with the win, and at a young age, Janna was a certified snowboard celebrity.

More than a decade after she first burst onto the scene, Janna is still going strong. In November 2001, Transworld Snowboarding profiled her in an eight-page article—virtually unheard of for a female athlete. She is also a featured rider in the Xbox snowboard video games "Amped" and "Amped 2," and is the only female in 2002's "Pulse," a Mack Dawg Productions film.

Etnies

Snowboarding

Alexis Waite

Both on the snow and off, snowboarder Alexis Waite is extremely well-rounded. She started snowboarding in the spring of 1992, and by November 1998 had made the dramatic decision to move from her native Washington state to Vermont to attend her junior and senior years of high school at the Stratton Mountain School, a ski and snowboard academy. After graduation, she returned to the Pacific Northwest and attended the University of Washington for a quarter, picking up an eclectic course load of Japanese, geology and art, and declaring a fine art major. It soon became clear, however, that Alexis would not be able to attend school while she was traveling the world snowboarding. She decided that her college career could wait until her snowboarding career was over, and in the spring of 2001 moved to the Truckee-Lake Tahoe area of California for three seasons.

Alexis' snowboarding career took off after she moved to California, and in 2002 she went pro. Her two years at the Stratton Mountain School had placed heavy emphasis on competitive halfpipe riding, but, true to her nature, Alexis refused to be pigeonholed. She decided to take her focus off halfpipe snowboarding, and for the past few years has redirected it toward

slopestyle and rail events. The past two seasons have been Alexis' most successful yet, garnering her increasing recognition as she places at more and larger events. She now saves her energy for big events like the X Games, Vans Triple Crown of Snowboarding and The Session at Vail, and spends the rest of her time filming and shooting. Says Alexis, "I feel like I have finally found my niche in the snowboard world, but my eyes are still always open to evolution. My career is heading in the exact direction I want it to, toward the editorial and filming realm." Lately, Alexis has also been involved in the research, development and design side of the sport. This past season, she played a major role in designing the Planet Earth women's outerwear line and Santa Cruz women's boards, including her own signature model. Additionally, she is the head women's apparel designer and co-owner of Wize Designs, a t-shirt and sweatshirt company that she runs as a fun side project with some friends from high school. Alexis currently lives year-round in Bend, Ore., and, ever the well-rounded individual, enjoys surfing, skating, mountain biking, running, playing soccer, practicing yoga, sewing, knitting, crocheting, designing, drawing and reading in her free time.



Leanne Pelosi



Growing up in her native Calgary, Leanne Pelosi dreamt of one day becoming a professional athlete, although not in the sport you might expect. While many Canadian youngsters carry aspirations involving hockey rinks or fresh powder, Pelosi dreamt of becoming an Olympic soccer player.

"I believe things happen for a reason," Leanne says. "And even though things were slowing down for me throughout my soccer years and I was devastated, I can look back now and be satisfied with how things have changed for the better with me and my career in snowboarding."

While her soccer career never materialized, Leanne has more than made up for it on the slopes, making a name for herself as one of the top up-and-coming riders on the pro circuit, winning six competitions and the TransWorld SNOW-

boarding's 2004 Rookie of the Year award. Any chances of Leanne suffering a sophomore slump in 2005 were quickly put to rest as she followed her breakout rookie campaign by winning eight more competitions.

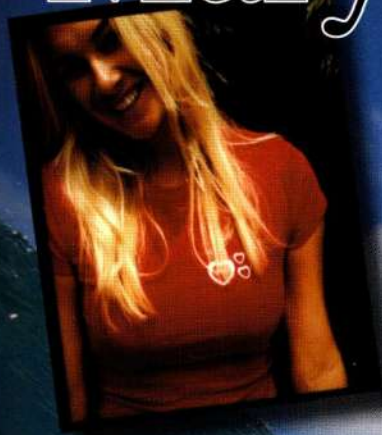
Despite her meteoric rise, Leanne has managed to maintain her humble Canadian roots. "I traveled so much this past season, I thought my head was going to fall off. I had an amazing time though, and I know that I'm truly very fortunate to be getting paid to do what I love to do. I really like the spontaneity of snowboarding. One day we'll be in Switzerland, the next New York, the next L.A., so it's really exciting and there's always new places to see and things to do."

Leanne's hobbies include surfing, running, soccer and mountain biking, as well as serving as director for the MGT Snowboard Camp at Whistler/Blackcomb.

Mary Osborne

Etnies

Surf



Champion longboarder and tandem surfer Mary Osborne is a classic triple threat. Most widely known for winning the longboard division of MTV's "Surf Girls," the pro surfer and surf model is also making her mark as a host and personality.

Raised by Solimar Beach in Ventura, Calif., Mary picked up her first board at the age of 14. "I got into it basically because I wanted to be better than the boys," she says, referring to her three older brothers who all surf. "I was supposed to be the ballerina." Around the time that Mary started surfing, local surf shop owner and former pro surfer David Pu'u was pursuing a new career as a photographer. They started working together to create beautiful modeling and surf images, while Mary began promoting herself as a competitor by attending tradeshow, contacting companies and participating in several competitions. She quickly started garnering attention, and became the first woman to grace the cover of The Surfer's Path, a popular European surf magazine, after Pu'u shot and submitted a photo.



Mary's big break came when MTV selected her out of 4,000 other young women to compete on its reality series, "Surf Girls," where she more than proved her skills by winning the longboard division. In 2003, she was nominated for a Teen Choice Award as "Best Female Athlete," and was named the first "Action Girl of the Year" by Action Girl, Inc. Mary has been featured in magazines such as Longboard, Surfing, Surfer, Surf News, Surfer's Path, Wahine, Surfer, Surf Life for Women, Surfing Girl, Nalu, FHM, Entertainment Weekly and Spin Magazine, as well as in such surf films as "Longboard Magic." She has also appeared as a host on Fox Sports Net's "54321."

Mary coauthored "Sister Surfer: A Woman's Guide to Surfing with Bliss and Courage" with Kia Afcari, which was published by The Lyons Press in June 2005. The inspirational how-to book guides women through the process of learning how to surf, covering everything from how to conquer fear to how to wax a surfboard. Mary, who lives in Ventura, Calif., earned an associate's degree in liberal arts from Santa Barbara City College. She plans to continue pushing her surfing to new levels while simultaneously pursuing a career in entertainment.

Jodie Nelson

Jodie Nelson gracefully walks the line between accomplished competitor and soul surfer. The Surfside, Calif., native started surfing at the age of 12, after finding an old single fin left over from her father's college days in her garage. She recalls that she immediately "fell in love with the ocean" the first time she paddled out, and has been surfing ever since. "The more and more I surf, the more I want to escape into it," she says. Jodie's charisma, athleticism and commitment to surfing have made her one of the sport's best and most highly respected ambassadors. The goofy foot has made her mark by tackling everything from world-class competitions to giant waves in Tahiti, and her pervasive love of surfing shines through in everything she does. "I love surfing," she says. "I love traveling. I love making a difference in the sport and inspiring little kids."

In the 1990s, Jodie earned spots on numerous U.S. National Teams, and honed her surf skills in a variety of locations all over the world; however, it was not until a Surfing Girl magazine photo trip in the summer of 2001 that Jodie added the challenge of tow-in surfing to her repertoire. Along with pro surfers Rochelle Ballard, Megan Abubo and Holly Beck, who joined her on the all-female trip, Jodie established a place for herself in big wave surfing history by being one of the first women to be towed into enormous barrels in Tahiti's Teahupoo, as well as one of the first female surfers even to attempt tow-in surfing.

Jodie has received praise for her on-site hosting at the X Games and on-air interviews for FUEL TV, and has appeared on the pages of such magazines as *Elle*, *Lucky*, *CosmoGIRL!*, *Seventeen* and *Jane*. She also was stunt double for an actress on Aaron Spelling's WB show, "Summerland." She answers surfing queries in her Surfline.com column, "Who Knows?" In addition to her surfing, Jodie is an accomplished photographer, avid traveler and Gretsch Guitars-sponsored musician and songwriter. She currently resides in Surfside, Calif.



Tarah Gieger

Etnies *Motocross*

Name: Tarah Gieger

D.O.B.: September 18, 1985

Hometown: Aguadilla, Puerto Rico

Sponsors: etnies Girl, Yamaha, Alpinestars, MSR, O'GIO, Kicker, FMF, FASST, M2R, Shoei, Enzo Suspension, Independent Suspension, Pro Wheel, CTI Knee Braces, Galfer Brakes, Topar Triple Clamps, P.C.S. Neck Braces, Scott Goggles, Oakley Goggles, K&N Filters, Wiseco Pistons and Clutch Baskets, Pro Clean 1000, Engine Ice, Carbon Fiber Works, Fastway Footpegs, Santa Cruz Concepts.

Another of Etnies Girl's triple threats, Tarah Gieger not only excels at motocross, but surfing and skateboarding as well. In fact, if she weren't a pro motocross racer, she claims she'd be a surfing champion. She may have been joking when she said that, but judging by her talent, athleticism, drive and skill, we bet she's right. It also doesn't hurt that she grew up between Puerto Rico and Florida where her parents own and operate a popular surf shop.

Another claim of Tarah's is that she began riding motocross because her parents gave her a bike instead of the Go-cart she had requested. It's now been more than seven years since that fateful decision was made and she's risen to become one of the fastest women's motocross racers around. So far, 2004 has been her biggest season to date achieving her personal best by conquering the previously undefeated Stefi Laier at Cycle Ranch, securing national championships at both Loretta Lynn's and the Z1R WMA Cup and placing second overall in the AMA/WMA Nationals.





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Motocross

Sarah Whitmore

Name: Sarah Whitmore

D.O.B.: July 26, 1984

Hometown: Cheboygan, Michigan

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When she was just three years old, Sarah first discovered motocross after watching her brother and cousin racing around in her yard. Although it was a male-dominated sport, she wasn't deterred as she soon developed a competitive spirit and a passion for motorcycles. Her father, a certified motorcycle technician, always encouraged her to follow her dream (and kept her motorcycles running strong). Now Sarah is considered among the women's motocross racing elite and continues to make strides and break down walls for women in the sport.



Sarah began competing when she was just seven years old. Early in her career, she won back-to-back amateur National Championships in the women's 12-15 year-old class at Loretta Lynn's in 1998 and 1999. The following year, she placed second in her first attempt at the 16+ women's class racing against women much older and more experienced than herself. Sarah then pulled an upset by winning her first ever moto in the Professional Class at Broome-Tioga, New York. Since then, she's gone on to win additional championships, dominating throughout her career and becoming the first woman to qualify in the men's MX2 Pro Class of the Canadian Nationals. Sarah has established herself as one of the fastest women in the world, but always striving for more, would one day like to be named "the fastest".

To keep at the top of her game and continue to gain strength, Sarah logs countless hours weight lifting, running, kick boxing and practicing her riding skills. Sacrificing such teenage endeavors as dating and spending time just "hanging out" with friends are all part of the price she has paid to achieve her goal of racing professionally.

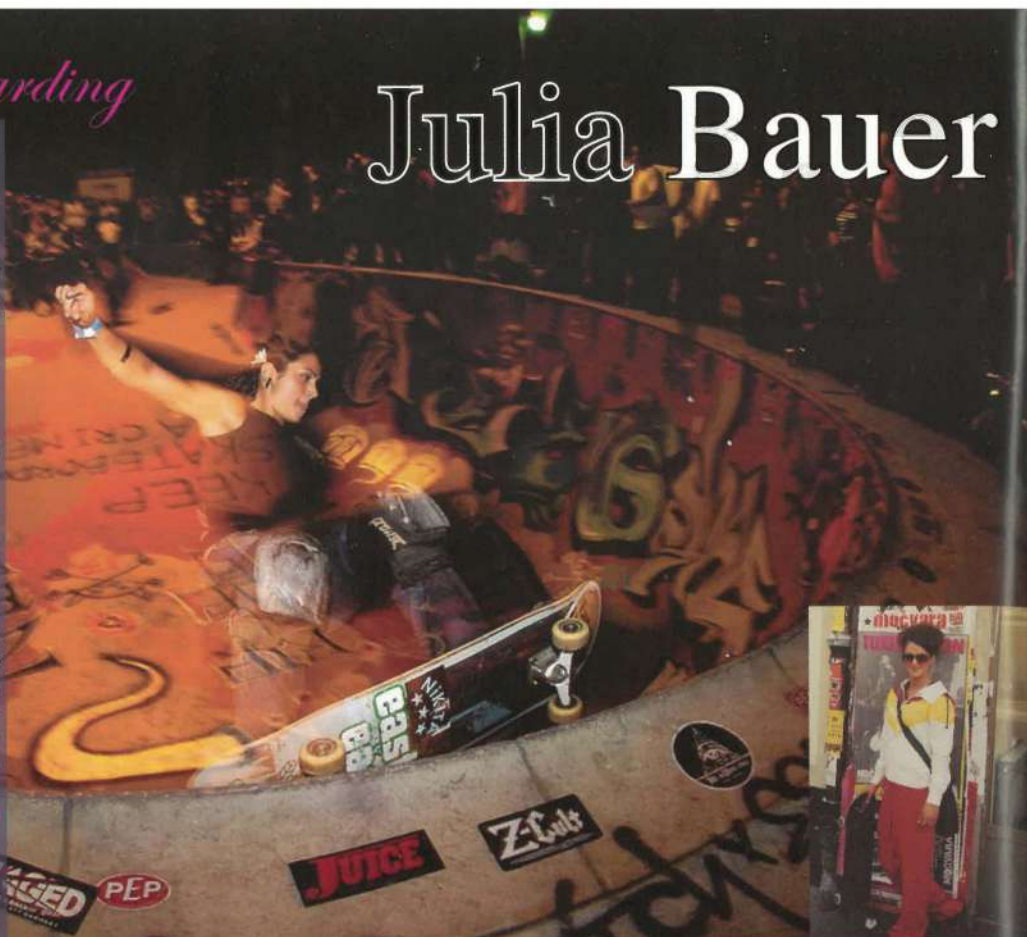
If Sarah wasn't a pro racer, she'd most likely be a teacher. In her free time, she enjoys riding horses, running, biking, wakeboarding, bowling and watching "chick flicks". Back home in Michigan, there's never a dull moment with her stable of animals including eight horses, five donkeys, one mule, two dogs, three cats, a tortoise and a lamb on the way.

Sarah's advice for the girl interested in trying motocross: "Don't let the guys tell you can't do it."

Nikita *Skateboarding*

Julia Bauer

First name: Julia (Juwels)
Last name: Bauer
Place of birth? Shirley, MA
Date of birth? 6/16/83
Home base? Seal Beach, CA
Sport: My main sport is skateboarding, but I am also into snowboarding, wakeboarding, surfing, yoga and designing and sewing my own clothes and accessories.
Riding since?
 I started skating ramps when I was 17.
Biggest fear?
 The Illuminati's agenda for the new world order.
If you could be someone else for one day, who would you be and why?
 I would be George Bush and I would commit suicide.
What bands/music are you into?
 I listen to every genre of music but I'd have to say that my love for hip hop surpasses them all. My all time favorite album is Jedi Mind Tricks: Psycho social biological electromagnetic manipulation of human consciousness. These cats speak wisdom translated to street diction.
What is the first thing you do/think of when you wake up in the morning?
 Sun salutations.
Any funny habits?
 Yeah. I can blow bubbles with my tongue.

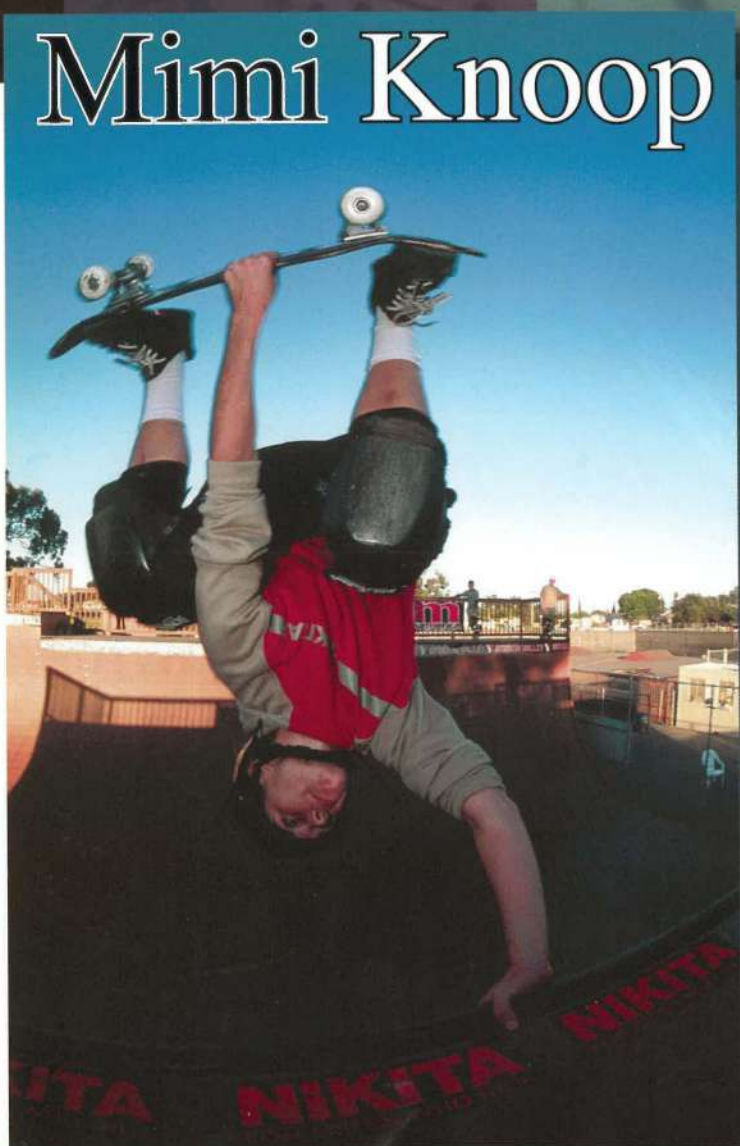


Mimi Knoop

First name: Mimi
Last name: Knoop
Place of birth? Norfolk, Virginia
Date of birth? Sept. 25th
Home base? Encinitas, CA
Skateboarding since? I was little.
Groovy or Regular? Regular
Street or Ramp?
 Both, but mostly ramps and bowls.
Favorite skatespot?
 Anywhere there's a fun session with good energy.
Skateboarding is about?
 Having a good time.
Sponsored since? 2003
What got you into skateboarding?
 A neighborhood kid rolled by on a skateboard when I was little and I asked to try it out.
How many hours a day do you skate (on average)?
 It depends what else is going on, but usually when I skate, I skate about 3 hours or so. Maybe more, maybe less.



What, other than skateboarding, inspires you most?
 Seeing people break through their own boundaries and making it happen with whatever they're pursuing in their lives. Not taking no for an answer.
List three goals you have for the upcoming season?
 Just to try and skate better all around and try to reach my own personal potential with skating.
Best trick you have done? Frontside invert, stalefish.
What's the best/worst thing about being a pro rider?
 Best thing: giving other people inspiration for themselves.
 Worst thing: outsider's expectations.
What's the best thing about skateboarding these days?
 All the different things to skate; there's so many choices. And all the people to skate with.
If there was one thing you could change in the skateboard world what would it be and why? One thing I would change is the industry itself.
Biggest fear? Heights, snakes, spiders, and public speaking.



Laura Hadar



First name: Laura
 Last name: Hadar
 Place of birth? Carbondale, Colorado, in my house
 Date of birth? December 27, 1984
 Home base? Salt Lake City, UT
 Snowboarding since? I first went in 5th Grade, and fell in love in 6th, I think I was 12 or 13.
 Goofy Or Regular? Goofy of course.
 Board? Um.... Gnu Riders Choice 146.5
 Freeride Or Freestyle? Freestyle the freeride is how I do it.
 Favorite snow resort? Um.... anywhere theres good company.
 Snowboarding is about? Friends, Fun, Fear, Accomplishments, Travelling, Learning, Exploring, Enjoying, Growing, Hurting, Healing, Deep Powder, Big Air, Fast Runs, Tree Jibs,

Nikita Snowboarding

Ollies, Street Rails, Backcountry, Doing Things You Never Thought You Would Actually Do...
 Sponsored since? Um.. Jr Worlds, 2000.
 What got you into snowboarding?
 I wanted better/more friends.
 How many days a year do you snowboard (On Average)? A lot. Maybe half or more. (Thats A Lot)
 What, other than snowboarding, inspires you most?
 Um, everything. Snowboarding is such a small part of this world. I think we all just found our niche in it and now we are hooked. But like the rest of the industry I look to talented skaters, skate movies, skate mags, and skateboarders for inspiration. They are simply amazing. Also artists, photographers, and muscians... Those people are creators. I am inspired most by creators.

Keiko

First name: Keiko
 Last name: Yanagisawa
 Place of birth: Tokyo
 Date of birth: 06 July 1977
 Home base: Niigata
 Snowboarding since? 18 years old.
 Goofy or Regular: Goofy.
 Board? Salomon.
 Freeride or Freestyle? Both.
 Favorite snow resort? Tirol.
 Snowboarding is about? My life.
 Sponsored since? 19 years old.
 What, other than snowboarding, inspires you most? Skateboarding and surfing.
 List a few highlights of your snowboarding career? 2001 X-core game in Japan big air 1st, 2002 air fry in Tokyo big air 1st, 2004 Vail session rail 4th, slope 7th.

Best trick you have done? Swich 540.
 What's your favorite event and why? Nikita shooting, exciting and happy.
 What's the best/worst thing about being a pro rider? Injury.
 Biggest fear? Injury.
 If you could be someone else for one day, who would you be and why? Vera, I respect her.
 What bands/music are you into? Reggae.
 What is the first thing you do/think of when you wake up in the morning? Thanks.
 Any funny habitzz? I love Dragon Ball.
 Other sponsors? Salomon, Bonfure, Puma, Oakley, Timex, GMC.
 Slogan/ personal message?
 Thanks Nikita.



Nat



First name: Natasza
 Last name: Zurek
 Place of birth? Zakopane, Poland
 Home base? Vancouver, BC
 Snowboarding since? 1992
 Goofy or Regular? Goofy.
 Board? Burton Custom 151.
 Freeride or Freestyle? Freestyle.
 Favorite snow resort? Blackcomb, BC.
 Snowboarding is about?
 Having fun and getting better.
 Sponsored since? 1996.
 How many days a year do you snowboard? 200 +
 What, other than snowboarding, inspires you most? The future.
 List a few highlights of your snowboarding career?
 I won some contests and saw my photo in some magazines.
 List three goals you have for the upcoming season?
 Bs 7, cab 7, and switch bs 7.
 Best trick you have done? Front 7.
 What's your favorite event and why?
 I like slopestyle but only if the course is fun and there are friends to ride with.

What's the best/worst thing about being a pro rider?
 I got to go to Japan.
 What's the best thing about snowboarding these days?
 There's some really cool people in the sport that are helping to make changes happen. There is more variety in contests and park features because of them. As well they are pushing the sport to new levels and making it look so easy and controlled. These days it's not enough just to land a cab 7 into powder off a 10 meter cliff, you have to stomp it perfect without any hand waving either!! That's sick!!
 If there was one thing you could change in the snowboard world what would it be and why?
 I would build better parks for Europe so I wouldn't ever have to go to the States.
 Biggest fear? Injuries.
 If you could be someone else for one day, who would you be and why?
 A boy just because I can't think of who else to be, and what the hell?
 I just want to be myself!



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TURBONEGRO

Last year **Danzig and Doyle** reunited on Danzig's tour to thrash out their old Misfits tunes. In November they dropped by the West Coast Choppers Garage to wish Jesse James a spooky birthday. The annual "No Love" party united punk rock, cars, Mexican wrestlers and the roller Derby Dolls in an all day event. Sick!

At the end of October, **Turbonegro** played at the Knitting Factory in Hollywood for a "Wildboyz" party. These Scandinavian leather-clad rockers pumped out the insanity with their death punk adaptation of classic rock riffage. Wildly known for MTV's "Wildboyz" theme song, this band will crack you up.



INTERPOL



DETROIT COBRAS

In September, **Interpol** played at The Greek Theatre in Hollywood. Tons of people showed up at the stunning open-air venue to enjoy Interpol's most beautiful melodies and interstellar light show.

The Detroit Cobras also played an L.A. show in September at The Troubadour. This girl band's bite is deadly and should not be underestimated.

Need a break from the overplayed on the radio waves? Then you need **The Vacation**. These budding L.A. rockers had a couple intimate gigs at the King King club the end of summer. It was hot!



THE VACATION

Photo: Liza Grzeskowiak

Photo: Ana Paula Negroao

Photo: Gorman

The other side of

Kelly Osbourne

By Liza A. Grzeskowiak

Chatting with Kelly Osbourne, she talked about rock, pop, love, hate, drugs, rehab, fashion, her new album, and skateboarding.

How old are you?

20.

Are you excited about your album *Sleeping in the Nothing*?

I am because it's going to shock a lot of people because it is different.

Seems that you added some electronic music to your tracks on this album.

I love electronic and 80's pop. My first album was more forced to the record label requests. This one is way more my taste.

In the first song, "One Word," we can hear a little bit of a French accent. Is that you?

There is some. My French sucks but I love French.

The music video has some French style as well. What was the idea for that?

It is based on *Alphaville*, Anna Karina's movie. It's my favorite movie. The period was beautiful. I loved the black and white. The video is about discovering the truth. Just finding it out with one word.

"Uh Oh" and "Secret Lover" are totally songs that many girls can identify themselves with. You know, things like the experience of being rejected

by a boyfriend. How did you come to write that?

Relationships are full of drama. People love or hate that they do. Do you love to hate or do you hate to love?

The song "Red Light" has a really cool and modern beat. Was it your intention to go for the 80's pop sound?

When we recorded the album, we didn't expect it to sound like that. People say that I sound like Blondie and Duran Duran.

Your voice sounds very developed in the "Can't Wait" track. You could make people cry with that song. How hard have you worked on your voice?

From the first album it was so different. When you do opium you get a dry throat that makes your vocal cords sore.

I wrote that song in rehab. Linda Perry was my producer of this album. She taught me a lot and made me sound much better.

What is your message in "At the Edge of Atmosphere?"

That's the only track I don't know if I like.

What is it about?

Whatever I say and whatever I try is never enough. I feel mad.

"Save Me" is a strong request. Some people never tell you when you are doing too much. Just your very best friends and your family would tell you to slow down. Is this song dedicated to your family and your friends?

It was tough. I had to drop a lot of friends, and it is hard to do because I loved a lot of them but I needed a new life. Some people mean well but they are lost and they can drag you down with them.

Why were you taking painkillers?

Because it kills your pain. I was doing everything, all kinds of drugs, not just painkillers. But I'm happy to be clean now.

"Sleeping in the Nothing" sounds like a happy track, all about dancing and having a good time. Do you go out to 80's clubs a lot?

I love 80's clubs. I used to go a lot to "82" in Echo Park and "Beat-It" in Hollywood. It was so much fun. So I wanna make some songs to get people dancing in the clubs.

How come you come from a family grounded in the metal music scene, but you're into pop?

I'm not a rock star or gothic person and people would make punk music for me on the last record label, and I'm not like that, that's why this album is all me. I love pop music. People will be surprised.

I heard you almost gave up your music career. We are glad you didn't, but why would you think about doing that?

Because my first record label was so big and they had everything planned out for me and didn't wanna be a part of what I am. And it just turned me off. After a while I decided to give it another shot with this new record label.

You're always wearing amazing clothes and makeup. Even when you have just a pair of jeans and a t-shirt on, you got something special going on. What is your secret to being fabulous?

Clothes are refreshment. I dress baggy if I'm in a bad mood. I dress based on my moods.

Who are you doing the Silletto Killer t-shirt line with?

Me and my best friend Ali are doing it. It is a fun line.

Where can we find it?

You can find it at Hot Topic stores.

Let's talk about skateboarding. Did you ever try skateboarding? You have some friends who skate, right?

I can surf but I can't skate. Once I fell bad on this hill while skateboarding and I gave up on trying again. I'm friends with Tim Gavin and Jason Dill.

Is Jason Dill as annoying as he was on the (Osbournes) show?

The TV show only shows 30 minutes of our lives. I think Jason is the raddest guy ever. He is like a brother to me. I'm sure he doesn't care what people thought of him on the show.

Do you ever get to see him skate?

All the time. He is always skating around.

Well, just to finish this up, please send a message to the teenagers and girl skaters who read Check It Out.

Have a guilty pleasure.



WINTER

Models: Sherry, Lauren, Monica Liz and Emily Blog
Photos: Ana Paula Negao Styling: Liza Grzeskowiak
Makeup: Stephanie Pasakarnis

WE "Beda"
leather jacket

DC "WS Phase" snow boots

Vans "Encore" snow boots

Gallaz boots



BOOTS





WE "Sally" jacket
WE "Aino" hat
KR3W vintage t-shirt
Osiris pants
DC "Judge" snow boots

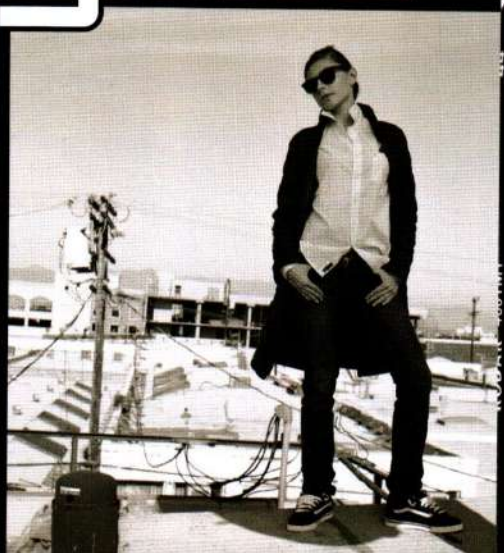
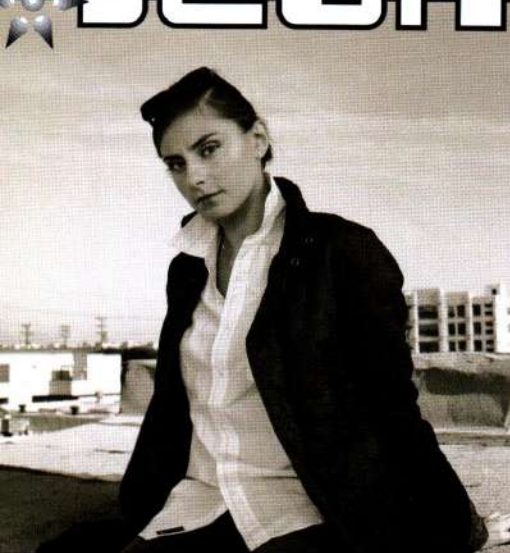
JACKETS



KR3W "Andrew Reynolds" sunglasses
Volcom coat
KR3W shirt
WE "Tight" pants
Vans "Dustin Dollin" shoes



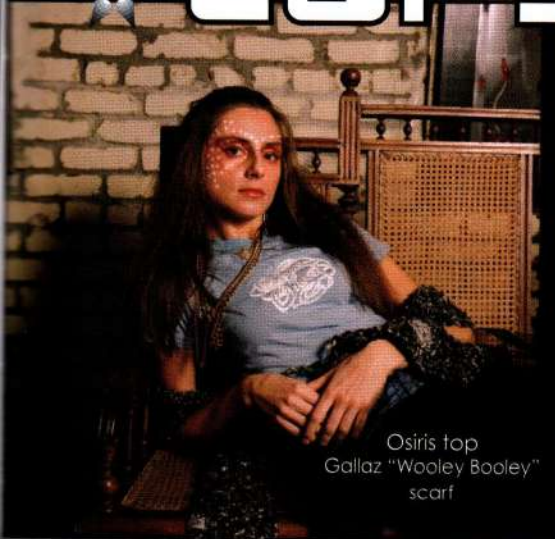
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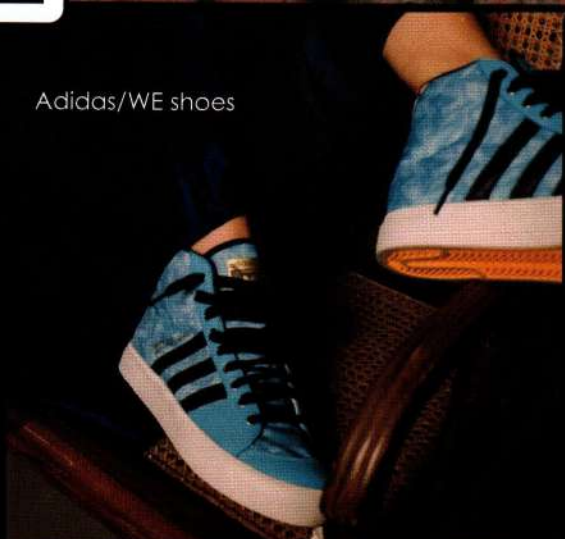


WE "Samantha" sweater
Volcom skirt
Etnies shoes

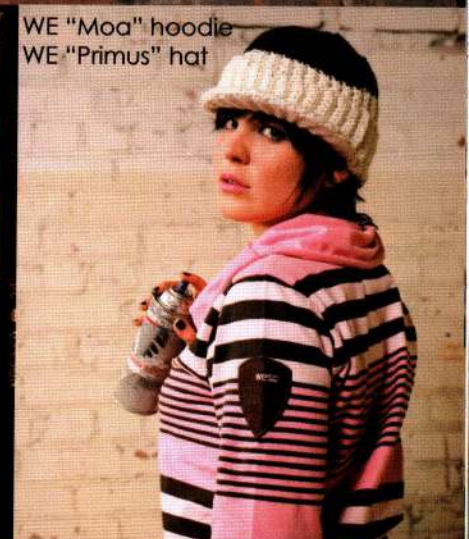
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Osiris top
Gallaz "Wooley Booley"
scarf



Adidas/WE shoes



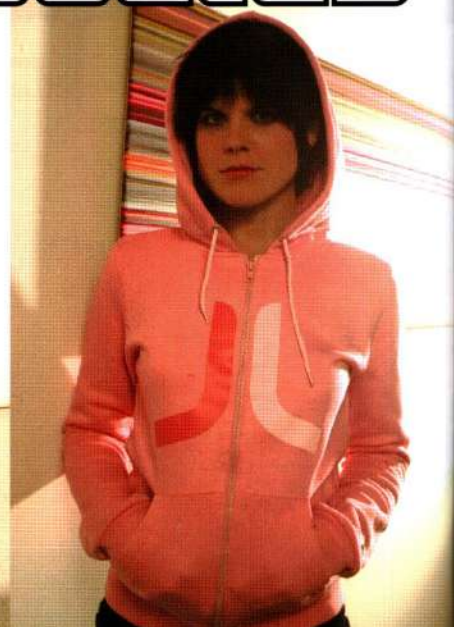
WE "Moa" hoodie
WE "Primus" hat

Stereo t-shirt
WE beanie and socks
Simple shoes

Below:
KR3W hat
Volcom polo shirt
DC pants
Etnies "Debut" shoes
WE "Icon" sweater
Etnies "Scripted Fleece" sweater



t-shirts and hoodies

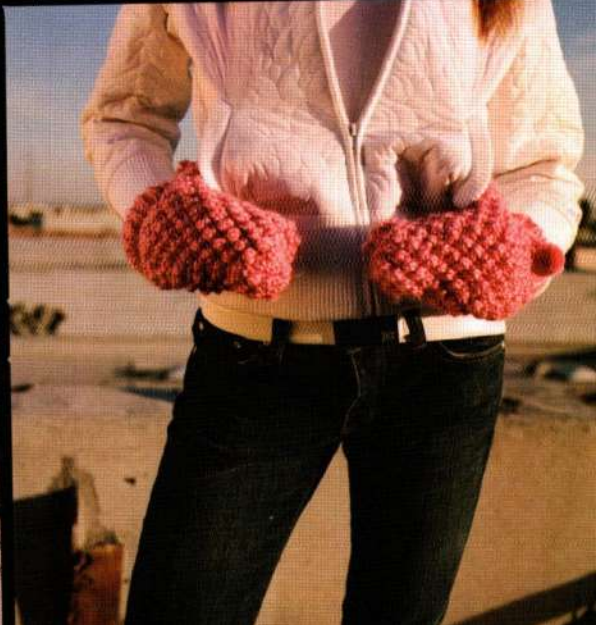
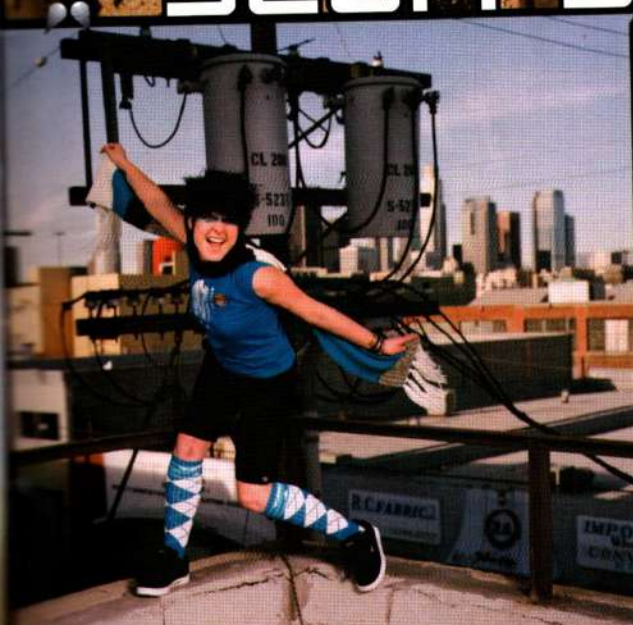




WE "Magda" gloves
 Gallaz "Full Force Bomber" jacket
 WE "Tight" jeans
 KR3W belt

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 Gallaz "Fancy Feet" socks
 Treadless top
 WE "Laban" scarf
 Volcom shorts
 Osiris shoes

SCARFS AND GLOVES





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The tour brought together skaters: Lauren Perkins, Stefanie Thomas, Lacey Baker, Gwen Markus, Alison "Nugget" Mafasi, Karen Jones, Alex White, Sophie Poppe, and Juliana Marinho. The C.I.O. crew included staff photographers Magda Wozinska and Ana Paula Negrao, along with filmmakers Patricia Wince and Chris Bredesen, and myself as coordinator. Together we experienced this road trip full of skateboarding sessions throughout the Bay Area, Oregon, Washington, and Canada.

STORY BY LIZA GRZESKOWIAK
PHOTOGRAPHED BY ANA PAULA NEGRAO
AND MAGDA WOZINSKA



FIRST STOP: VISALIA, CA

Photo: Magda Wornika



FIRST STOP: VISALIA SKATE CAMP

Visalia YMCA Skate Camp is on Sequoia Lake in Visalia, California. Located a few miles from Sequoia and Kings National Parks and just down the road from Grant's Grove, the fresh mountain air and mild summer climate provide an ideal environment for a camp. With Ana Paula as a veteran of the Visalia Skate Camp, she got us hooked up at this amazing campground in the middle of the sequoia woods. The camp provides cabins, organic food, skateboarding instruction and camp counseling all near an amazing lake surrounded by skate ramps.

Camp Millwood is a traditional, rustic summer camp facility. Campers live in cabins with bunk beds. Restroom and shower facilities are separate from the cabins and are centrally located. The camp usually costs \$100 a day and includes food, skateboarding tutors, and accommodations. Besides skating, the camp offers other fun activities like learning how to make your own skateboard and building a fire. It is a great summer camp experience and well worth a visit.



Photo: Ana Paula Nogueira

Smith grind
Nugget



VISALIA

Photo: Ana Paula Negrão



5-0 grind
Gwen

We arrived to the camp around 12 a.m. on Tuesday. We could not really see around us, but it looked scary, like a scene out of a *Friday the 13th* movie. Actually, this location was used for shooting one of Jason's movies. Without very many lights, we hurried to find our cabins.

Everybody was already cranky and upset with the whole situation. We got there too late because of the many issues we had to deal with before leaving Los Angeles. We just tried to get a good night's sleep.

The next morning we woke up to the beautiful, bright sun and a nice breakfast. Some campers yelled at us for entering the wrong way through the kitchen door ... oops.

After meeting with the campers, and after a lot of screaming, we went to check out the ramps. A cool street area, a few mini ramps, and a nice bowl served us lots of skateboarding before lunchtime.

It was a hot day. Even though I was afraid to swim in the lake I had to join Ana Paula, Magda, Juliana, and little Gwen. They seemed so blissful lying on the deck on the other side of the lake. It turned out to be so much fun. Gwen encouraged me to swim after we had been out on the water for a canoe ride. Meanwhile, Lauren, Stefanie, Lacey, Sophie and Nugget were still shredding the wood at the park.

The park has a program sponsored and created by Element Skateboards named Elemental Awareness where participants have had the opportunities to win scholarships to skate camp, touch wild animals, learn to make friction fires, tour a board-making factory, and create graffiti murals and self-made bows. Unfortunately, we didn't have time to enjoy all the activities in one day. But it sure seems worth it to get back there for a full weekend of camping.

Under the sunset light we ended the day at camp with a good mini ramp session where Nugget got a frontside smith grind photo.

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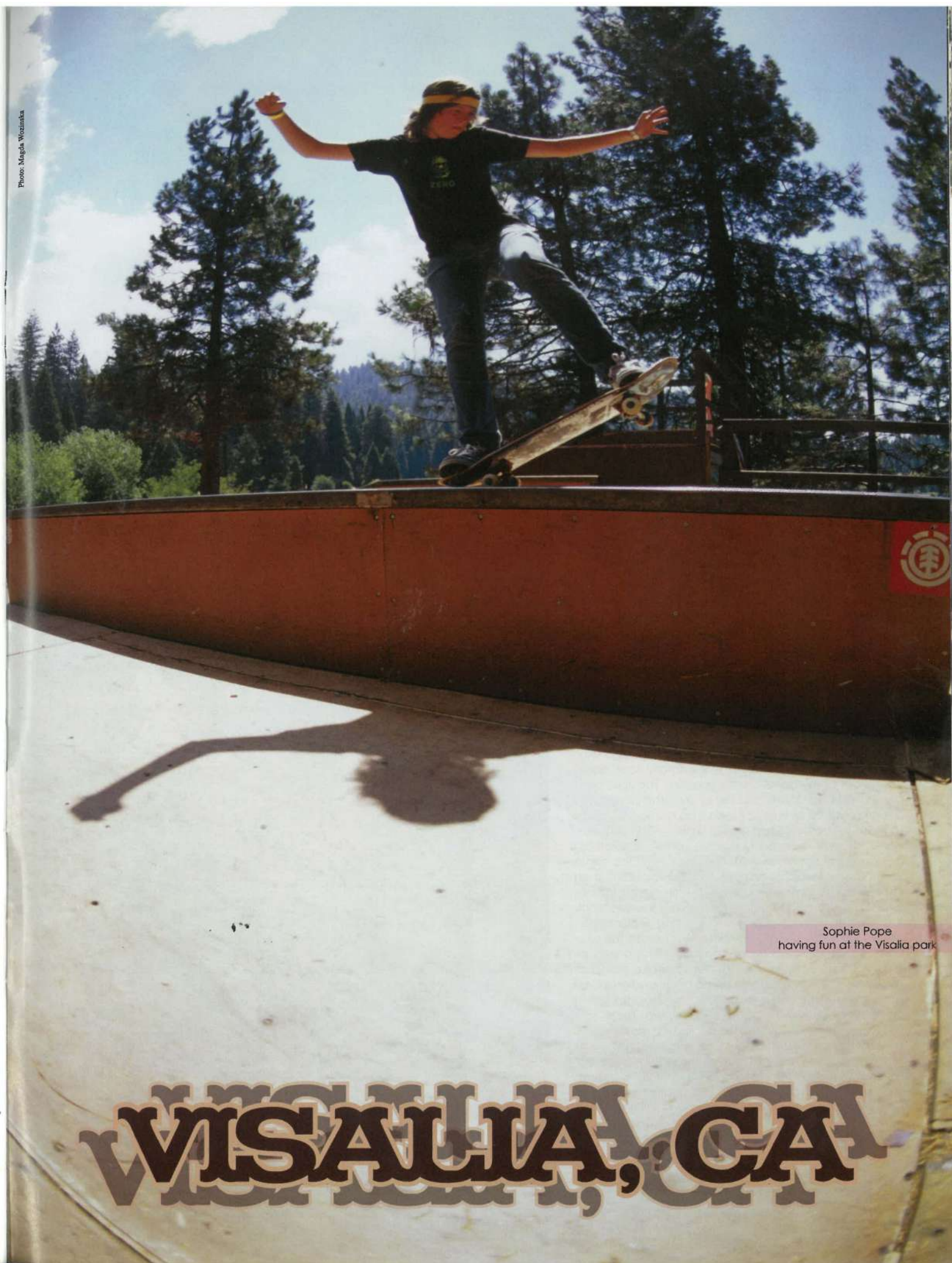
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Sophie Pope
having fun at the Visalia park

VISALIA, CA

MONTEREY



Photo: Ana Paula Negro

Patricia filming for C.I.O. video

We left Visalia around 6 p.m., expecting to drive about three hours to reach Monterey. We supposedly should have gotten there in three hours but it took longer because we had to stop for gas, girls needed to use the bathroom, and we needed food. On one stop, Nugget and Stefanie were throwing candies at each other; it was so silly and serious at the same time! What drama!

Oh yeah, Patricia and I were driving in a smaller car where most of the film and photo equipment was. Patricia along with Chris from Portland are filmmakers for our upcoming Check It Out video that will show footage of this tour. Ana Paula was the official van driver and drove a lot on this tour. Patricia took a plane ride home from Vancouver but had her fair share of driving the van as well. On this evening, they both had their hands full of steering wheel and raucous trying to get us to Monterey. Around 1 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17, after getting a little lost, and after all the drama, we finally met up with Alex White in her hometown.

Alex is one of the most motivational persons in the girls skateboarding scene I know. She welcomed all of us into her house and had planned to take us to some skate spots. Unfortunately, our schedule was tight because the next day we had to be in San Francisco to drop Lauren Perkins at the airport. She needed to catch a flight home to spend time with her family. Lauren had been on the road way too long this year with so many demos and contests, and school was about to start again for her. She definitely needed some time to chill with her family. We also had to pick up Lacey's mom and Karen Jones, who was flying in from Brazil just for the tour to the Slam City Jam.

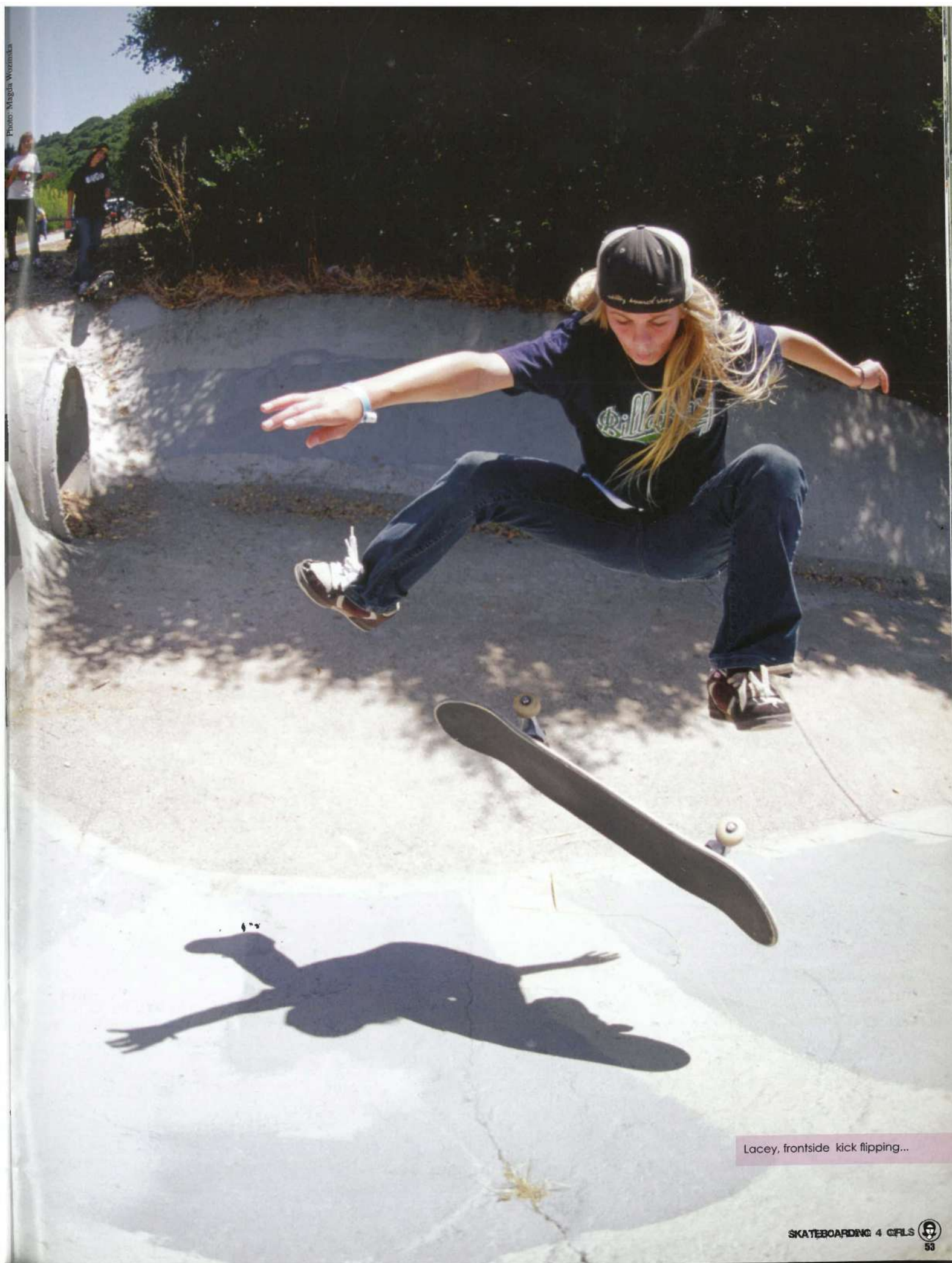
So, we decided to stay in Monterey for just one day. Alex took us to this ditch where I totally took a big chunk out of my hand on the ground. The ditch was rough and had stones and dirt all over the place. We even brought a broom to clean it up a little. Alex took us there to show us what kind of skating she had been up to. It took everybody a while to land something because the spot was cool but sketchy at the same time. Nugget was the first one to try to tailslide it, then Sophie and Lauren followed. With Nugget pushing, everybody landed the trick. Lauren got the best shot. Meanwhile, Lacey was working hard on her kickflips.

When we were still in the Monterey area on the way up to SF, we stopped on the road because a lady almost hit Alex's car and Alex's friend Snake yelled at the lady. The lady suddenly came back and grabbed Alex's hair and I saw Alex kicking her. Nugget got in on the fight as well, because the lady was huge and Alex was in trouble. The huge lady's mother and brother threatened to hit our cars with a big rock and demanded that we get out of their neighborhood. Nugget was determined to defend us and it was hard to drag her out of the fight. Eventually we broke it up before things went from bad to ugly. We couldn't believe that we were involved in this crazy incident. I was glad it finished pretty quickly and nobody got hurt.



Lauren tail sliding the ditch.

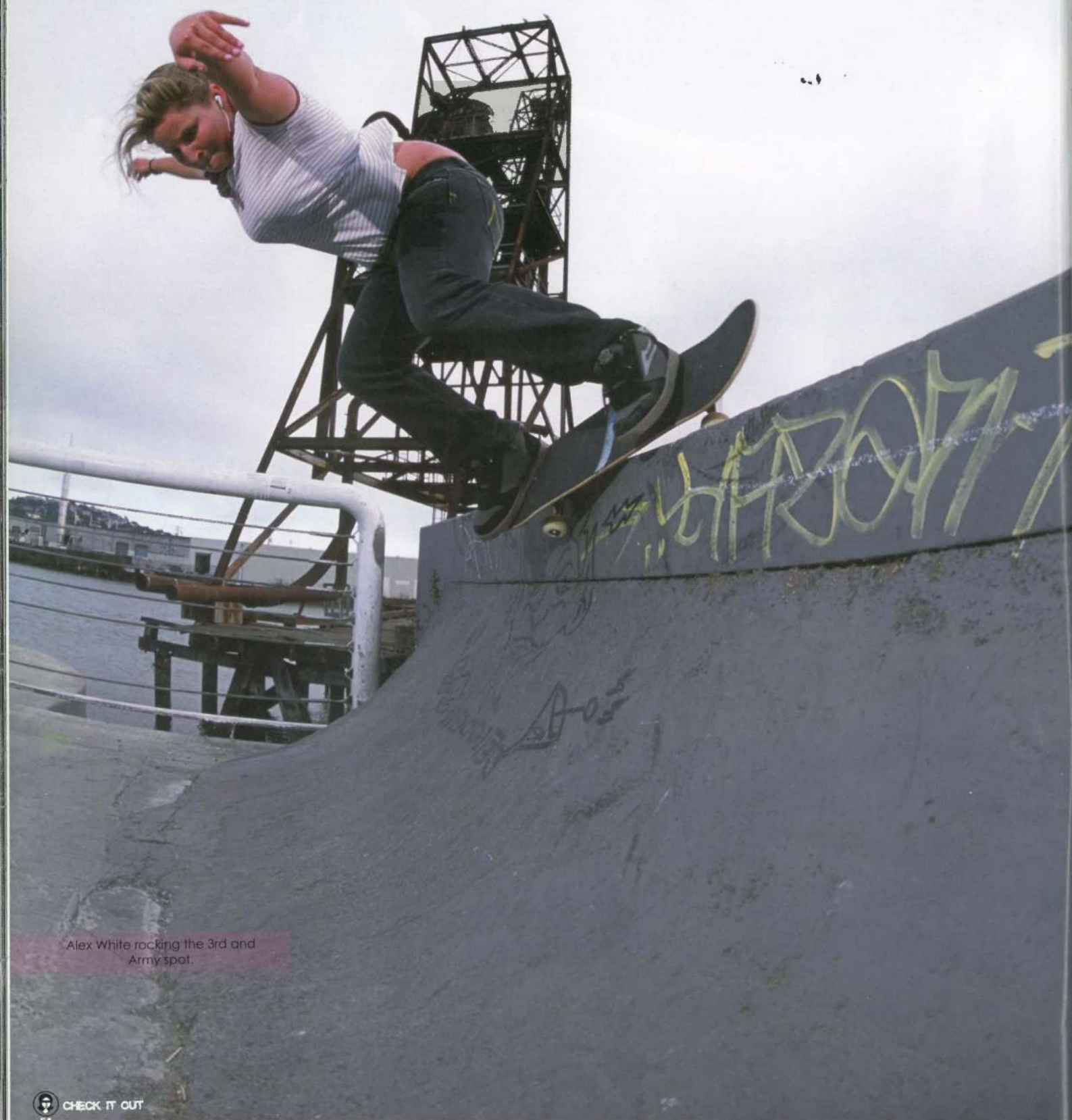
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Lacey, frontside kick flipping...

SAN FRANCISCO

Photo: Magda Wozinska



Alex White rocking the 3rd and Army spot.



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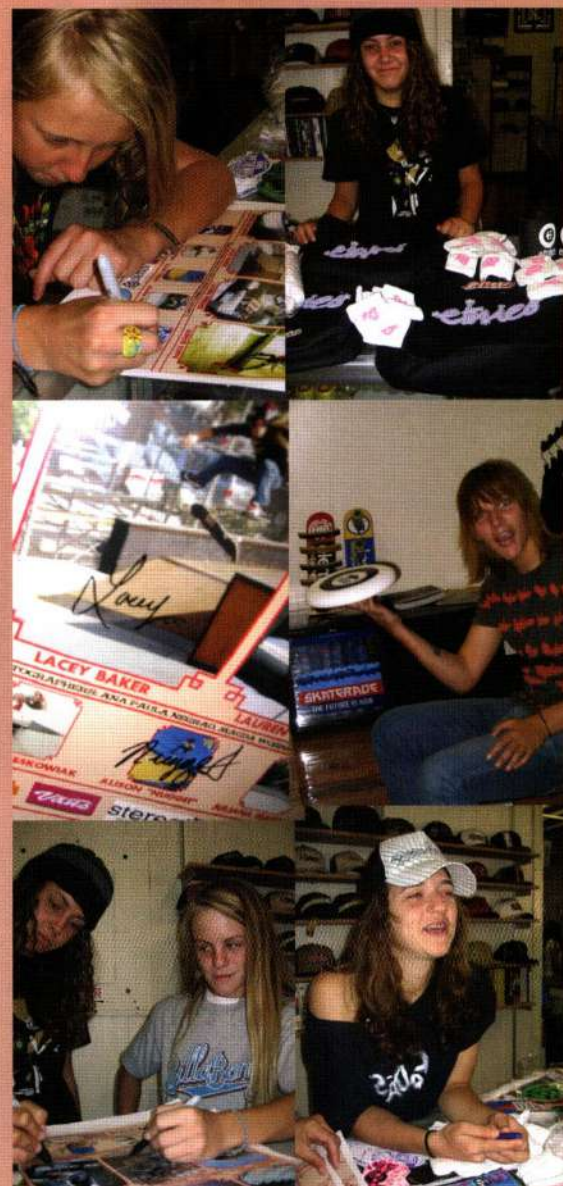


ON THE ROAD

Getting into San Francisco, Magda, Stefanie, and Lauren were in Alex's car and we were trying to catch up to them at the 3rd and Army spot. Ana Paula thought that we were going to another spot to meet up with photographer Eric Gee, his girl Lizzie, and filmer, Chris, at the skatepark. We ended up at separate sessions, but the best photo of the day was of Alex White at 3rd and Army.

Soon it was dark. We went to eat and checked in to the Travel Lodge hotel to get some rest before going to the bar to celebrate Magda's birthday. The party helped the girls make peace with each other. They had fun gathering toilet paper and making scarves with it. But when everything was fine and fun, someone had to throw a glass on the wall, which hit some guy in the face. There I was talking to the dude trying to defend my girls again.

We got a ride with our local SF friend Jolie. We listened and sung out loud Kelly Clarkson's "Since You Been Gone" and named it the official song of our tour. The following day, we had to wake up early to pick up Karen and Donna Baker from the airport. Lauren decided to stay on the tour until the Oregon stop because she was having such a good time. We hit the road around 4 p.m., and it was such a long trip until we got in to Eugene, Oregon. Chrissy, who runs Tactics Boardshop there, had set up a poster signing at the store for us. She welcomed us into her house for the night. The next day, Lacey got a good sequence at the ledges of Eugene. After that we hit the road going to Portland.



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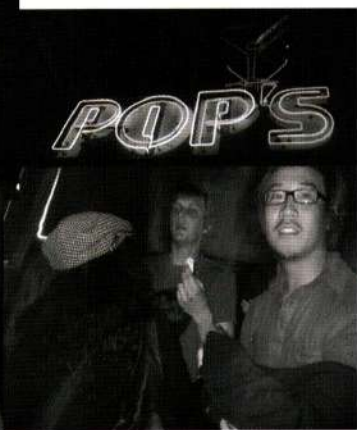


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Lacey Baker, frontside flip in Eugene

On the right:
Stefanie Thomas, nose manual in Portland

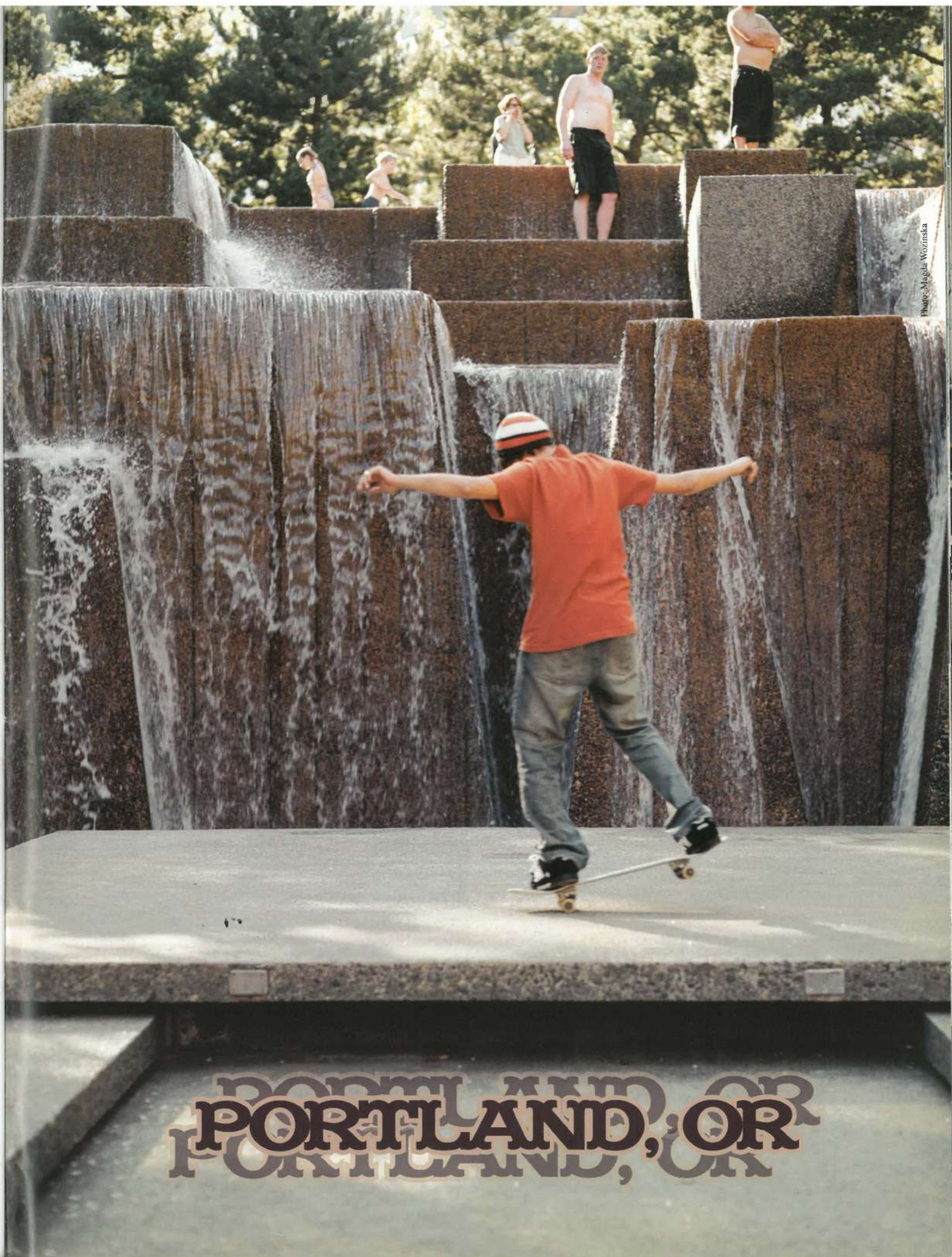


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PORTLAND, OR

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CHECK IT OUT



Lauren, kickflip

PORTLAND, OR

Portland has been proclaimed as North America's "Best Big City" in terms of wealth, and I believe for skateboarding as well. It is a Mecca of many street spots and is the home of the famous Burnside skatepark. During our time there we got to hang out with the local girls, Cindy Gorset and Jessica, and meet with Vanessa, Amy, Lauren Mollica, Monica Shaw, Lisa Whitaker, and Van Nguyen at the park. On our way up from Eugene, some of us girls on the tour went straight to the Windells Skate and Snowboarding Camp where we had a big cabin waiting for us. The cabin was decked out with 4 bedrooms, 20 beds, 3 bathrooms, a big kitchen, pool table, fireplace, jacuzzi, and an indoor skatepark! If that wasn't enough, there were ramps all over the camp.

Some of the other girls decided to stay in a hotel in the city and catch up with us later. Ana Paula, Magda, Juliana, Stefanie, and Lauren were the ones who decided to do some serious street skating and partying in the city with filmer, Chris. Patricia, Nugget, Sophie, Lacey, Gwen, and Donna (Lacey's mom) and I camped at night and were glad that we got such a chill pad. Unfortunately, as soon as I got settled in at camp, I realized that my wallet was gone with all my documents and money. It really put me down for a couple days, and I couldn't enjoy the trip as much until I talked to my family. They were very supportive and made me feel better. I toughed it up and was able to move on with coordinating the tour and entertaining my group. It seemed like the Windells camp was our best stop, because we met up with more girls before heading to our final destination. Overall we had plenty of fun acting like kids in the mountainous playground.



Cindy Gorset



Burnside skatepark



Jessica and Vanessa

WINDELLS



The Windells Camp is located on Mt. Hood, just 45 miles east of Portland, Oregon. Tim Windell and Craig Kelly started the first freestyle camps in Whistler and Subita, Austria in 1987. Tim established Shred the World Snowboard Camps at Mt. Hood in 1988. Halfpipes were little more than small ditches in the snow, and the freestyle revolution was yet to come. Windells was at the forefront of a fast progressing movement. Windells Camp is now entering its 17th year as the Mecca for campers of all ages ... snowboarders, skiers, skaters, and thrill seekers.

Since we arrived there at the end of the summer, we were the only guests of the camp. It was closed for campers, so we had the whole place just to ourselves until the Villa Villa Cola tour came to meet us there. We had a great gathering with them at the camp, so I decided to throw a bbq. Also, it was Stefanie's birthday so Ana, Paula and Gwen got her a b-day cake. We gobbled it up by the foam pit and didn't wait for the food to digest before diving in. It was tons of fun.

More information about the facility:

ALIEN WORKSHOP/HABITAT STREET COURSE

This street course is huge! With 13-foot wall rides and free rides, flat banks, bank to rail, bank to wall, curved ledges, Hubba-sized ledges, flat bars and kinked flat bars, pyramids, tons of fun boxes, double kinked rails, rainbow rails, and more.

IPATH MINI RAMPS

A 3-foot tall and 12-foot wide ramp, where most beginners learn to drop in. It spines into a 5-foot tall, 20-foot wide ramp, with a newly added 9-foot stallion wall (perfect for learning how to pop ollies without hanging up). The 5-footer hips into a 4-foot tall, 32-foot wide ramp which spines into another 4-foot bowled-in mini.

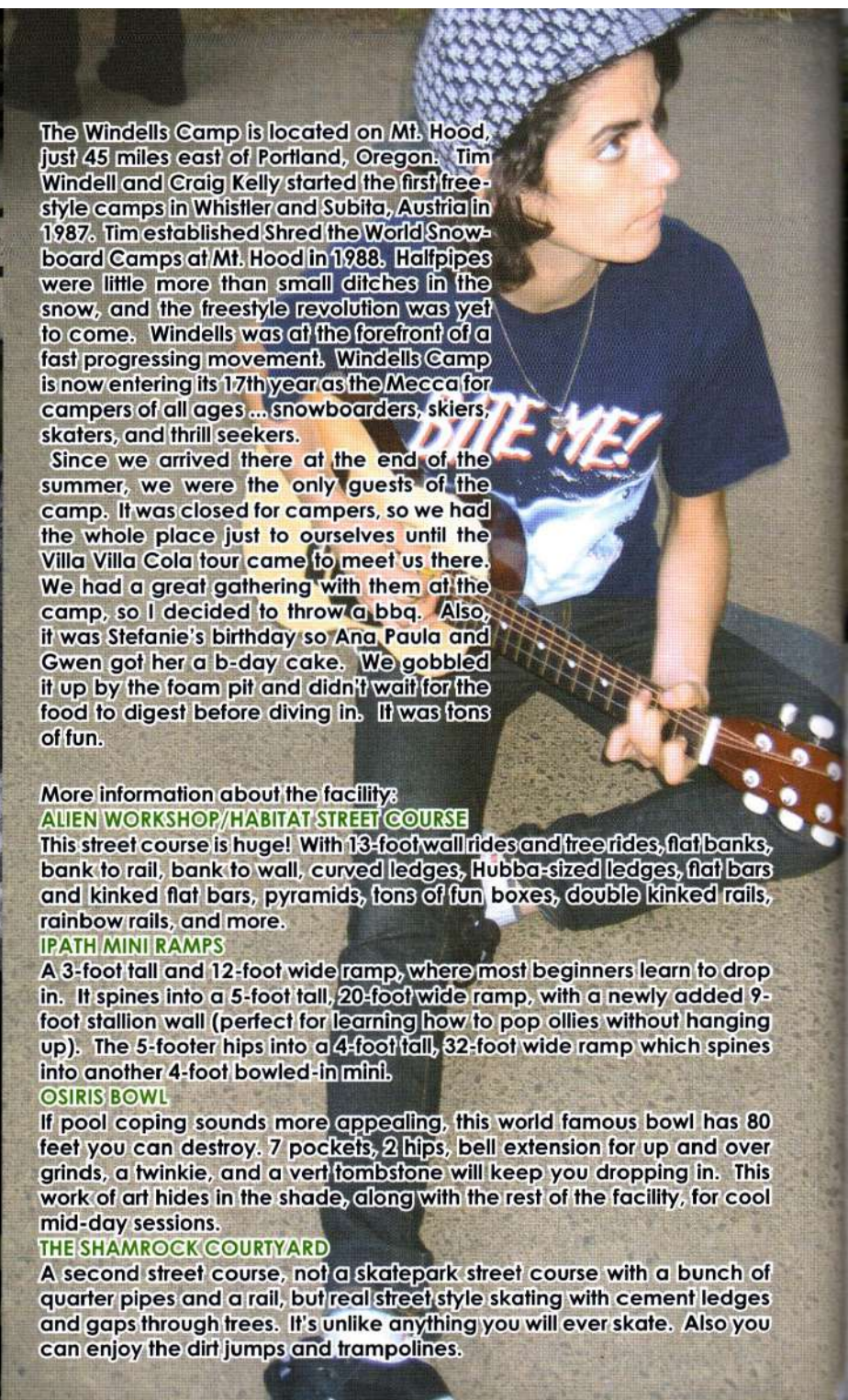
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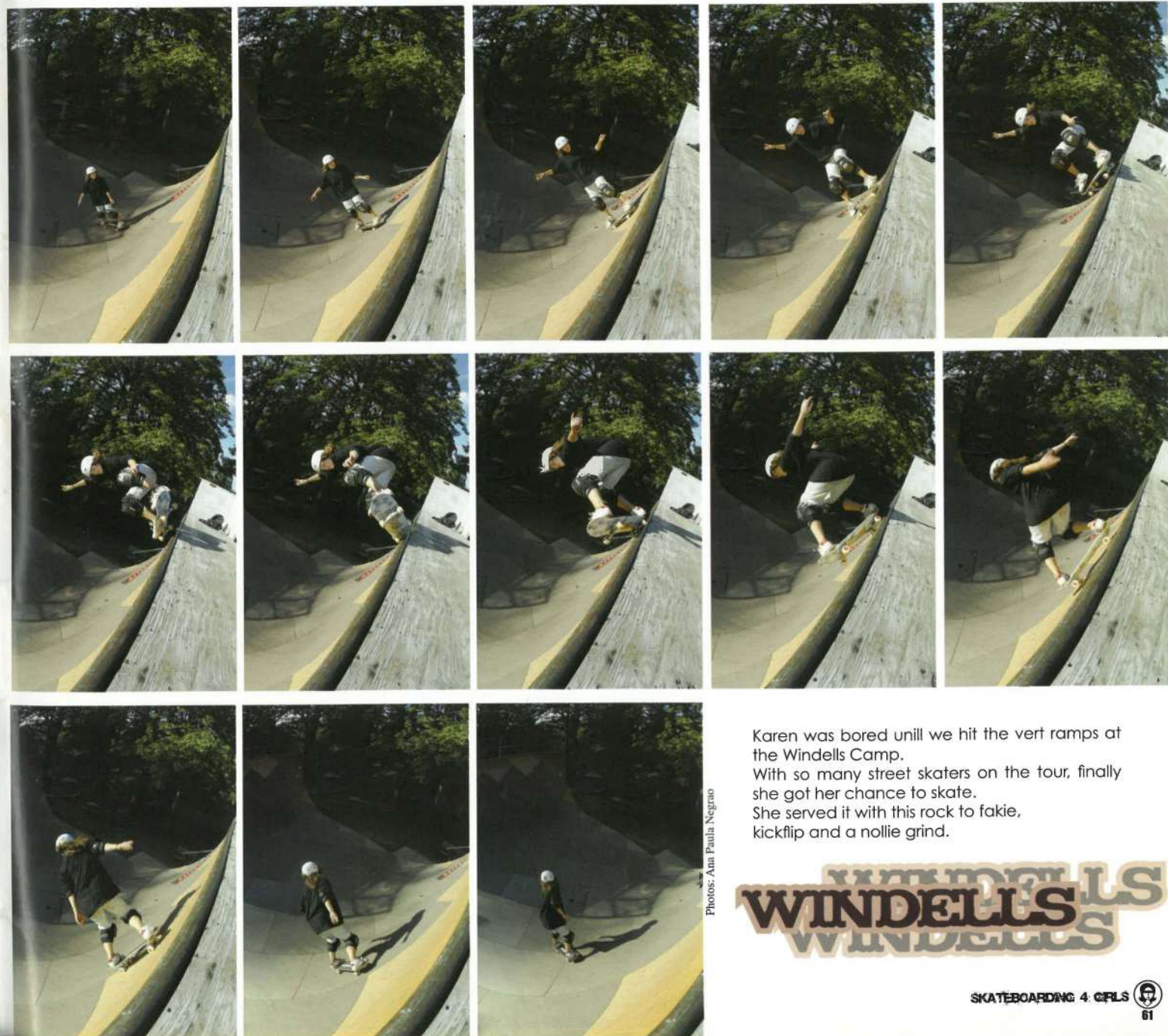
If pool coping sounds more appealing, this world famous bowl has 80 feet you can destroy. 7 pockets, 2 hips, bell extension for up and over grinds, a twinkie, and a vert tombstone will keep you dropping in. This work of art hides in the shade, along with the rest of the facility, for cool mid-day sessions.

THE SHAMROCK COURTYARD

A second street course, not a skatepark street course with a bunch of quarter pipes and a rail, but real street style skating with cement ledges and gaps through trees. It's unlike anything you will ever skate. Also you can enjoy the dirt jumps and trampolines.

For more info and camp registration log on to or call:
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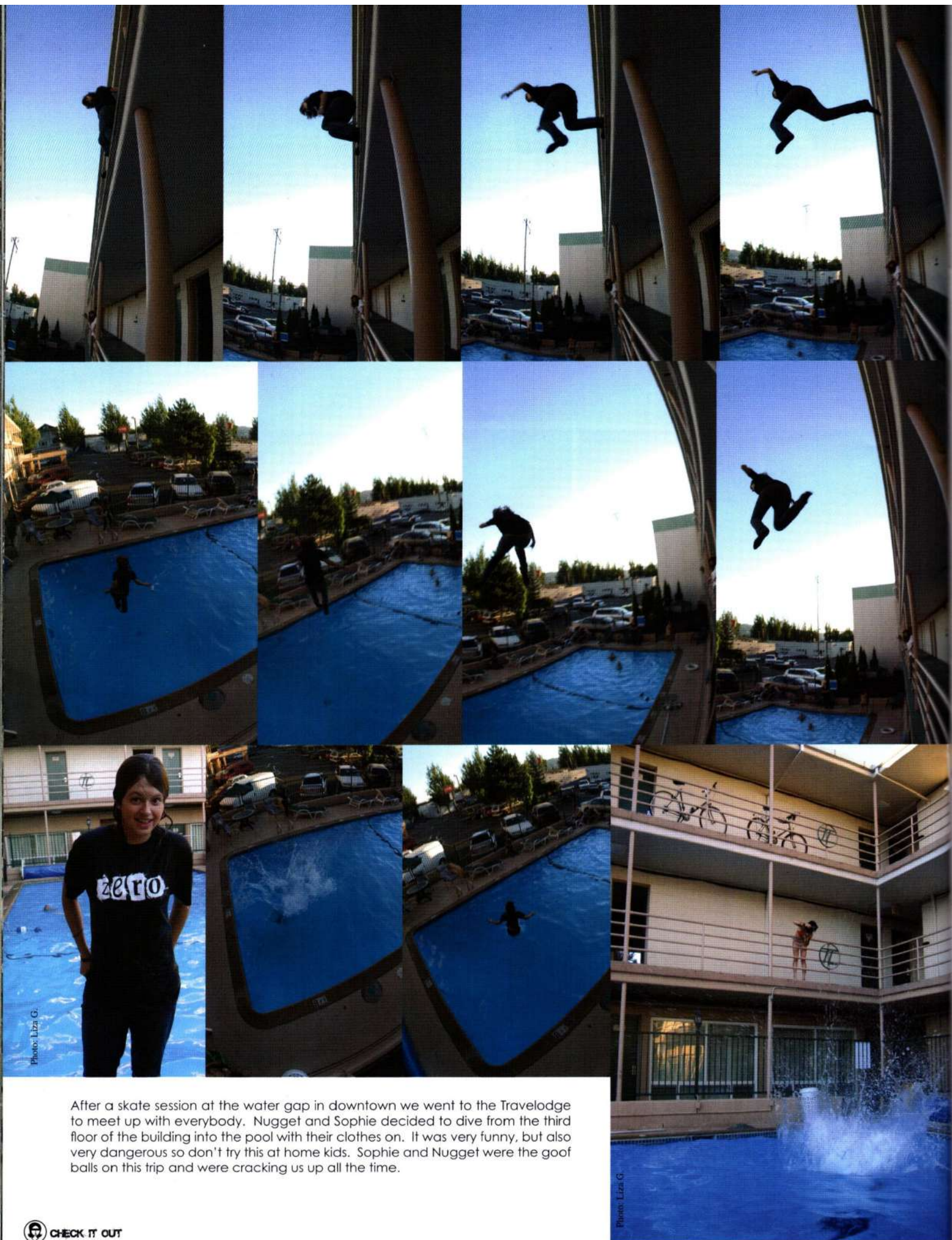




Photos: Ana Paula Negrão

Karen was bored until we hit the vert ramps at the Windells Camp. With so many street skaters on the tour, finally she got her chance to skate. She served it with this rock to fakie, kickflip and a nollie grind.

WINDELLS
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After a skate session at the water gap in downtown we went to the Travelodge to meet up with everybody. Nugget and Sophie decided to dive from the third floor of the building into the pool with their clothes on. It was very funny, but also very dangerous so don't try this at home kids. Sophie and Nugget were the goof balls on this trip and were cracking us up all the time.



Stefanie, frontside noseslide

Ana Paula, Magda, Patricia, Juliana, Karen, Stefanie, and I drove to Seattle that night while Donna Baker, Lacey, Gwen, Sophie, and Nugget decided to stay one more night in Portland. When we arrived in Seattle we said good-bye to Erik Gee and his girlfriend. Seattle is their hometown and they had to get back to work. It was nice having them along.

First, we checked in at the Days Inn and then traveled about the beautiful coastal city. We ended up at a popular bar called Cha Cha and hung out there for a while. The next morning we picked up my husband, Joe, at the airport. Since I wasn't able to travel into Canada with my pending-visa situation, Seattle was my last stop. Joe flew there to drive little Gwen and me back in the rental car.

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It was fun skating around Portland. Mountain Dew held a contest there while we were in town. It was cool to see a lot of friends there and go to a party at the Nike warehouse with them.

The girls all had different ages and personalities so every now and then it was good for us to split up into different groups. Magda and Ana Paula shot photos of Lauren, Juliana, and Stefanie in downtown Portland. They stayed in a different hotel than us and had their own good times. Lauren would soon be flying home from Portland for her mother's birthday and had wanted to check out and skate the Portland street scene as much as she could.

Stefanie was also very determined to get photos and film with Chris there. She is consistent and is always down for a session. Her tour sessions were so great that she already filmed a whole part for the upcoming Check It Out video.

The video is coming together and we are excited to go out and finish the rest of the girls' parts. We all finally met up at the Windells Camp on our last day in Portland. We had some fun and hit the road again the next day.

Next Stop: Seattle



Sadly, it was time to end the first leg of the tour. We went to one of the many classic coffee shops for some Seattle brew. While we enjoyed the mellow atmosphere we did some accounting, secured arrangements in Vancouver, and made sure our crew was safe and all good to continue the tour.

Late afternoon the other group had finally made it up from Portland through the city traffic. They rushed to a cement skatepark to get some runs in before the sun set in Seattle. From there, they were on their way to the Slam City Jam! Gwen, Joe, and I checked out Sub Pop Records before heading home. Sub Pop has been the home of Mudhoney and other great Seattle rock bands throughout the years. Seattle definitely rocked and it was hard to say goodbye. Gwen had a lot of fun on the tour but was looking forward to seeing her mom. I had an amazing experience as well. We left early, but the tour continues on the next page with Ana Paula's story.

Next stop: Vancouver, Canada



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Stefanie Thomas, b/s boardslide

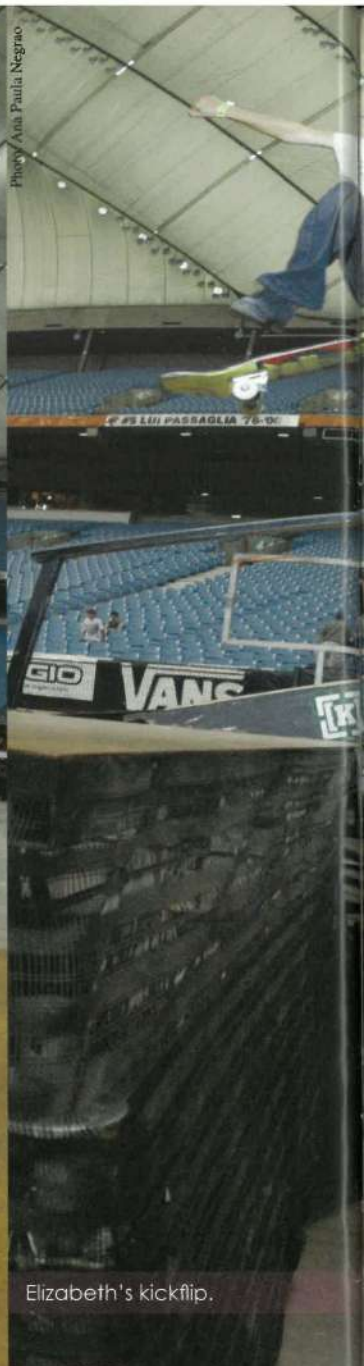


Photo: Ana Paula Negrao

Elizabeth's kickflip.

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by: Ana Paula Negrao



Photo: Ana Paula Negrao

Only two more hours away was our final destination: Vancouver, Canada. But of course something would hold us up even more. Immigration stopped us and asked all these questions. Patricia was in the driver's seat trying to answer as quick as possible so we could make it on time to the contest. It's not that easy to pass through the border when you're driving a 16-passenger white van plastered with stickers everywhere, and you have five girls who are all foreigners trying to get into the country. After we spent an hour trying to get through, we were on the road again. We were all tired and wanted to have a nice night of sleep before the contest. After we checked in to a hotel we drove around to find some food and got back to the room with hot chocolate and lots of candy. That was all we could find at that time. It was wonderful to sleep in.



Sophie's boardslide

CANADA OVER CANADA



Lyn-Z at the street course.

Photo: Ana Paula Negrão

It was early when we got in Vancouver and everyone was so excited to finally get there. We dropped Karen Jones off at the contest so she could start practicing on the vert ramp before we went to check in at our Vancouver hotel. Then we drove back to the contest and found out that we weren't allowed to skate until the following day, which wasn't bad because we wanted to go skate the streets and the good parks around anyways.

The party is on all the time in Vancouver. It's amazing to see skateboarders on every corner of an entire city. Fun, fun, fun is how I describe it. Every night we had a couple parties to go to and got to hang out with our friends from all over the world.

Finally we made it to our big day: the contest. All the girls had to wake up early for the contest. They all did well and experienced the adventure of The North American Girls Skateboarding Tour!



Solo Mobile Slam City Jam, the North American Skateboarding Championships, was held on August 26-28, 2005. This event is North America's largest and longest-running pure skateboarding competition. It is a World Cup Skateboarding points event. The world's best professional skateboarders gather to battle for US\$100,000 and the men's and women's North American Street and Vert Titles. Slam City Jam's commitment to presenting all aspects of skating shines during the Ladies Contest. Girls skateboarding continues to grow around the world with more endorsements, opportunities, and events to help ensure its place in skateboarding and Slam has been there since day one. Now in its 8th year at Slam City Jam, the Ladies Contest has evolved from a small friendly jam to a highly contested display of skill between international competitors.

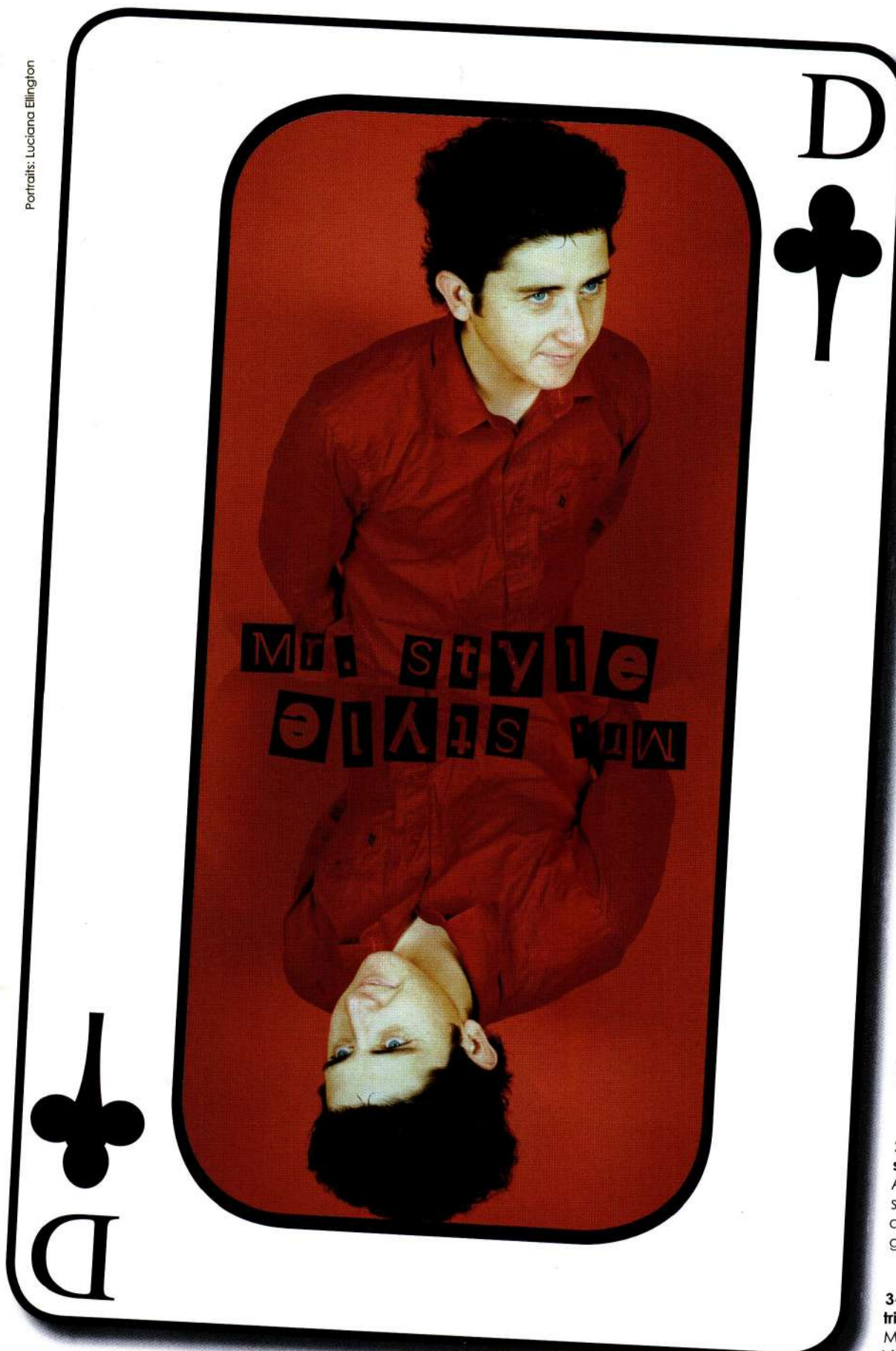
Photo: Magda Wosinska

Marisa Dal Santo, hittin this feeble, is for sure the best Rookie of the year!

**Results for the 2005 Slam City Jam's
Ladies Street Jam:**

1. Amy Caron
2. Lacey Baker
3. Lauren Perkins
4. Vanessa Torres
5. Elizabeth Nitu
6. Lyn-Z Adams Hawkins
7. Rebecca Syracopoulos
8. Stefanie Thomas
9. Alexandra White
10. Jessie Van Roehoudt
11. Sophie Poppe
12. Annie-Sophie Julien
13. Marisa Dal Santo
14. Rose Archie
15. Violet Kimble
16. Alison Matasi
17. Laura Silva
18. Jayme Erickson
19. Monica Shaw
20. Juliana Marinho
21. Lauren Mollica

Alex White with a 1/s boardslide on the streets of Vancouver.



Dust

1- It seems that after your marriage you calmed down for a minute, but in the early PD days you seemed to cause quite a mess. Do you remember any of the craziness that went down with some of the others in the PD crew?

One time Ali and I started getting wasted at the Ventura Contest. We drank a bottle of Jack between us at the camp then I got kicked out for screaming during the vert contest. We managed to get a ride with someone back to Cuntington, and on the way we pounded another bottle of Jack. When we got back to Warner everyone ended up running through knee-high mud in the drains next to the house. I was up the top tossing cans of beers like grenades down at them. I don't think anyone came back from the trenches with shoes on. I had alcohol poisoning for the next two days, but Ali and everyone else kept drinking.

2- How is Australia to skate?

Australia is fantastic to skate, but if you're with a jacked krew, ya ain't gonna see my spots.

3- What's your favorite trick?

Mob ollies over corner hips.

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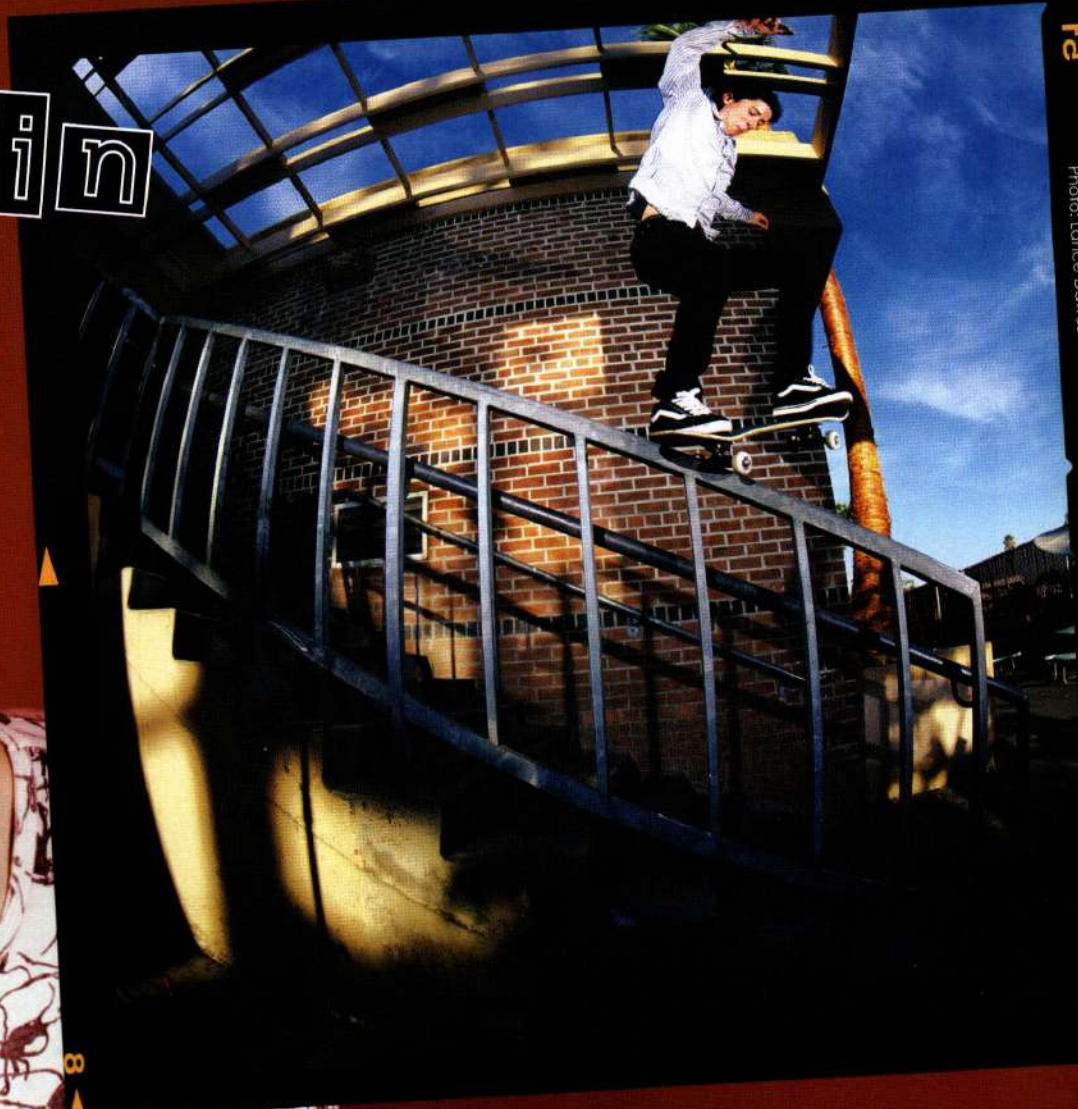


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4- Do you skate a lot with the Baker team? Where are your favorite spots?

When I'm in the states, I skate with the team. I love to skate L.A. high with Spanky.

5- Did you help with the editing of the Baker video? How hard is it to come up with such a good part?

I edited some of the Baker video. It was basically just Drew and I fucking around, he has a funny sense of humor and basically let me do what I wanted. I've been saving fooly for a long time so it was basically figuring what stuff not to use.

6- How long did it take to get the Baker video done?

Well, I guess it took us five years since the last one, but I reckon if we had all the fooly to begin with, Andrew and I could have finished editing it in four days. But it would be so shitty that it would have taken Minor a week to clean up the mess.

7- What's your favorite music and band?

The Smiths and Morrissey, but I have a massive variety of music I like.

8- What's your favorite food?

Shannon's food.

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