

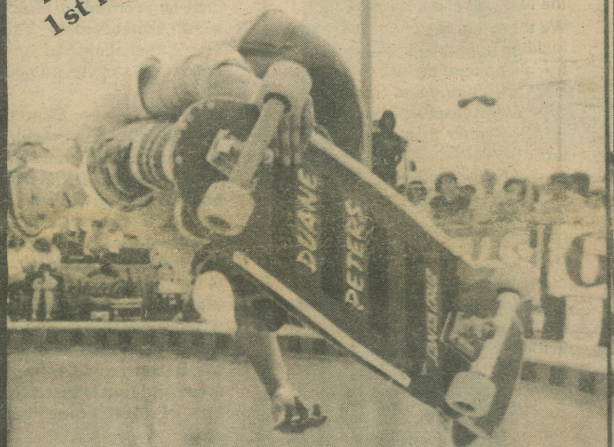
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1st Pro**



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and lots more...



**Lance Mountain
1st. Amateur**

WEEKLY GRINDERS

BY Anita Grynd

ASPO reports lots of calls of interest once the Amateur Circuit competition scheduled was printed in our last issue and the posters and forms were mailed out last week. Everyone seems specially excited with the two "non-park" events scheduled for this summer. The LA COSTA Downhill and Giant Slalom scheduled for July 11, is sure to bring back lots of memories of years ago when that was the hotbed of skating action. In fact we hear that several of the retired hill blazers may come out and run for the fun of it.

The other "non-park" event scheduled for August 29 is at SIX FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN Recreation park. The last time any type of skateboarding event was held there was the ISA's Hang Ten Slalom and Freestyle events of about four years ago. The people of MAGIC MOUNTAIN are specially excited, as they see this year's ASPO events bringing in lots of non-ride action to the park. This looks to be an annual affair if all goes well this time around.

In fact we've heard that many "old pros" and some of the current ones are asking if those two ASPO events could also be made into PRO/AM. It seems that after a few years of laying back from the sport, many pros would like to come out and have fun and compete for old times sake.

It is a definite possibility that a PRO/AM affair could be worked out in these two ASPO events. It seems that the size of the crowd that the events would draw at the two locations would be a great way to expose the "sport" to the general public. A meeting of the ASPO officials is scheduled for March 18, to tie up loose ends before the season starts and take up this matter. More later.

Not to continue to dwell too much in one subject, but we've also heard that there's a group of skaters from England and Canada that are coming out to the States this Spring and Summer and will be participating in some of the ASPO's. In fact the English group should be at the second ASPO of the season at

STATE CITY, April 25. There is a special discount for skaters "out of the country or State" who plan to be out in California and want to make one or two ASPO events. The membership fee will be reduced accordingly.

Chris Hosoi will be under the care and guidance and as a full team member of Tom Sims. The SIMS CORP. is shaping their Pro and Am teams for this year's schedule of competition thought the country. The plan is to keep Christian as an Amateur for the rest of this year and to compete in the ASPO's and other amateur events and possibly groom him for the Pro level of competition by next year. There is a board planned for him soon. In the event that happens, all moneys derived from the sale of the board will be put "in trust" until he turns pro. This way, he can maintain his amateur standing as a 3A skater.

CORRECTION DEPARTMENT.

We got these changes in dates after our last issue had gone into print, but the dates for the TEXAS SPRING SERIES OF SKATEBOARDING is as follows: March 14 at Galveston, (51st and Seawall Blvd.); March 28 at Austin, (at Auditorium Shores); and April 18 at Dallas (the Dallas Convention Center). Entry fee is \$10. and full safety gear is required. For more information, call ZORLAC Skates in Dallas, Texas.

The TOR HOLIDAYS CHALLENGE SERIES 1981 has been confirmed for this year. Sessan Line-Tor Holidays will sponsor the series for the second year. The top prize once again will be a weekend for two in Sweden, for both the Junior and Senior classes. So if you plan to be in England this Spring, here's the schedule:

The first part of eliminations (Bowl event only) will be at the Earth'n Ocean Skatepark at Barnstaple, North Devon on Sunday, April 26th. The second round (Pool only) will be at the Locomotion Skatepark in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire on Sunday, May 3rd. The final round (Halfpipe and Bowl) will be at the RomSkatepark at Hornchurch, near Romford, Essex on Sunday, May 24.

So, those of you who are world travelers and International ripers, who wish to make that scene can contact Guy Isitt, at Maidenhead Centre, Castle Hill Maidenhead, Berkshire, England.

Speaking of England, we've heard from the Losi clan at VARIFLEX, that they've received one of their biggest orders for skate equipment from England. A large percentage of their order is for skateboarding equipment, from decks to accessories. This signals what we have been saying all along, that Europe, specially England, Scotland, Belgium, Spain and others are ready to explode with the skateboarding mania. The underground currents and the letters we get from our subscribers there seem to point out a healthy resurgence of the sport. I think what killed it originally was the poor equipment that was being "dumped" on that market by people who thankfully are no longer in the business. Today, Europe is getting first class equipment like here in the States, which we all know makes the difference.

In fact the same applies to many of the Midwest and eastern States. We think that the energies that are building up throughout those areas for skateboarding will begin to show this Spring and Summer. It's back folks, skateboarding is back! And it's better than ever because those in it know what they're doing. And you read it here!

ACCIDENT REPORT: Jay Smith (POWELL/PERALTA), Bert LaMar (SIMS), John Harris (NHS/INDY) found themselves skidding on a rain-slick road inside a young lady's car recently. The result is that Jay is in the hospital with a broken shoulder and spleen; Bert suffered a broken nose and Harris had several cuts. Of the three pros, only Bert and Harris may be at the SKATE CITY PRO/AM. Send get well cards for the boys to their respective sponsors.

The SKATE CITY PRO/AM is the first Pro event scheduled for 1981. On tap are also the VARIFLEX COLTON PRO/AM and the VARIFLEX KONA PRO AM, the SKATERCROSS PRO/AM this summer and the SKATERCROSS Fourth Annual Marathon.

The GOLD CUP SERIES is still dormant, although there may be something on the wind soon. Most manufacturers that helped sponsor the Series last year felt that while it was great as a showcase for the sport, it did not generate enough skate business to invest heavily on it this year. But a move is underway to try to revitalize it, perhaps in a smaller scale(purse).

During the school period, and if you have a PIPELINE current

membership, you can skate at the famous Upland facility for FREE on Mondays through Thursdays! What? is that right? Don Hoffman wants everyone to know, that the park is open and ready to have people shred it. Now if you want to reciprocate (or do likewise) when you need to buy some skate equipment or accessory, why don't you check their pro shop first, I'm sure they'll appreciate it.

Two of the Southeast's fastest slalom racers, Keith Hollien and Tony Romano have found a great hill in Gainesville, Florida and would love to share it with a traveling racer passing through their city. You can probably get hold of them through the Sensation Basin Skatepark in Gainesville, Fla.

We heard that the Skateboarding Trade show at the Tupperware Auditorium near Orlando, Fla. drew large crowds to check out the latest skateboarding equipment. The entire affair was an up-beat outlook for skateboarding in 1981.

Rainbow Wave Skatepark in Tampa Bay, Fla. went on the auction block on March 14, 1981. We don't know who got hold of the park, but we hope that it is someone who cares about skateboarding and the skaters and is willing to promote the sport. The local energy is high if someone can get it together over there. Past management, we heard, looked at the whole matter as a bad investment and just wanted to get out of it. Nothing comes easy.

Tracker has sold their ramp to Vans. Vans has lots of demos for this year and they are in the process of refurbishing the ramp and getting it ready for the many demonstrations. We hope to get a schedule from Everett Rosecrans as to all the demo dates.

In fact if you have a shop that needs a bit of uplift, why not book a ramp demo or a freestyle demo to help bring in the crowds. You can contact some of the manufacturers and have their teams come to your spot.

Chris Homan has been elected the new President of the Sensation Basin Skate Club for 1981. The club is really active and they recently traveled to Peddie's Pool for a hot session.

MADRID SKATES is putting heavy bucks to develop a new line of pool,

(Contd.)

slalom, downhill boards. They are also negotiating with out-of-the-industry sponsors to help their team and also put on a couple of downhill and slalom races this year.

Anyone knowing the status of "Skateboard Madness" the skate film, please let us know.

There's a parent group being organized to help boost the ASPO Amateur season. Jack Ranstrom is trying to rally some of the parents whose kids participate in skateboarding, to support the entire amateur program. Anyone interested can contact ASPO.

Winner of the SKATE CITY PRO/AM is Duane Peters (NHS/INDY) in the pro division and Lance Mountain (VARIFLEX) in the Amateur division. First place pro earned \$600, while the First place amateur received a nice looking trophy.

Noticably absent from the contest were several pros from last year's Gold Cup Series. Dave Andrecht (SIMS) had a badly sore ankle, Brad Bowman (SIMS) who doesn't appear to be tuned in to much competition lately, Jay Smith (POWELL/PERALTA) (hurt in a car accident), Bert LaMar (SIMS) (also hurt in the same car accident with Jay), Mike McGill (Powell/Peralta) who fractured his left wrist while practicing at SKATE CITY, and Eddie Elguera (VARIFLEX) who didn't get back from Mexico in time to get enough practice.

Speaking of Eddie "El Gato" Elguera, we understand that he may go into semi-retirement from skateboarding this year. It seems that he's decided to work his "rancho grande" in Mexico and there's also the possibility that there may be wedding bells for him in the near future. Looks like the "Cat" is going to be tamed for a while, which should make some skaters in the circuit very happy this year.

As reported, Mike McGill, the Powell/Peralta pro, got hurt during the Saturday practice at Skate City. He injured his left wrist. It's not a bad injury, but it should keep him from skating for about two weeks. Stacy Peralta said that Mike wanted to compete at Skate City very badly, but he (Stacy) felt that it would be better if Mike's wrist had a chance to heal properly for the next Pro event.

In the meantime, McGill can sit back and count his royalties

from his new Powell/Peralta model which we understand is selling great not only in the East coast but it's doing quite well out here in the west coast.

We saw the new prototype model from Mike Folmer (SIMS) with excellent graphics on the underside. It should sell as good as his current "Hurricane" model.

Interesting equipment change for Duane Peters (NHS/INDY) He competed and won the Skate City Pro with the new VARIFLEX-X Series wheel. Talk was that the wheel is super

fast and extra light which some of the skaters really liked.

Another wheel that made its debut at Skate City was the SIMS two-tone (50/50?) wheel. The color is Black and Purple and it looks hot. Mike Folmer used it and he says: "the Wheel is great!"

SIMS has picked up another amateur skater to do battle for this coming ASPO season. Raul Escobedo, formerly with the SkaterCross Park Team is now a full sponsored SIMS and Tracker skater. He joins young Chris Hosoi, who was also

recently picked up by SIMS for this coming season of amateur competitions.

LATE NEWS: After many request from both manufacturers and pro skaters, the ASPO La Costa Downhill/Giant Slalom and the MAGIC MOUNTAIN Freestyle and Slalom events will also be PRO events. More details of this addition will be released by ASPO in our next issue but it looks like both events will be "The events" to be at for both Pro and Am. skaters. More later.

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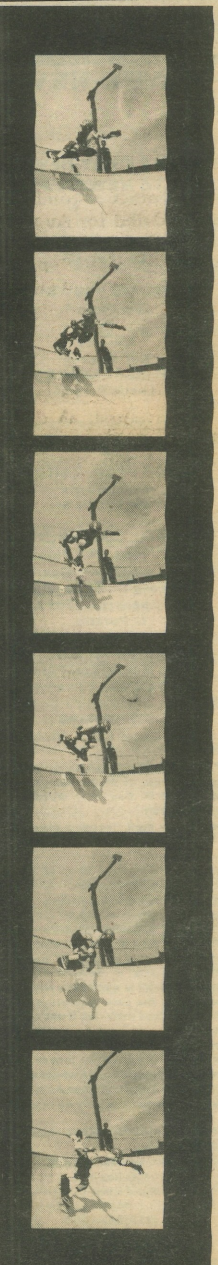
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VOICES

SAN JOSE IN APRIL

I'm coming over to America in the beginning of April. I am staying in San Jose. I would be obliged if you could send me a list of Amateur Bowl, Freestyle and Slalom competitions and also Pro Bowl competition in April.

I think your newspaper is great because you just cover skateboarding and not just in America but also in Europe.

I wish you could have a sequential of a new freestyle (trick) in each of your papers and a freestyle article. Freestyle over there is just beginning to start up again and that's what is needed over here.

Well, keep up the good work and I would be grateful if you could reply to this letter soon.

Shane Rose
12 Wallington Rd
Camberly, Surrey
England

I wish I could give you a list of contests in the Northern California area, but since there's only one park up there, Winchester, there's very little activity. We have lots of contests planned in the Southern California area, if you care to check our calendar section. We are publishing your complete address in case someone knows something we don't know up there and they can contact you directly. ED.

HOT MOLICA

Enclosed is a picture of Ken Molica, one of the latest additions to the SIMS Amateur Team. He's riding his Andrecht at Ohio's Apple Skatepark.

Kevin Tate, manager of Apple, sent us the pictures of the local skaters and wanted us to forward to you so everyone will know how "hot" the skate action is in the Midwest.

If you want to know more about Ken, call us at SIMS or Kevin at Apple Skatepark.

Barbara Luecke
SIMS USA, INC.
Santa Barbara, Ca.

We've been hearing good things about Kenny for quite some time now. In fact we first heard it from Ray Allen when he visited the Park. I'm glad that he's beginning to get some recognition. Who else is hot there? ED.

ANOTHER ONE BIT THE DUST

Thought I would drop a note and a few pictures for your newspaper.

Just recently our park in Pittsburgh closed down because of poor business and we've been trying to find a place to skate.

Me and one of my friends, Rob Dalby, have been going up to Apple Skatepark for the contests. We haven't seen much coverage on the series, but hope to when it's over.

Oh yeah, your newspaper is the hottest thing out.

Tom Bergenthal

Bethel Park, Pa.
Tom Bergendahl
Bethel Park, Pa.

Thanks for the pics and keep them coming. It's always sad to hear that yet another park closes.

Hopefully, people like yourself will help keep the sport alive in your area until better times. ED.

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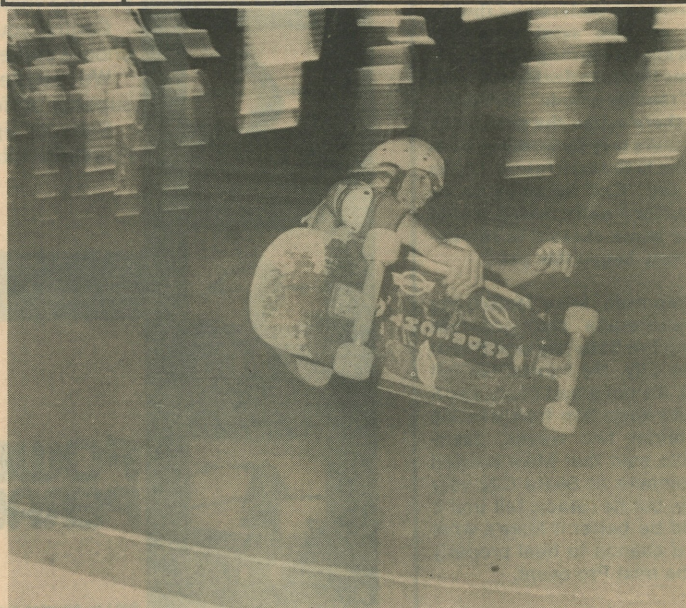
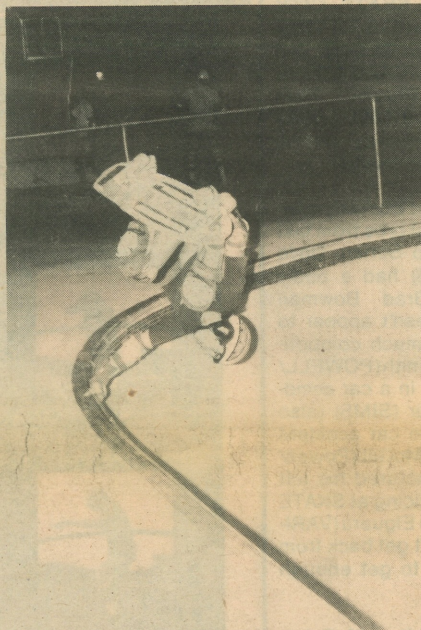
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YOU NEVER COVER IT

I'm writing you because I'm concerned about a skatepark that is on the verge of closing. It's called Surfin' Turf. I'm sure you have heard of it, but then again who knows, because you never do any articles about it.

According to many skate Pros that have visited our park, it is one of the best designed parks in the country.

We have had alot of Pros here last summer but nothing is ever said about them visiting Surfin' Turf, but everything is said about Apple.

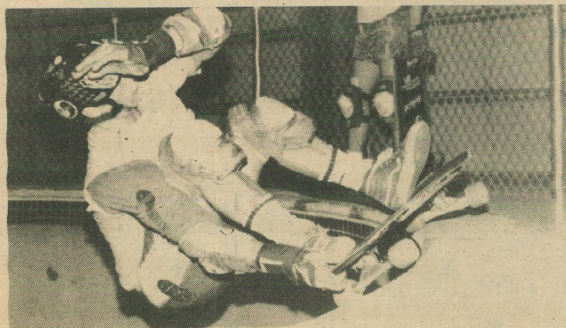
If we could get some kind of story done featuring our hot locals, maybe the park would be open past August 1981. And your paper would help because it is read by many people.

But if situations don't improve, it looks like the local skaters are going to have to go back to ramps, street skating or nothing at all.

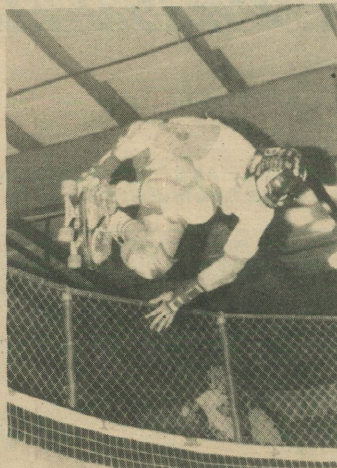
Enclosed are pictures of what's going on out here, please feel free to print them.

Brigitte Beaudoin
Milwaukee, Wisc.

Brigitte, you have just done exactly what it takes to get your



Steve "Oz" Ottoson (above and right) maybe camera shy, but not when it comes to aerials.



Derryl Chawnz on a frontside air.



THE IGLOO POOL

I'm vacationing in Canada, on a fishing trip, and I thought I drop you a line to let you know what's really happening in the Canada skating scene.

As everyone knows, Canada consists mainly of lumberjacks, polar bears, spruce trees and Eskimos dotting the land.

As of late, skaters here have been faced with hardships and I felt it my duty to report it to you.

The lack of skate facilities, parks, pools, land, etc has forced devotees of the sport into sniffing out alternative skate terrains.

The latest trend is tipping Igloos upside down, while the people who live in it are out and commence skate-ripping them keyhole style.

Local authorities are so frustrated, they are petitioning the Federal Government to include a skate anoyers "death penalty" in the constitution.

So if you're planning a skate excursion to the Artic Zone, it could turn into a skate "execution".

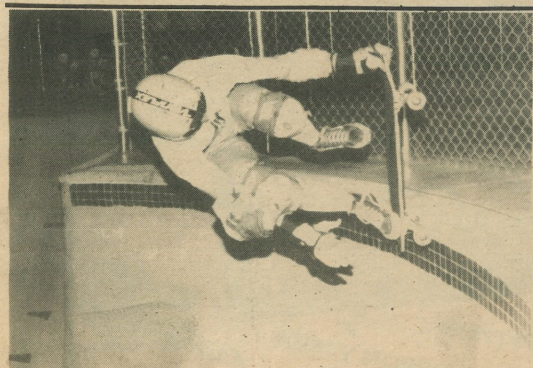
The situation looks gnarly. Anyway I can't wait to get back to the States where all the energy is.

Calvin Growning
Winnipeg, Manitoba
Canada

Aren't you the same guy that was selling old folks swamp land in Florida and billing it as the next Las Vegas? ED.



Marty Beaudoin displaying his unlimited talent in the Surfin' Turf indoor pool above and right. Bobby Reeves (below and right) likes the one-foot action and shows off by grinding the chain link fence.



THE GEORGETOWN YOUTH CENTER HALFPIPE CONTEST

By Leighton Lord

Georgetown, Delaware

LOTS OF SKATERS, LOTS OF SPECTATORS MAKE FOR AN EXCITING WEEK-END OF HALFPIPE COMPETITION AT THE GEORGETOWN YOUTH CENTER.

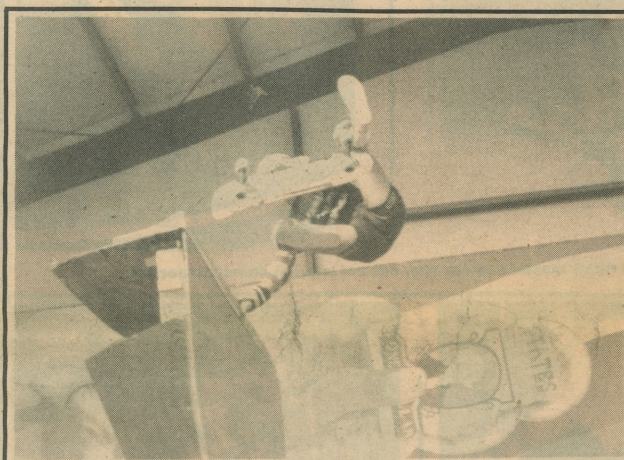
By the beginning of the contest on Saturday everyone had the Half-pipe well wired after a heavy practice session on Friday night and early Saturday morning.

Skaters from as far as Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland traveled to make this initial contest a great success.

The 13 and under class was run first, showcasing the talent of the future. Todd Schnieder took the class win with a great variety of moves which included some rad falsie footplants.

Eric Schnieder, Todd's bro., took first in the 14-15 class with the highest fakie ollies in the contest. There was also a heavy battle for second place in this class with Mark Germak edging out local John Clifton.

Jeff Jones of VARIFLEX totally blazed. He took first in the 16 and over and added lots of class to the event.



Jeff Jones (VARIFLEX) first place 16 & over on a Layback varial.

David Tobin (below left) took fourth in the 16 & over class, followed by Bobby Blair (below right) who captured the fifth spot. Photo. L. Lord.

John Aires, from Potomac, Md., finally took the second spot after having tied with Leighton Lord for the same spot three times! John won it on the final run-off by pulling a bio peddie's plant just as he completed his run. Ironically he had been "eating it" on that trick all day, but made it when it counted.

The contest ran very well and as a result there's another contest on the works for this Spring.

Special thanks goes to John Marvel and Ms. Marlow for running the event.

Judges: Josh Marlow, Mark (Over-time) Holderman, Mark Parks and all the skaters that participated made it an excellent contest.

LL

RESULTS

13 & UNDER:

1. Todd Schnieder
2. Eric Radcliff
3. Grant Radcliff

14-15 CLASS:

1. Eric Schnieder
2. Mark Germak
3. John Clifton
4. Shawn Mathers

16 & OVER:

1. Jeff Jones
2. John Aires
3. Leighton Lord
4. David Tobin
5. Bobby Blair
6. Tim Whistler
7. Pan Hayman
8. Pat Truitt
9. Jay Lowe
10. Jeff Horvath



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**VARIFLEX "X" WHEELS
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- First Am. Pool
- First Pro Pool
- First Pro Women
- First Carve
- First Doubles

THE CABALLERO/ WINCHESTER

SKATEBOARD SERIES

Photos By Steve Caballero
Story By Andy Bearison

Winchester, California.

THINGS WERE GETTING PRETTY DRY AT WINCHESTER SKATEPARK UNTIL STEVE CABALLERO CAME UP WITH THE IDEA OF HAVING A MINI-SERIES OF LOCAL AMATEUR SKATERS.

This, brought back the spark

badly needed in the Northern California skate scene.

The series was set up into three different contests; Clover Pool, Little Pool and Keyhole Pool.

There were three divisions: Beginner, Novice and Intermediate.

Each division competed in the Clover Bowl on December 12; the Little Pool on December 19;

and the Keyhole on December 26.

Winners of each division competed in the Series FINALS on January 10, 1981.

All finalists competed in all three events on the same day, which made for a full day of "full-on" skate activity. Those skaters that were itching for competition in Northern California finally got it!

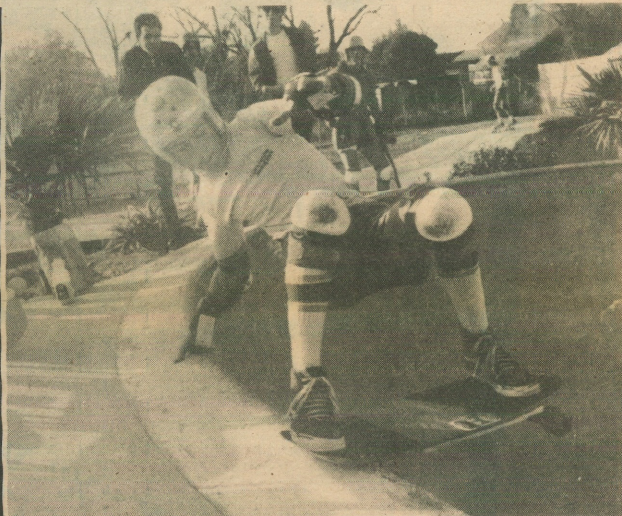
In the Beginner's division, Rick Perrosett blazed his way into first place with his hot fakie ollies in the Finals.

Following close in second place was Brad Armstrong and third place went to Larry Kreidler.

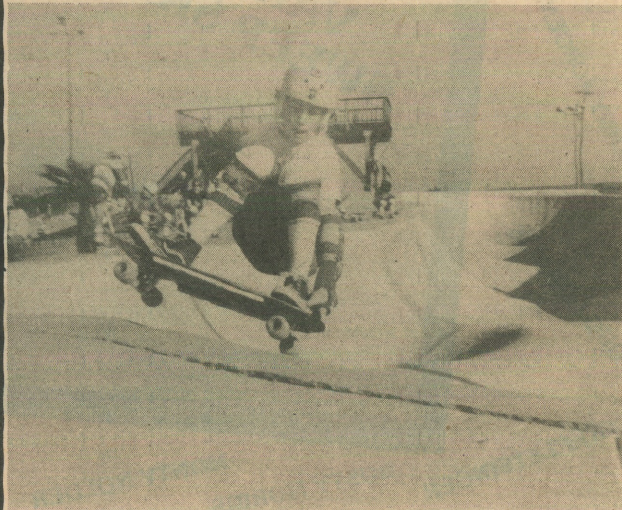
In the Novice class, Travis and Denise Emite shredded all day, but despite their efforts, Bill Green came up with the best scores to take the class win in the FINALS.



Harry Williams (keyhole) took first in the Intermediate class. Photo. Steve



Rick Perroset, (above & below) took first place in the Little Pool and second in the Clover Bowl to capture the Beginner overall top spot. Ph. S. Caballero.



The hot Intermediate class was next and we saw some unbelievable skating.

Harry Williams came up with the class win as a result of some bio-airs in his routines. Rick VeitenHeimer wound up in second and Norris Clawson took the third place spot.

Thanks should go to Steve Caballero for helping set up this series and keeping the skating energies way up here in Northern California.

Also a special thanks to POWELL/PERALTA for distributing some excellent prizes for the winners.

Andy Bearinson

RESULTS

NOVICE CLOVER BOWL:

1. Travis Emite
2. Bill Green
3. Denise Emite

NOVICE LITTLE POOL:

1. Bill Green
1. Denise Emite
3. Travis Emite

NOVICE KEYHOLE:

1. Bill Green
2. Denise Emite
3. Travis Emite

OVERALL NOVICE:

1. Bill Green
2. Denise Emite
3. Travis Emite

BEGINNER CLOVER POOL:

1. Brad Armstrong
2. Rick Perrosett
3. Rick Moody
4. Gavin O'Brien

BEGINNER LITTLE POOL:

1. Rick Perrosett
1. Brad Armstrong
3. Gavin O'Brien
4. Rick Moody

BEGINNER KEYHOLE:

1. Larry Kreidler
2. Rick Moody
3. Rick Perrosett
4. Adam Segal

OVERALL BEGINNER:

1. Rick Perrosett
2. Brad Armstrong
3. Larry Kreidler
4. Rick Moody

INTERMEDIATE CLOVER BOWL:

1. Norris Clawson
2. Harry Williams
3. Rich VeitenHeimer
4. Gary Holl

INTERMEDIATE LITTLE POOL:

1. Harry Williams
2. Rich VeitenHeimer
3. Norris Clawson
4. Mark Trefz

INTERMEDIATE KEYHOLE:

1. Rich VeitenHeimer
2. Harry Williams
3. Mark Trefz
4. Norris Clawson

OVERALL INTERMEDIATE:

1. Harry Williams
2. Rich VeitenHeimer
3. Norris Clawson
4. Mark Trefz



Travis Emite on an "elevator drop" took third overall and third in the Little Pool.

Photo Steve Caballero
Norris Clawson, third overall and third in the Little Pool in the Intermediate class. Here on a fakie ollie at Winchester.



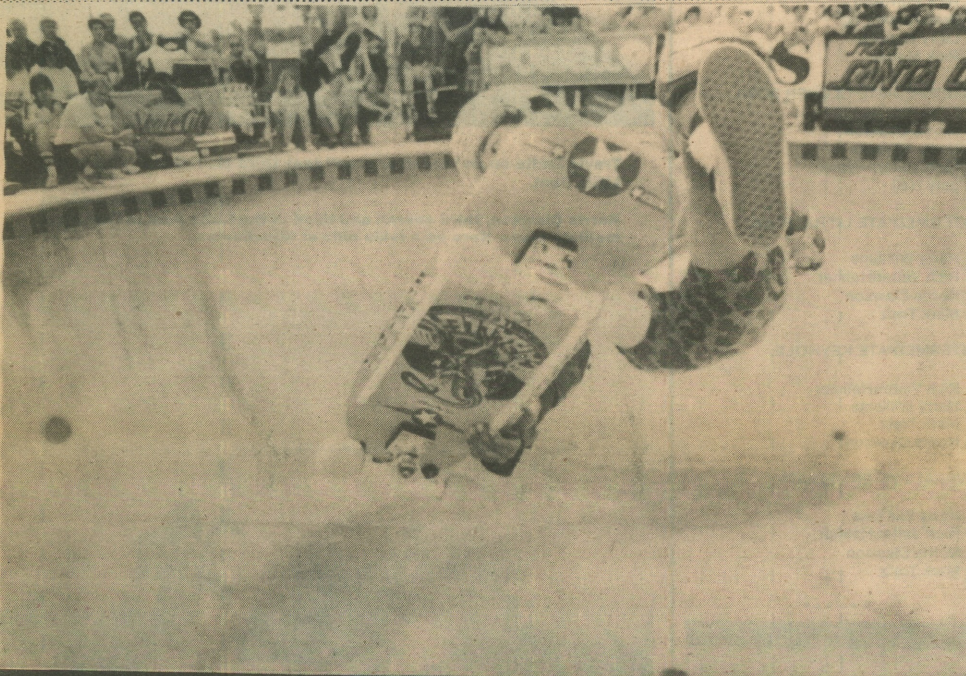
Brad Armstrong, first overall Beginner in the Clover Bowl. P. Caballero

MASTER OF DISASTER DESTROYS SKATE CITY PRO

runs, Peters managed to edge out Caballero by just one point and picked up the \$600 check for first place.

Second place took \$400. and Neil Blender, who finished third took home \$300. This was the first pro contest for Neil, and he managed to walk away with a little change in his pocket.

Fourth place and \$200. went to Steve Hirsch (VARIFLEX). Ironically, Steve had been left out of the final four cut, and in his place it was Billy Ruff. Later



Steve Caballero, one-foot action and making it.

A TOTAL OF SIXTEEN PROS AND TWENTY FIVE AMATEURS MADE UP THE FIELD FOR THE FIRST PRO/AM OF THE SEASON. IT WAS A SHORT ENTRY FOR THE FIRST EVENT BUT NO LESS EXCITING THAN WHERE THE GOLD CUP SERIES LEFT OFF.

Story by L.P.
Photos by Rusty Harris

Whittier, California
March 14-15, 1981.

Although the crowd at Skate City might have seemed a bit subdued, as far as the skating, as it has been said before, it keeps getting better and better and today was no exception.

The aerals keep getting higher and higher. The inverts keep getting more extended and the

"power" skaters keep holding those extentions to the edges of destruction.

There were several rookies making their debut who made excellent showings. Notably, Neil Blender (G & S) who took Third overall; Billy Ruff (G & S) who placed in Fifth overall; there was also David Z (POWELL/PERALTA) and Jim Gray (G & S).

But the man of the hour was Duane Peters, who once again showed his excellent timing for saving the best for last.

But it didn't come easy for him. In fact at the end of the eight-man cut to the final four, Both Duane Peters and Steve Caballero were tied with identical scores.

And when it came to the final

it was noticed by several people that the scores for Hirsch did not match those of the "official scorer". This was brought to the attention of the contest director who then decided to have a run-off between Ruff and Hirsch.

This added action gave the crowd the boost that it needed to come alive.

In fact, both skaters were given only one run in which to get their best scores.

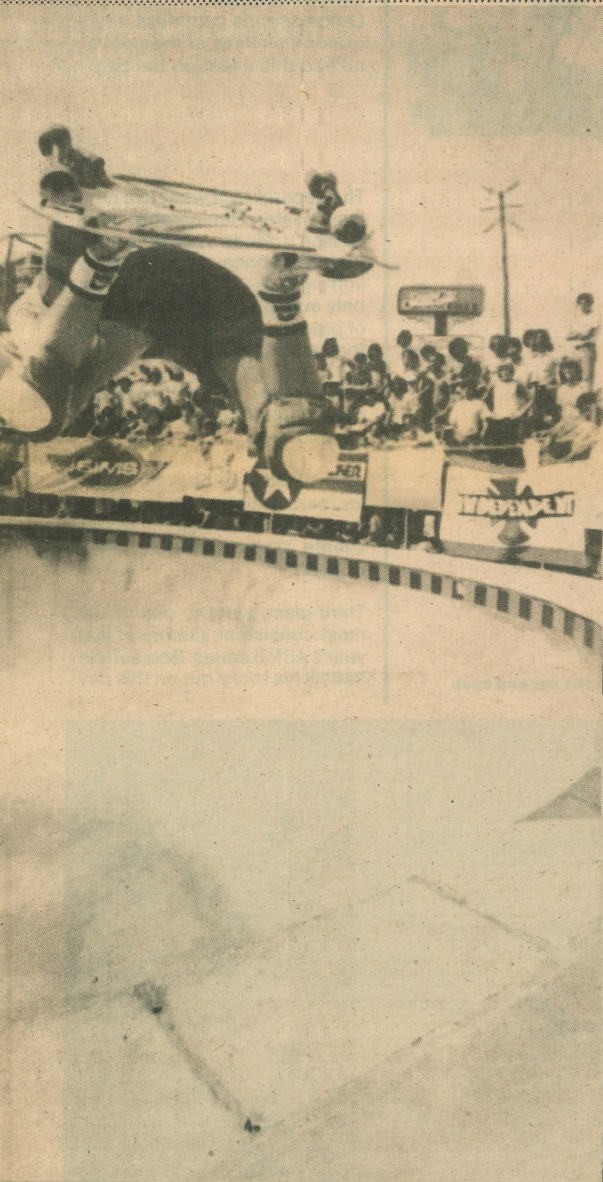
Billy Ruff was first to go and

through a fall half way into his routine, he left the door wide open for Steve to make the final cut.

But this was not the time for Steve, as he too fell on an easy rock n' roll. The judges awarded both skaters identical scores and a second run-off had to be run.

This time Hirsch pulled it off and made the final four cut.

So, going into the final it was Hirsch, Blender, Peters and



Neil Blender and his bio airs. Incredible!



Steve Hirsch capturing a strong fourth.

Caballero.

Each skater had three runs. Two of the three would be used as their official scores.

Hirsch scored runs of 253, 251 and 258, with excellent lay-backs airs, inverts and aeri-

Then it was Neil Blender who seemed to be the odds-on-favorite to take it all. He had the pool wired and perhaps pulled the highest airs of anyone there and we think could have won it had it not been for the fact that Neil seems to finish most of his routines about five to ten seconds short of his allotted 45 sec. runs. Perhaps the judges might have taken off some points for this, as they did in the Gold Cup Series.

Neil scored runs of 259, 257, 259.

Duane Peters was next and his all-out style of skating seemed to please the five judges as they gave Duane scores of 261, 256, 260.

Steve Caballero was the fourth skater to go and his near perfect routine had the crowd with him. The judges gave him scores of 262, 256, 260, and fell one point short of the top spot.

The pro event once again showed that there's no limit to the imagination of a skater. In fact you can look forward to a year of outrageous tricks, namely; 360 Caballerios, reverse handplants, fakie ollie hand plants, and the gay twist.

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The DOUBLES event was next and unfortunately there were only two team entries.

Steve Hirsch and Eric Grisham, both VARIFLEX team mates, and Mike Folmer (SIMS) and Duane Peters (NHS/INDY).

Since Steve and Eric have been skating doubles together for quite a while, it seems impossible that any other team, which was quickly put together, could beat them.

Today was no exception. Hirsch and Grisham wone with some precision-timed skating. Their routines included tight criss-crossing in the pool, aerials over board, footplants and rock n' rolls on board, plus cross over aerials. They won \$30 each for their efforts.

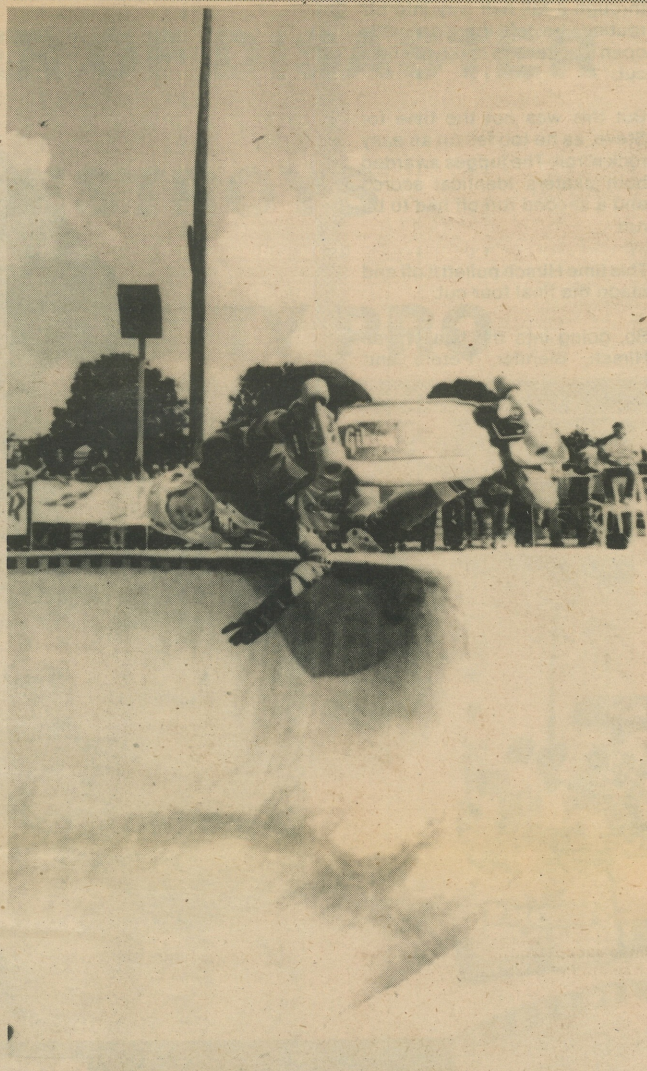
Earlier on Sunday, the Women's class and the Roller skating events were held.

As we have said before in this paper, Carabeth Burnside is the up-and-coming female skater to watch.

Today, she edged out perennial winner and top Pro female, Pattie Hoffman. Carabeth had the pool wired and her score of 253 was sufficient to beat Pattie's 248.

In third place it was Dennise Danielson.

Since Carabeth remains an amateur skater, the top prize money of \$100 went to Pattie Hoffman (first pro) and \$50 went to Ms. Danielson.



John "Tex" Gibson (CASTER) shows why he won the second spot.

The "mad-men" of the sport were next. The Rollerskaters have a knack for bringing the crowd to their feet.

Emerging the winner of this event was Duke Rennie, followed by amateur Paul Votava. In third spot it was the strong and wild man of this division, Dale Calvert, one of the most outrageous skaters around.

The AMATEUR Finals were held on Saturday, March 14.

Winner of the event was local and VARIFLEX team skater, Lance Mountain. Lance spends countless hours working all lines of the pool so he had this event on the bag.

The second spot went to a non-local skater. Remarkably, John Gibson spends very little time practicing because he has to fly in from Texas. So as always he only manages two to three days of practice at any event, during the school year.

On this day, he beat out some classy amateurs by taking the second spot.

John plans to be back by Easter for the Colton Pro/Am and then again for the summer ASPO events. Watch out! He's tough to beat.

Third place went to one of the most consistant skaters of last year's ASPO series. Bob Serafin had all his tricks but on this day



Duke Rennie won the rollerskating part of the program.



Paul Votava worked and practiced hard for his second spot.



Ms. Carabeth Burnside, a lady at all times except when you get her in the pool, then, she's a terror. She won overall at Skate City Pro/Am.

only managed to score a combined total of 507, to Gibson's 508 for third.

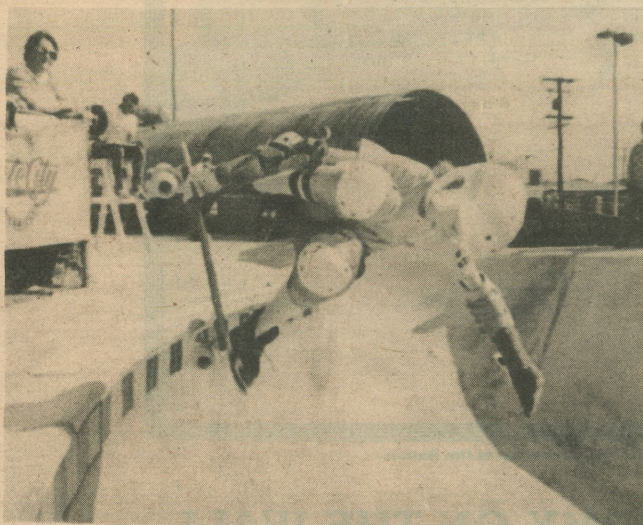
Fourth spot went to up-and-coming charger from San Diego Tony Hawk.

So, the first Pro/Am of the season is over. The guys to beat is more clearly defined.

Will Duane Peters become the force to beat, now that Elguera has gone into semi-retirement? Will Steve Caballero refine his timing and talent to take over as the best skater in the country? How about rookie Neil Blender, who at almost all contests he enters seems to have the capability to win it all. Or Mike Smith, who has now found a home with MADRID Skates and full support in his efforts? Then you've got to consider Steve Hirsch, Eric Grisham, Bert LaMar, Brad Bowman and some of the other pros who at any time, any place can walk out with the victory.



Bob Serafin tuning third among Am



Watch out for Tony Hawk. He can be the dark horse this year in the Amateur 3A class. He took fourth overall.

It's going to be an interesting year, one that will certainly show us some of the most radical skating ever. We'll be there to

cover it for you, with all the non-stop action that it brings.

Pros:

1. Duane Peters (NHS/INDY)
2. Steve Caballero (Powell-Peralta)
3. Neil Blender (G & S)
4. Steve Hirsch (VARIFLEX)
5. Billy Ruff (G & S)
6. Mike Folmer (SIMS)
7. Alan Loei (VARIFLEX)
8. Eric Grisham (VARIFLEX)

Amateurs:

1. Lance Mountain
2. John Gibson
3. Bob Serafin
4. Tony hawk
4. Tony Hawk
5. Mark Rogowski
5. Lester Kasai
7. Nik Rosendahl
8. Rick Tracy
9. Roland Cobalis
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21. Rennie
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BMX TO COLTON

SkatePark hosts two-wheel event

Photos & Story By
Rusty Harris

Now before you guys out there think we're bailing out of the skateboard scene, by covering the BMX Colton Contest, don't jump to any conclusions. BMX'ers, many of those who competed at COLTON are also skaters. The activity is inside a Skatepark, and most importantly, it helps the skatepark financially to keep the runs, pools and vert action open for all you skaters.



Eddie Fiola doing a one-foot, fence tap at the Ranch.

MOO'S BMX ON THE WALL

THE FIRST EVER BMX EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE COLTON SKATEPARK TOOK PLACE THIS PAST WEEKEND, AFTER A WEEK DELAY DUE TO HEAVY RAINS.

The event originally scheduled for Saturday, February 28, drew a modest entry of local BMX'ers

The week prior to the event kept the skatepark active, with a number of daredevils working the bowls and banks and finding the lines, much like skaters like to do.

There were four events on tap. Banked Slalom, Time Trials, Half Pipe and Pool.

Judging for the freestyle phase of the competition was done by Don Hoffman, D. David Morin, Mike Ziegfried and Bob Haro of BMX fame.

Except for a few minor delays, the event went on as scheduled.

Competitors ranged in age from the "rad" 12 year old, Mike Hinshaw, to the older 17 & 18 year old experts such as Jeff Watson, Eddie Fiola, Ron Clement and Bob Morales.

All classes saw heavy competition among them.

The "trick" of the day award for the most insane trick went to Eddie Fiola, who rode out of the GOLD CUP Pool and flew over the four-foot fence, landing in the well groomed landscape of the Ranch.

Bob Morales had an aerial duel that would blow alot of skaters minds.

Over-the-fence high airs was the order of the day for these three power houses.

This looks to be the first of many more contests scheduled at the Colton Ranch.

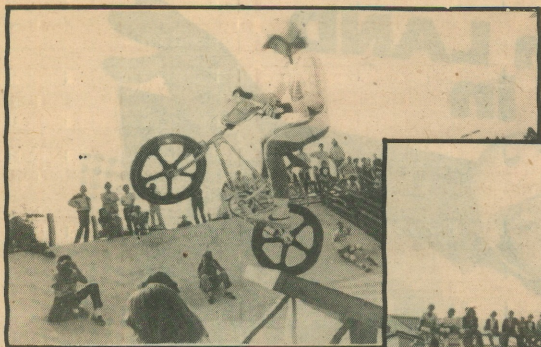
We found out that both skaters and BMX'ers can co-exist in the same terrains. In fact as previously mentioned, many participate in both sports.

Congratulations are in order to the Colton Ranch and to Matt Rawdon of MOO's Motocross Bicycles for promoting the event and keeping the skatepark in constant activity that is fun and safe.

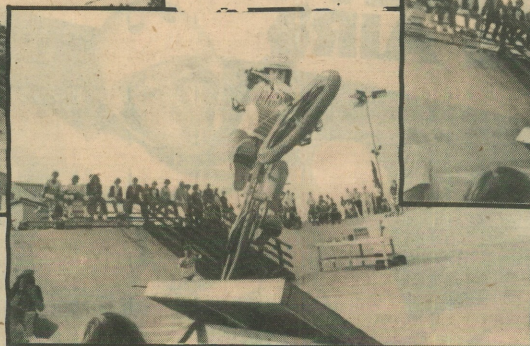
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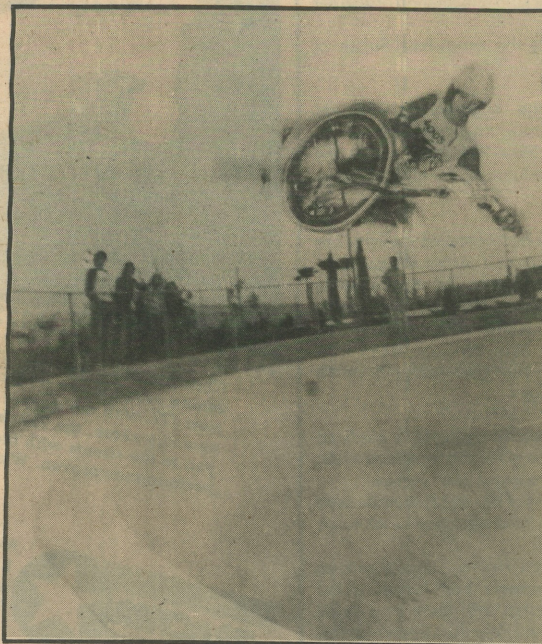
Bob Haro using the skate ramp to do some magic on the two-wheel machine. Check out the next three sequences.



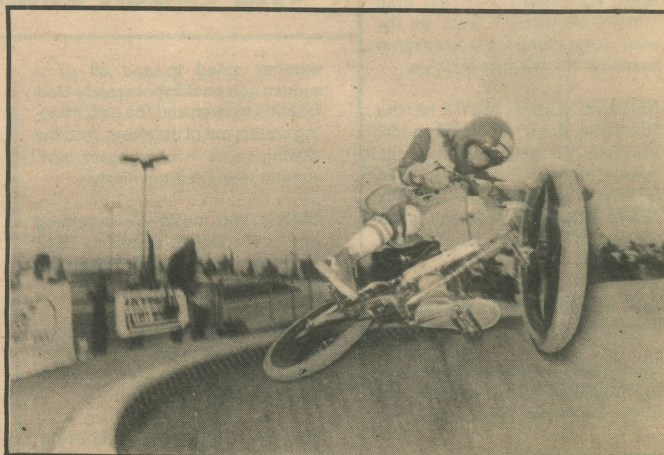
Photos. By Rusty Harris.



TINKER JUAREZ, one of the top BMX'ers in the Southland showed up to the Colton Ranch and took the first place Expert in the Slalom run with an 18.18 sec. run in the 14 & over class.



Ron Clements lays out on a table top maneuver at the Colton Pro Pool to take first place Expert, followed by Jeff Watson (below) who place second in the 14 & over class.



NEWS FROM THE GULF

BY MIKE APPERSON

With the Gulf experiencing a skate slump due to the cold weather, most skaters have temporarily hung up their sticks in anticipation of warmer days. But not the green-hair Sultan of Speed.

With the approaching date of Apperson's downhill Guinness attempt, Mike has come across the ultimate lubricant for his skate bearings.

Certain hydrogenized cooking oils (that have that certain Wessonality) are proving to be the ultimate solution for not "frying" those costly super speed bearings. The oil doesn't heat up until about 475 degrees and helps make the wheels spin longer.

To further his testing M.A. has lined himself a job at the local food store; in the "cooking oils" section. The King of Crisco can now be seen dipping bearings every lunch hour.

Wonder if Wesson Oils will pick up the "excitable boy" under a full sponsorship. Will there be a battle among the Poly-unsaturates for this boy's talents? More later.

Mike "Hurricane" Folmer, after finishing his Eastern tour with Brad "Vitalis" Bowman, is back on the road doing demos and keeping in shape for the Whittier Pro/Am.

NEWAVE SURF & SKATE has the "Excitable Boy's" downhill model available. To help introduce the board, the first 75 people to write NEWAVE and send the SKATN NEWS letterhead from any issue, will get an "Excitable Boy" T-shirt for FREE!

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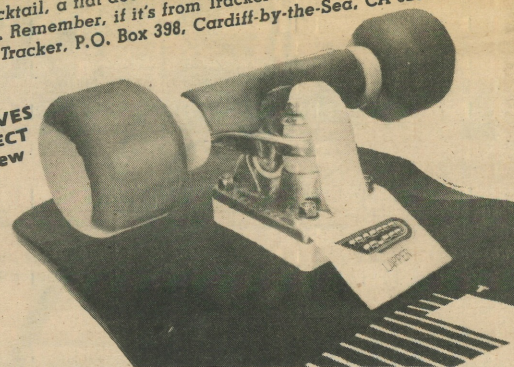


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Skaters and music are becoming one in the GULF, thanks to Dave McGiven (The Trouble Makers) of Pensacola.

His club "Speak Easy", has been attracting the cream of the crop (crop-top?) of the Newave-Punk skating scene.

Standouts include GULLSMAN, Steve Byars, Jim Benfield, Tim

Snowden and M.A.

Beautiful Sheryl Leaf of Winchester (San Jose), California is now full-on for NEWAVE SURF & SKATE. The "Folmer" protege is now riding her lime-green, fluorescent dotted stick, in the bowls and hills of Northern California. How did a Northern Cal. lass get hooked up with a GULF oriented skatedealership?

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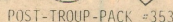
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SLALOM:Park Team:3A:Roller 1A:2A:2A:1A

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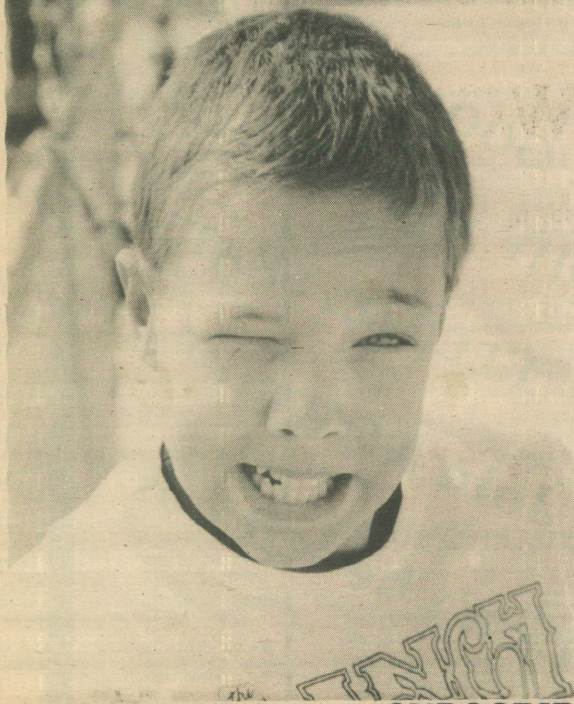
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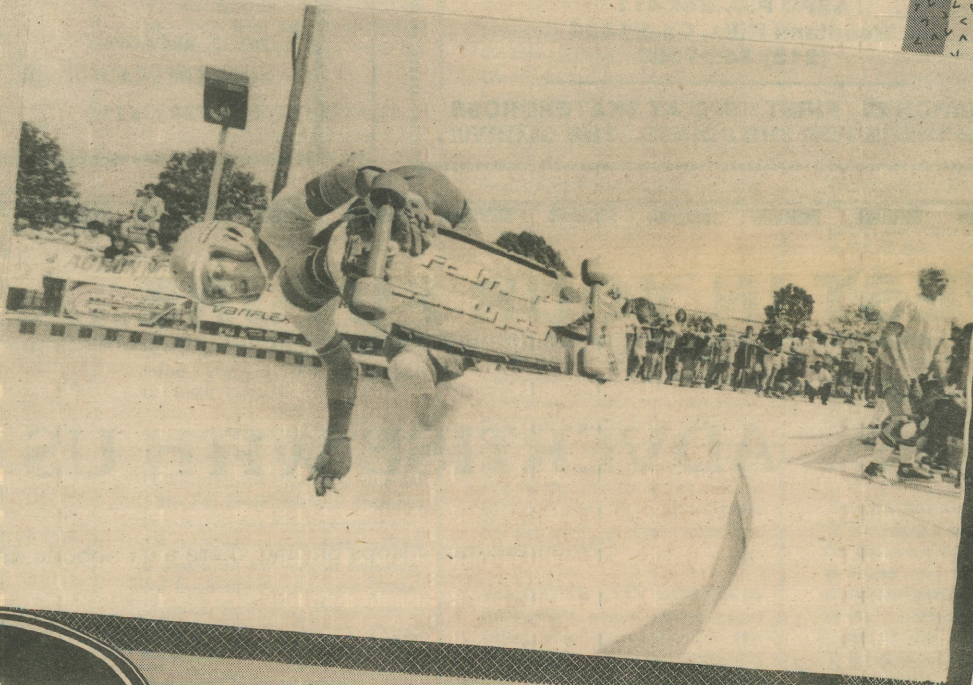
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