

FUCK THE BLAIRIAUX!



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**Neil
Blender**

C'EST DU PLAGIAT ET J'AIME PAS TROP LES FILS DE P...
DANS TON GENRE!
VI C'EST DU PLAGIAT MAIS COMME ON DIT PAR CHEZ NOUS,
C'EST DANS LES VIEUX RÔTS QU'ONT FAIT LES MEILLEURS FTBX.
N'LOCCURENCE, CE MOIS-CI C'EST PAS DES RÔTS QU'IL
EST QUESTION MAIS DES POOLS!
ON NE PARLERA PAS DE BRANDON BIEBEL MAIS DES
GUEUX THRASHER BAD MOTHER FUCKER.
H! ON ME DIT DANS MON OREILLETTE QU'ON A CHANGÉ D'
ANNÉE, ALORS BONNE ANNÉE A TOUS!!!
SKATEX DESTROY!!



Mike McGill



**Lance
Mountain**

Da News



NEIL HEDDINGS S'EXPLIQUE
CONCERNANT SON INCARCERATION
POUR NOS AMIS FRANCO PHONE
DEMERDEZ VOUS POUR LA TRADUCTION

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VA COMPRENDRE CHARLES
AUJOURD'HUI FTBX ON
JOUÉ COMME ON OÙME.
SPECIAL POOL MON CUL!
A COVER: DAN DREHOBEL WALL RIDE JAMA

HARD TIME

What's up? This is Neil Heddings and I just wanted to write in to let you all know at Thrasher that I'm doing OK. Sorry it's taken so long to write, but I just got your address from Jason Jesse's tudeout (the boys at Automodown) today. As a lot of you already know I'm in jail in Riverside County, along with my

been skateboarding that's kept me sane, helped me through the bad times. After my son died I lost my mind for a while. Pinky was worried, but she pushed me to go skating, to keep on going, not to give up on life. And skating is what I did. Skating, I guess, brought me back to life, gave me focus, it helped me accept my son's death. I used to take him skating

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lovely lady who is housed three floors away from me. We've been accused—falsely—of murdering my own son. An accusation that is as insulting as it is wrong, stupid, idiotic, depressing, etc. I'll just take this opportunity to once again state our innocence: FREE NEIL AND PINKY! We're looking at two life sentences—straight up, no deals—so we're going to trial with it. We'll see what happens. I myself am at peace with our innocence, so I feel we are going to make it through this OK. It's just going to take some time. I'm predicting a couple of years, which if you compare it to the life they are trying to sentence me to, a couple years is not anything. My girl and I have \$500-thousand bails, so look, if any of you rich guys out there have an extra million lying around send it on over. Other than that, it is just another day in jail. I've been in here for four months now. I miss my skateboard—I ain't going to lie. I'm 29-year-old, but I might as well be nine when it comes to that. But most of all I miss my kids—Marty (RIP), Butwesser, Joey and Taylor, and of course my poor girl Pinky

almost everyday and I don't think it's something he would want me to stop doing. With the help of a good woman and my skateboard I pulled through. Then this. They arrested us four months later. I think the powers that be, whoever they are, that I got to experience the world as much as I did, that I got to share it with my family and friends, and I thank them for the last 20 years I spent on my board. It ain't over, though.

Anyways, I have got a few requests. Jake, may I please have a subscription for me and my lady? Please! And Julien, please write me, asshole! For everyone else in the world, letters mean a whole lot to us. They give us strength and show us much love, so please feel free to write. We'll write you back. Whatever it is you are doing right now, stop it. Go skate a curb or ollie a bump, or do anything. I'd really appreciate it.

Live to skate
Skate or die

Neil Heddings, 200308867
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PO Box 710, Riverside, CA 92502



Des rencontres EXPLOSIVES !



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TNT
Competition Skaters

Par tél : 0.892.69.30.12



ET OUI, TONY "TNT" TRUJILLO EST SKATER OF THE YEAR!!!

ON RECULE DEVANT RIEN A FTBX :
? BONNE BLAGUE DE MERDE, BEN QUOI
C'EST UNE FANZINE GRATOS.

Quel est le comble du peintre?

Où trouve-t-on des chats drôles?

Dans les Arènes, car ils ont des chats privés (chappes).



SHREDDING

FOR HEDDINGS

POOL SCENE, BEERS, MUSIC, BBQ, AND CHICKS...THE COPS EVEN SHOWED UP BUT LEFT ABOUT FIVE MINUTES LATER. WHEN DOES THAT EVER HAPPEN?

ON SATURDAY APRIL 12TH, a Skate Jam was held at the infamous Pala Pool to raise money in support of ousting Neil Heddings and fiancée Christine from the Murietta Detention Center, held there due to bogus charges brought against them (I'm sure everyone has heard by now). A number of people showed up and the skating was on from the get go. You know when Navarrette takes the 151 hearse to an event it's on. It was one of the better party sessions I've seen in awhile, not like the jock snake sessions that usually happen. Everyone was there for one reason, Neil, and everyone had a killer time. I forgot it was a contest, given the backyard atmosphere—pool scene, beers, music, BBQ, and chicks—it seemed like a crowded, blown-out pool session. The cops even showed up, but left about five minutes later. When does that ever happen?

The session never stopped. Benji Galloway, The Greek, Matt Moffett, Al Partanen, Hitz, Aaron Scott, Navarrette, Za Roche, the O-Side pool crew, Alex Horn and too many others were all killing it. There were just too many names to mention and too many tricks to keep

track of. I didn't even pay attention to who won the Jam (Benji Galloway won; T-ed). Those who showed up and bought raffle tickets in support of Neil is what the day was all about. This ain't the X-Gaymes.

Shenanigans went on 'til after dark with the help of the generator, and by the time everyone cut out the place was cleaned up. The only thing remaining was tattered pool coping and a memorable day. It would have been nice to see Neil there blasting frontside airs out of the shallow end, bigger than most out of the deep end. Hopefully he will be real soon!

Thanks to all the sponsors for making the raffle happen: Black Label, Roll Model, Pig Wheels, Scum skateboards, Deathbox, Tum Yeto, Randoms hardware, Toy Machine, 1984 clothing, and Brendan Klein's prints of Neil Heddings. Donations can be sent to Neil Heddings Family Fund, c/o 1984, 1954 Placentia Ave #108, Costa Mesa CA 92627. Checks can be made out to Neil Heddings. Letters to support Neil: Neil Heddings

#200308867, Southwest Detention Center, 30775-B Auld Rd., Murietta, CA 92563—*Rhino*





Thread the needle



Family fun



TYPES OF COPING



Improvise



LES PISCINES
LOANA VOUS
PRÉSENTE CES
POOLS!



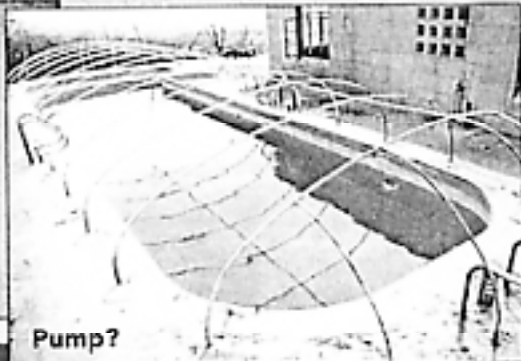
Over, not through



Gnar-gnar



What's My Line?



Pump?



Standard



SPECIAL THANKS TO WORM 'ZINE OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND GREG'S POOL PERFECTION OF REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA.



Tile coping



Spit gutter



No coping



Rock



SECRET STROKE

There once was a pool so large and smooth that nobody would breathe a word of its existence. This elegant roman-end beauty was twelve feet deep, three bus lengths long, had four love seats and some of the ugliest pool deck coping that ever grabbed a pair of trucks and threw its rider for a loop. Those who rode kept their visitations a staunchly guarded secret. But when a pool is this fine like wine, the word seeps out. Not long after everyone heard the news, the cops started cracking down and the neighbors would call them back at the sight of a skater's car.

After a while, a few lone braves would arise before sunrise to session its fine lines while visions of sugar plums danced through the neighbors' heads. As an added precaution, one of the crew was posted down the street with a walkie-talkie to herald the arrival of approaching law enforcement vehicles.

Entering the premises with the crow of the rooster, the fugitives made the most of the cool morning air. But alas, a nearby homemaker cut them off at the pass and pointed out the posted "No Trespassing" sign. With heads hung low, six skaters departed to rendezvous down the street and make new plans.

A new pool was in order.

A few miles away lay another abandoned house and another empty pool. Well, it was almost empty, a pile of boulders littered the bottom.

"Bummer," said one.

"Yep."

Half the group headed home and the others hung. One of the remainders pulled out a booklet marked "Top Secret." It contained a list of houses with pools, their addresses, descriptions and ratings.

All smiled. Yes, they would find and grind.

-Brian Brannon



This actual surveillance photo (top) was taken from a hot air balloon. Bail brigade (above), the more the merrier. Just don't pour the scum water in the death box.



Cortina

Landscape
Kidney

Madrid

Monaco

Athenian

Modified
Pear

Genoa

Envie de cinéma

COMING SOON
TO A THEATRE OR DRIVE-IN NEAR YOU!
A NON-STOP HIGH ENERGY FREEDOM TRIP

with super stars
who flirt
with disaster!



INSANE!
OUTRAGEOUS!
MOTIVATED!
MADNESS!
UNREAL!

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Directed by Paul Rapp

POUR DONNER ENVIE:

- FREE WHEELIN' (1976)
AVEC STACY PERALTA
QUI FAIT DES DOWNHILL

- SPINNIN WHEELS (1975)

1 FILM DE POOL AVEC UNE
INTRIGUE A LA HITCHCOCK

- HARD WAVES / SOFT WHEELS
(1977). 2 BANDES RIVALES
S'AFFRONTENT DANS DUEL
SURF - SKATE!

- THRASHIN' (1986)

"ROMEO & JULIET" VERSION
SKATE

- GOFORIT*

- SKATE BOARD MADNESS*

- GLEAMING THE COBE (1983)

UN FILM AVEC UN BEAU
CASTING: TONY HAWK
GATOR, MIKE Mc GILL, RONNIE
MOLLEN.

UNE HISTOIRE PREMEDITEE
CAR IL S'AGIT D'UNE
HISTOIRE DE MEURTRE

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- BACK TO THE FUTURE (1985)

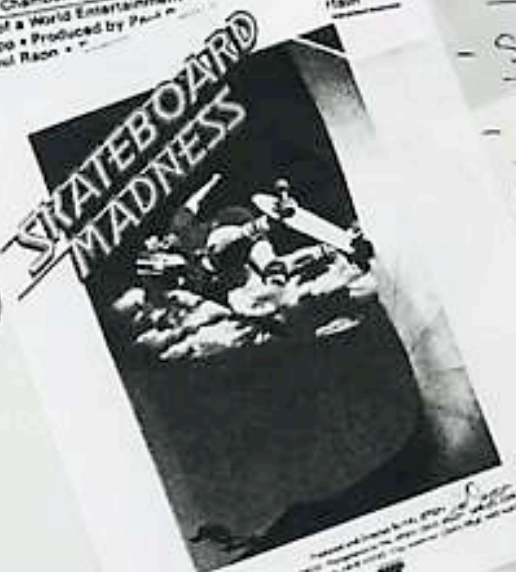
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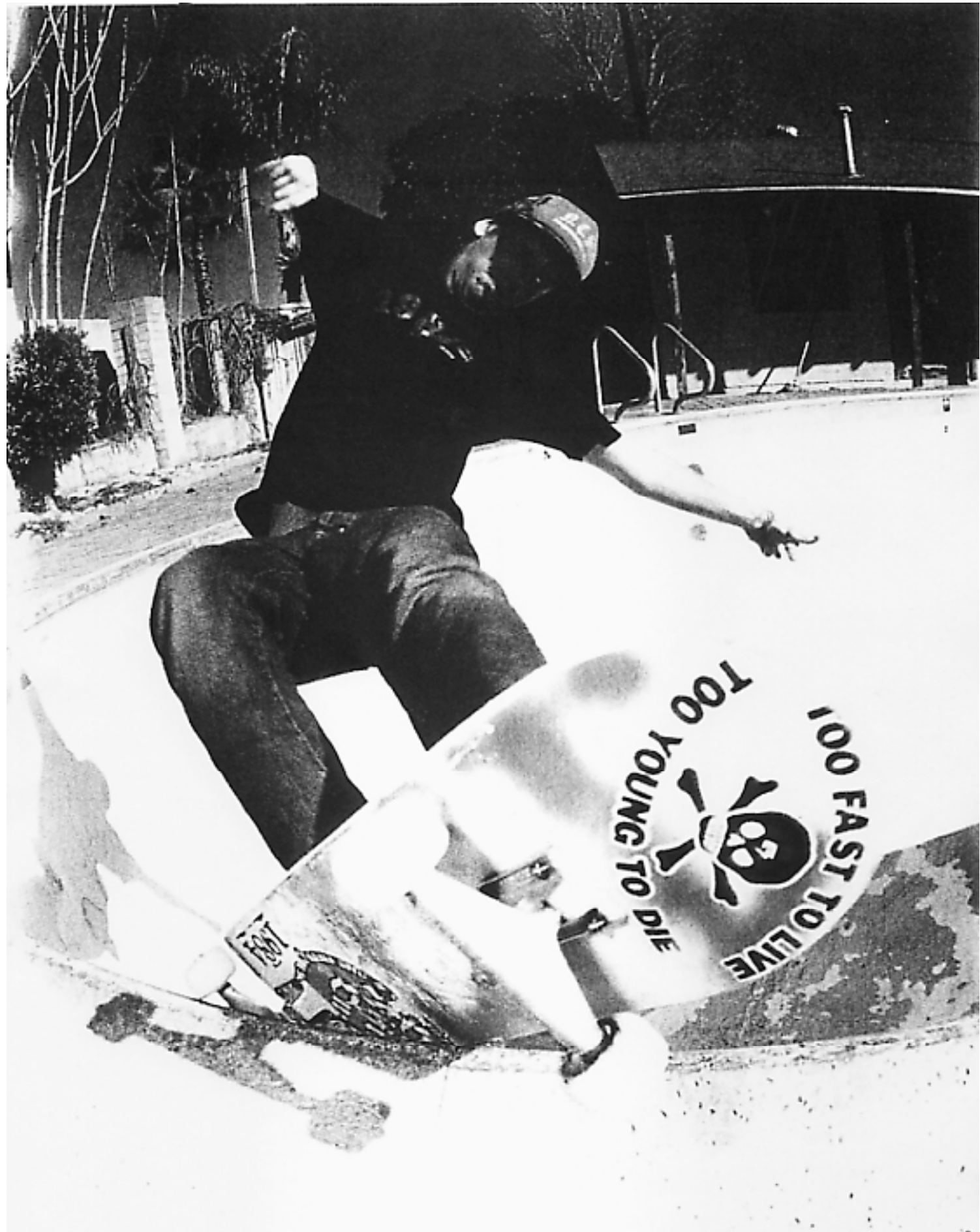
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- HOOK

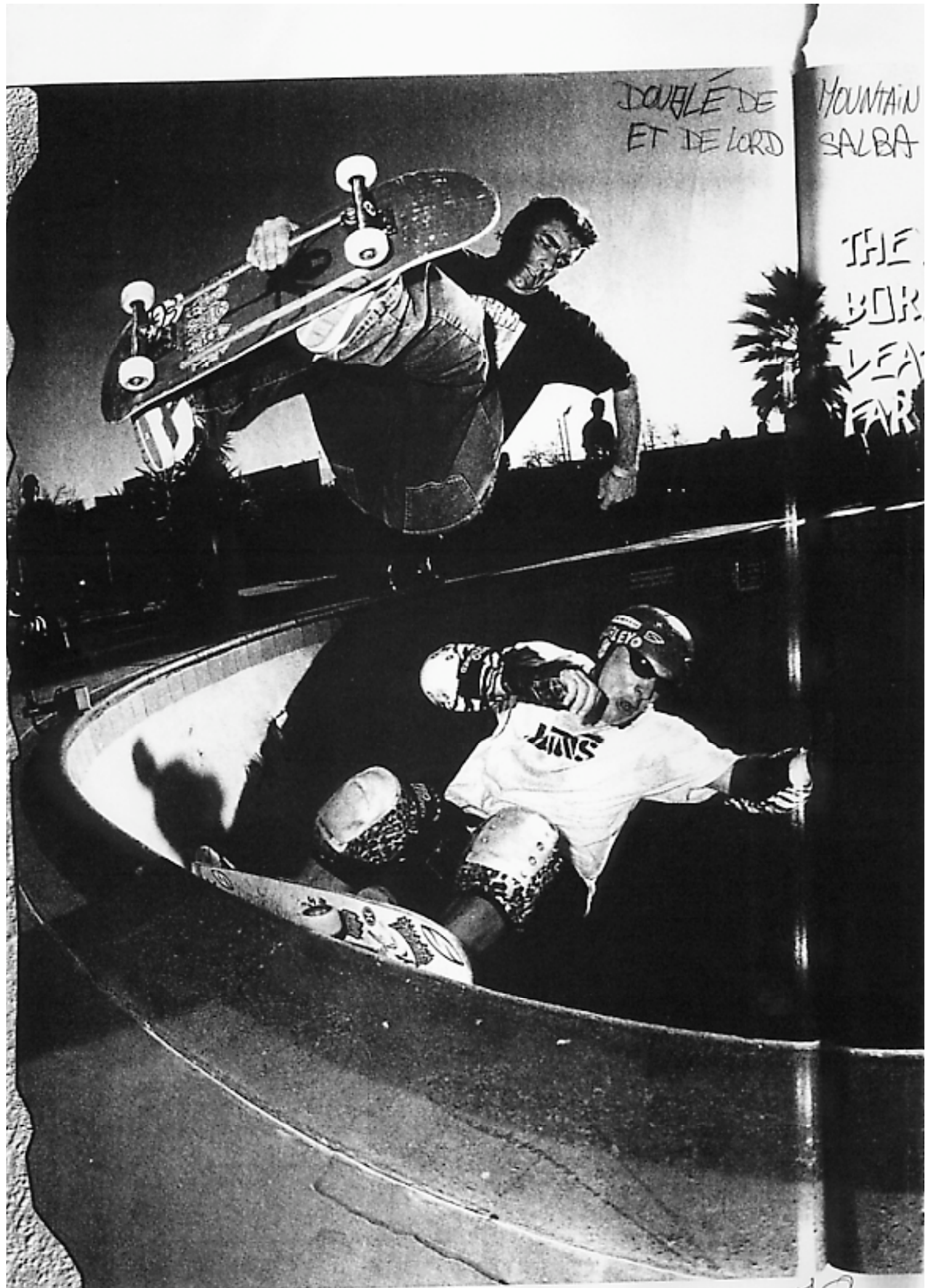
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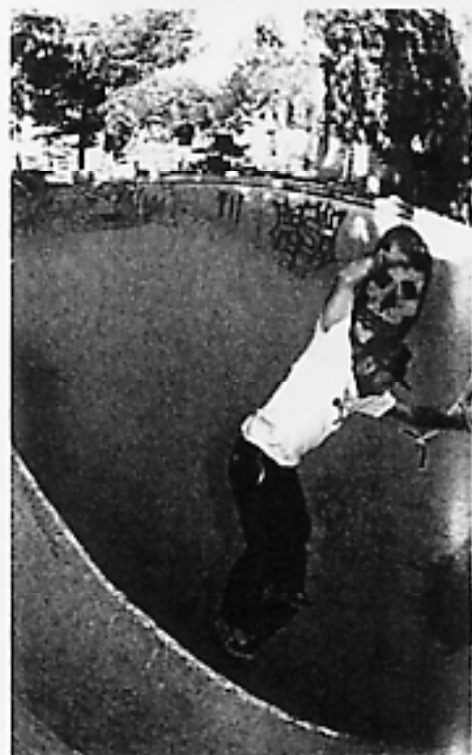
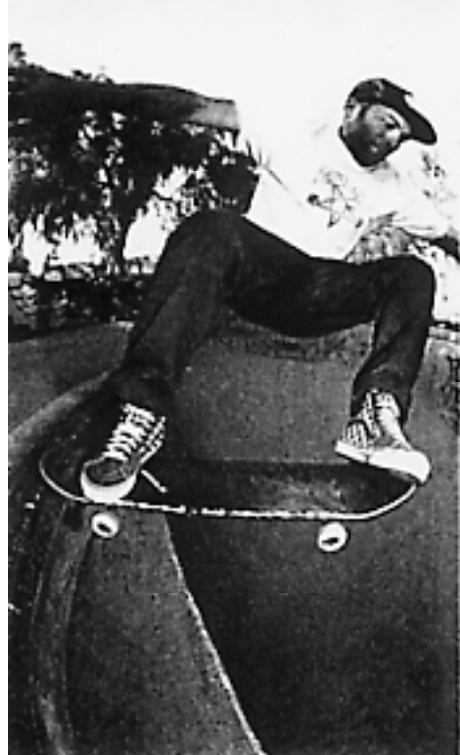
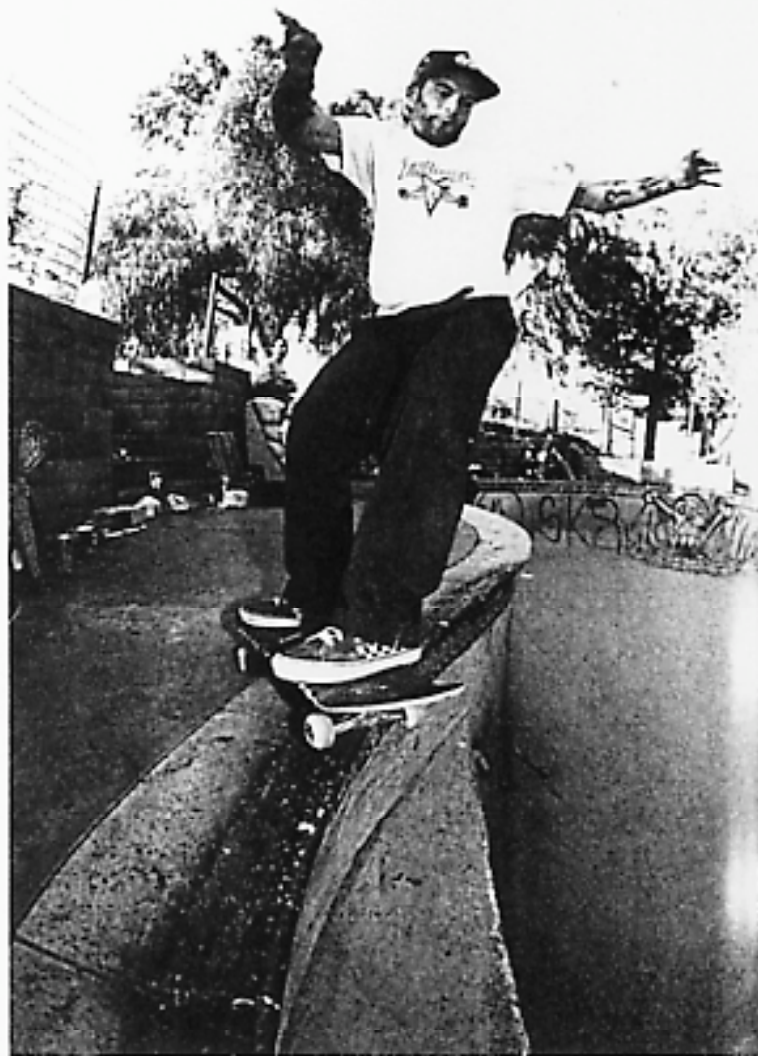
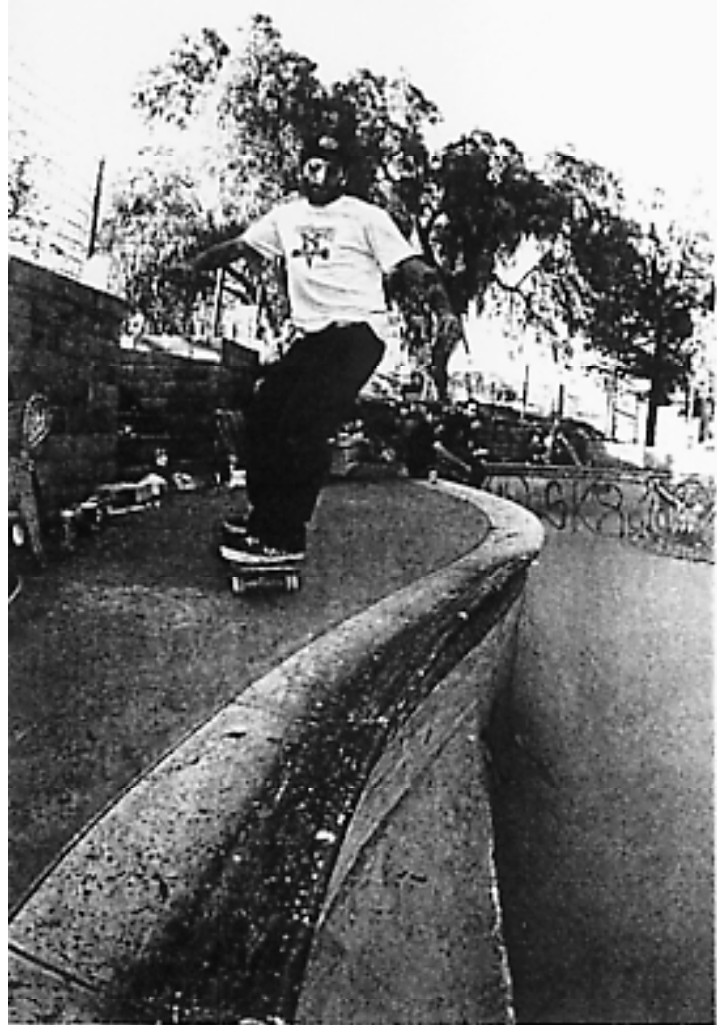




CHET CHILDRESS, FRONT FEEBLE

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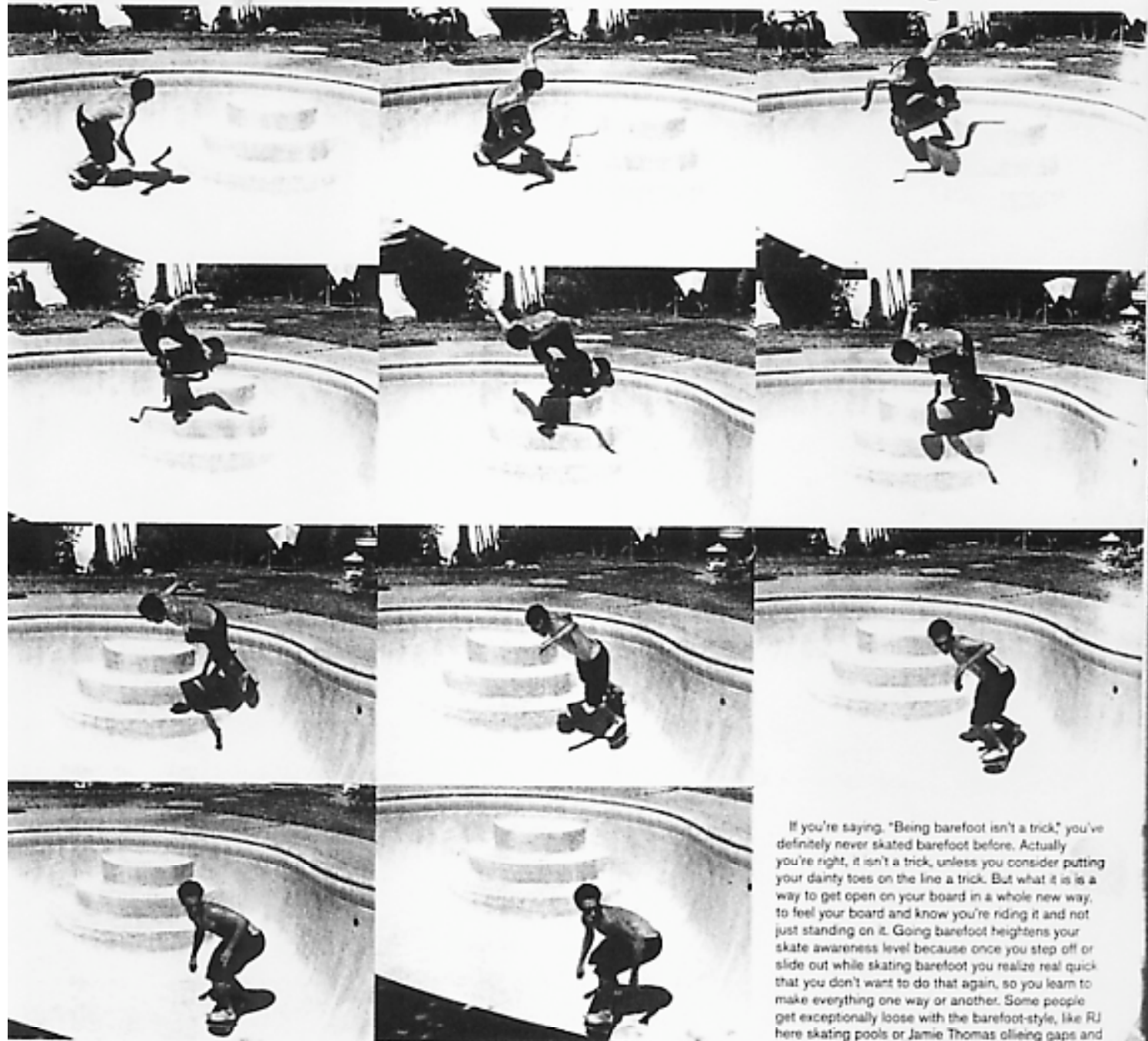


ROLL-IN, NEIL HEIDINGS



trick of the month

BAREFOOT



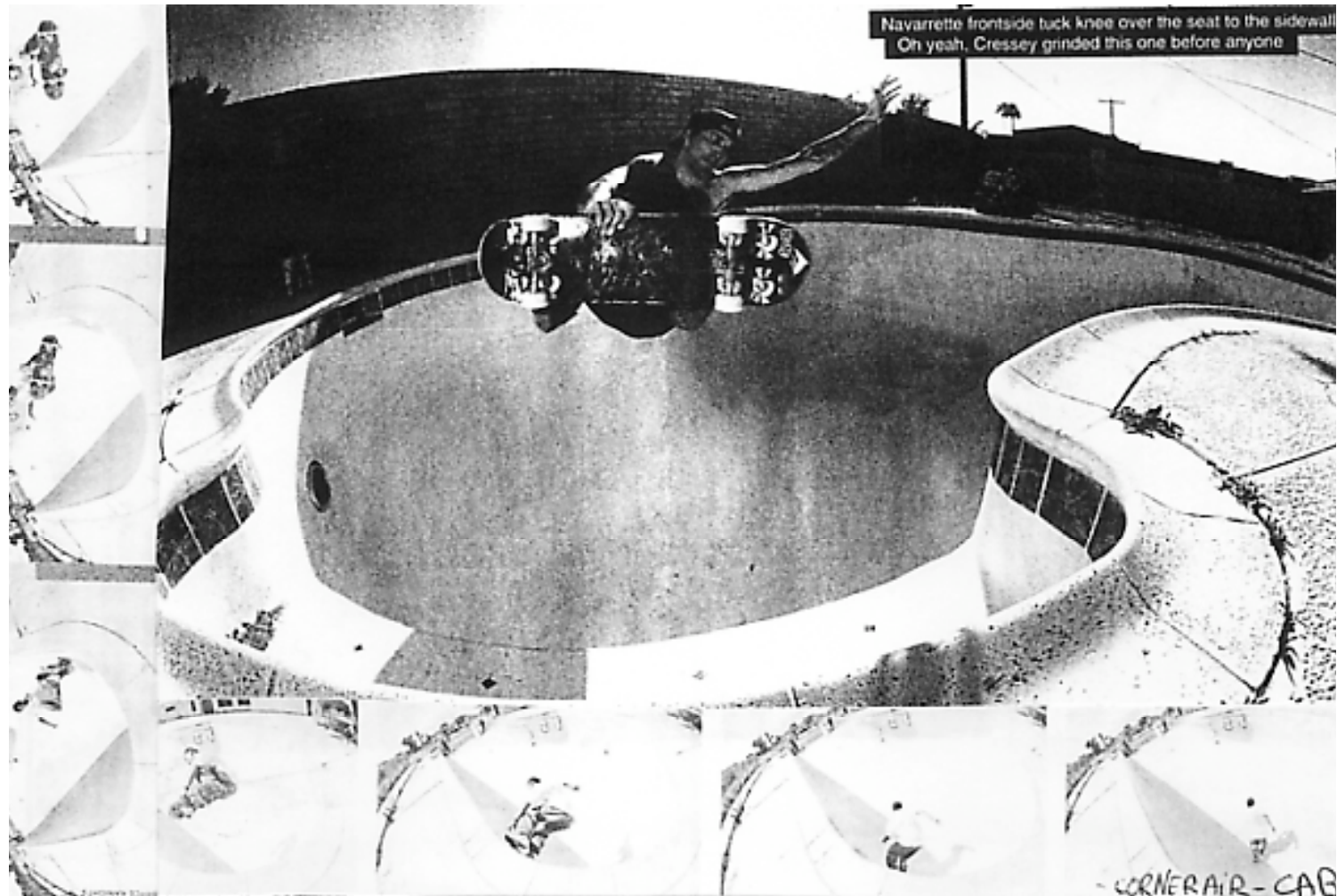
SKATER: RYAN JOHNSON

PHOTOGRAPHER: BROOK

If you're saying, "Being barefoot isn't a trick," you've definitely never skated barefoot before. Actually you're right, it isn't a trick, unless you consider putting your dainty toes on the line a trick. But what it is is a way to get open on your board in a whole new way, to feel your board and know you're riding it and not just standing on it. Going barefoot heightens your skate awareness level because once you step off or slide out while skating barefoot you realize real quick that you don't want to do that again, so you learn to make everything one way or another. Some people get exceptionally loose with the barefoot-style, like RJ here skating pools or Jamie Thomas ollieing gaps and skating rails barefoot, but even just cruising around the front yard barefoot gives you the feeling of what it is to have skateboard roots. Toughen those corns up and get yourself some end-of-the-summer soul sessions this October!

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Navarrette frontside tuck knee over the seat to the sidewall
Oh yeah, Cressey grinded this one before anyone

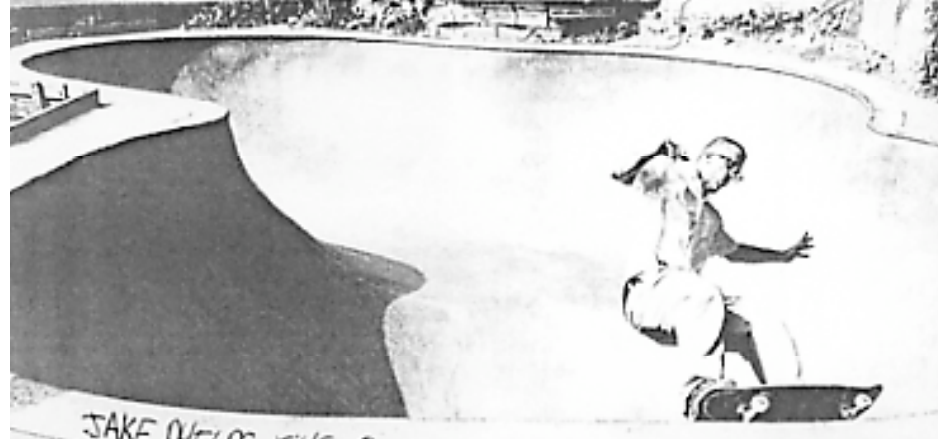


CRUISE SLIDE
J. CARDIEL



CORNER AIR-CAB

Chris Sonn, corner air



JAKE O'NEILL



Steven Baker

TRANCHE DE VIE

