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VAL RATS vs DOG TOWNERS is how it's being billed, the new inter-park series between SKATERCROSS and MARINA Skateparks. Who will rule? Both parks are borrowing the idea from Colton and Upland parks, which have started their own battle. Feb. 13, SPEED RUN at Skater Cross and Feb. 27 at MARINA. Banked Slalom. Series is open to all local amateurs and prizes, like free sess.. are to be given out. \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

Can you imagine a Tour or Summer Camp, whereby you get on a bus and start in Los Angeles and spend the next 25 days visiting all the skateboard parks around the country, skating your brains out and competing with every type of skater in this country. Can you dig that. Well, SKAT'N NEWs, is putting together such a Tour for mid-July and August. Arrangements are being worked out, with all the parks along the way. We're also planning to film the entire "odyssey" for posterity, or those who want to study the masochistic tendencies of a person. More in coming issues. \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

Contrary to rummors around town, SIMS has not been taken over by Iranians posing as surf-bumbs, but in fact it is still in the hands of the SIMS men, Tom and Paul. Paul is still on the phone day and night trying to keep everyone happy

around the world, and Tom is now concentrating solely on Product Development and Advertising and Promotion. Rob Hughes is the man contracted to run the day to day operation.

WHIRLIN' WHEELS in Escondido, has a new owner and a new name. Hence forth the park will be called ESCONDIDO SKATEBOARD PARK. Ozzie Oswald is still manager and now VP of the company. In addition the park is being upgraded, with a new arcade, HI-BALL games and others. ASPO #5 is still scheduled for Feb. 23, 1980. Be there.

Who said skateboarding is dying? We hear from the ALVA SKATES people that sales of their skateboards are still excellent. Furthermore, we understand that Tony Alva still gets bag-fulls of letters from kids all over the world. No my friend, skateboarding is not dying, it's just taking a little rest while all the "squids" get out, then the real players will still be around.

As further proof of the enthusiasm in skateboarding, can you dig this: ASPO #1 at SkaterCross drew 132 amateur entries; ASPO #2 at Paramount got 153 entries; and ASPO #3 at Skate City had 182 amateur skaters. Can you see the pattern? Is the Pope Catholic?

VARIFIEX has amounced that it's dropping its prices on their signature boards and regular ones also. This is the first time we've heard of prices going down. According to Gil Losi they're working hard to cut costs down, without cutting quality, so that kids can again afford to buy a good skate. I'm sure alot of retailers as well as kids

are happy to hear about that.

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The ASPO # 4 at BIG 0, this past weekend drew 182 amateur entries from all over Southern California. They were actually expecting more maybe 200 plus, but rains during the week, may have dampened some spirits. Still the event ran as smoothly as any we've seen so far. Terry Wolf and his wife Elizabeth deserve all the credit.

As if Saturday's ASPO affair at BIG O wasn't enough, the Wolf's came right back with a PRO/AM on Sunday, which was a great success. Flowers and cards can be sent to the rest home for the slightly insane Skatepark owners.

Just when you think that Steve Olson(SANTA CRUZ/NHS) might be loosing interest, he comes right back with an outstanding performance at the BIG O Pro event to take home all the marbles and beat the likes of Elguera, Hirsch, Gellfand and others.

One of the surprises of the BIG O Pro/AM was Allen Losi. Allen wound up top Amateur and finished a very creditable 5th place among the best there is. Who said he's got bad knees?Sandbagging Al?

So far the ASPO AMATEUR League has drawn the participation of 266 amateurs, in four events!

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We were sadden to see a couple of the realy aggressive
skaters, get hurt prior to
the BIG O Pro finals on
Sunday. Dennis(Polar Bear)
Agnew(Z-FLEX) and Eric
Grisham(VARIFLEX) took some
real nasty falls that hampered their skating. Dennis
wound up with a very sore

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wrist and elbow and Eric injured the muscle, directly above the left knee. In the case of Grisham, he had just qualified highest amongst all pros and was one of the favorites to win the event, going into the finals.

We appriciate your interest in our paper and your sending us some of those rad pictures you've been taking. But please don't send us color negs because we can't use them at this time. Besides Black and White is cheaper for you. Those, we realy want.

SKATERCROSS is celebrating its 3rd Anniversary this month, February 25. Skating will be free, so are SKX stickers, and a few surprises are planned for that day. Some of the original skaters who skated the SkaterCross park, even before it was opened will be there. SKATERCROSS is now the oldest park in full operation.

It's realy heartwarming to know that there's a couple of amateur gentlemen that are currently in the thick of the ASPO standings, who are not able to hear or speak very well, because of birth defects, yet there in there fighting all the way. One lives in Riverside the other in N. Hollywood. Enough said.

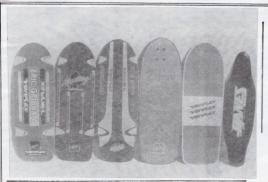
Don Hoffman (PIPELINE) has annouced an upcoming event. "BEAT THE DRAFT NIGHT" A first in skateboarding. The rules are simple: Safety equipment is not mandatory; helmet can be worn without padding, or in the alternative wear the padding but not the helmet: grip tape on boards optional; the Pools will be hosed down prior to each skater's turn: skating will be done by candlelight and there will not be any paramedics within 50 miles of the park. You asked for it you got it!

Things are kind of quiet back East, what with the snow and rains. Skaters are working indoors, when ever they can, ready for the the big Spring expected. There are several contests scheduled at Parks like Apple, Cherry Hill, New Wave, and others. We want to hear from you guys out there.

SKATERCROSS will have its PRO/AM on April 12 & 13th. It's billed as the "Affordable one". Entries, Banner space, Spectator's admissions will be lower to allow as many people as possible to participate. The event will be carried by Radio and Television.

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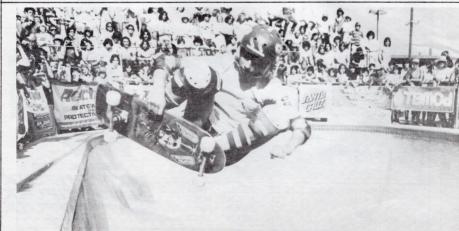


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Once again we want to let the pictures tell the stories of some of the best skating we've seen in competitions. ASPO at Skate City, ASPO at BIG O and the PRO/AM at BIG "O". 1.) Elguera channel crossing; 2.) Orton higher than a B-52; 3.) Gelfand air-crusin'; 4.) Unknown stylist; 5.) Geroge Cudworth, free flight; 6.) Vince Pool, ripper at age 11; 7.) Eddie Meek, tip toe-rock n' roll; 8.) The Polar Bear, Dennis Agnew, in suspended time-warp. We'd like to have twenty more pages to show you some of the outstanding skating now happening. Maybe next issue.















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# ASPO # 4 0 BIG "0" Feb. 2.1980

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3. Mark Rogowski(Esocondido)

5. Kevin Reed(Paramount)

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8. Tim Galvan(Pipeline)

9. Henry Liu(SkaterCross)

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(Clockwise) Lance Mountain, fakie ollie; Paul Votava "elguerio" on 8-wheels, both at Skate City; Steve Hirsch, lay-back air and Neil Blender, hand plant at Big "O" PRO/AM.





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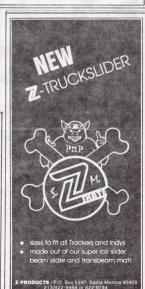
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