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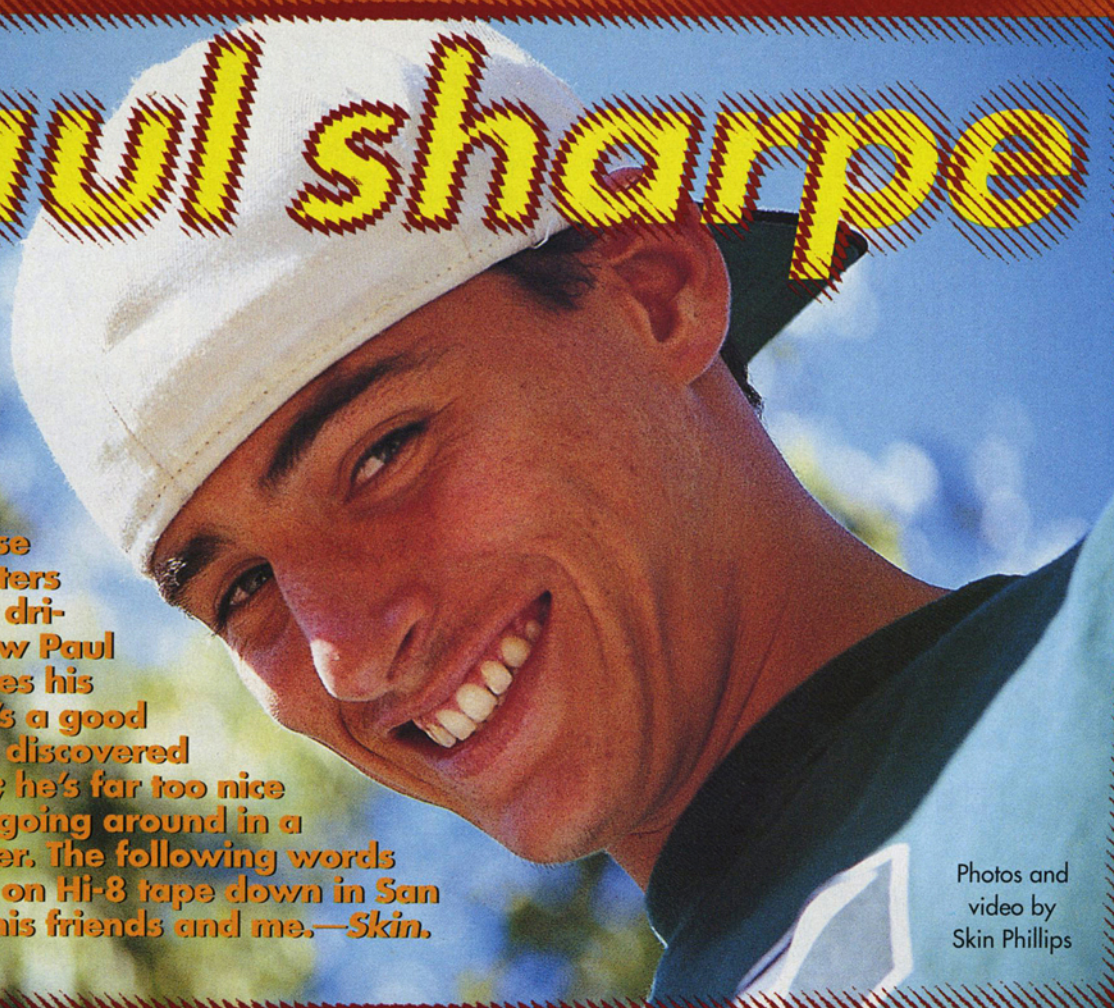
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East San Jose is full of gangsters and mini-truck drivers. This is how Paul Sharpe describes his home to me. It's a good thing that Paul discovered skateboarding; he's far too nice of a guy to be going around in a cheesy low-rider. The following words were captured on Hi-8 tape down in San Jose amongst his friends and me.—Skin.



Photos and video by Skin Phillips

How old are you?

I'm eighteen years old.

How long have you lived in San Jose?

Four years now. I lived in Florida for a year before that, and I lived in Illinois for a year prior to that. I'm originally from L.A., but I lived in San Jose for five years before.

Did you start skating in Florida?

I started skating here [S.J.] just before I left. I started in seventh grade and got serious about it in eighth grade. I moved away to Florida and didn't skate for a year. I didn't know anyone, and I lived on this dirt road. So I waited until I came back and hooked up with all my friends and started skating again.

What do you think of San Jose?

There're a lot of stupid people here, like the ones in front of the camera right now. No, San Jose is rad, everyone just skates, there's no hype or anything, everybody just does their own thing. It's different from what I've noticed down south, everyone seems the same.

There're a lot of different people here who are really cool, you can approach them, they're all really nice.

What would be a normal day for you?

Wake up, hang out with my girlfriend for a while until it cools off. Go skating for a while or just hang out with my friends, play pool or something like that.

Who do you skate with?

Myself, no just kidding, you guys. Matt, Pierre, Dave, Mike, Jade, and Nick. Sometimes Tim Brauch, Salman, and Jason.

What about Cab?

And Cab, I skate with him, too. He's been an inspiration to me, just kidding. A frontside invert is always nice to learn. I don't really skate too much with famous people.

Where do you like to skate?

Your mom's hole. I don't have that much to skate, I like to skate what I do skate. I like going out of town. You get more inspiration because you're not skating the same old thing.

What do you think of San Francisco?

[Long pause.] I don't know I've never had a good time there, but I've never hooked up with the right people. I don't go there that much.

What's your favorite food?

Oh you know, Spam. Salad, pasta, Chinese food is my favorite food.

What else do you do besides skate?

I like to skimboard and do all different sports besides skating. I sunbathe and get the bronze, I like going to amusement parks. Snowboarding is fun, I wish I was really good at it so I could make some money.

Is it better riding for Consolidated than S.M.A.?

Totally, I don't make as much money as I used to.

What about your car?

I have a 1985 Pontiac Fiero, twin cam, four on the floor.

What music do you listen to?

I like all music, but in rap I listen to GangStarr and Tribe Called Quest, and Doctor



Paul Sharpe, kickflip off the bump and over a trash can at Los Gatos High School.

Zeus. I like fast music, too, old Bad Religion is good. Anything foot-tapping.

What about skaters?

I like all sorts: Jason Lee, Remy Stratton, anybody who skates a little different, Neil Blender. I like to watch my friends skate, too.

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