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East San Jose is full of gangsters and mini-truck drivers. This is how Paul Sharpe describes his home town. 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 168 tapes down in San Jose amongst his friends and me - Skin.

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 [SF] 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's a lot of different people here, like the ones in front of the camera right now. No, San Jose is rad; everyone is just people. There's different people here, like the ones in front of the camera right now. No, San Jose is rad; everyone is just people. There's different people here, like the ones in front of the camera right now. No, San Jose is rad; everyone is just people.

What do you think of San Francisco?
I like it. It's a good place to skate. There's a lot of people, and everyone is nice. I like it. It's a good place to skate. There's a lot of people, and everyone is nice. I like it. It's a good place to skate. There's a lot of people, and everyone is 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?
Mostly, no just kidding, you guys. Matt, Pierre, Dave, Mike, John, and Nick. Sometimes Tim Bausch, Salmon, 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 pool. 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 about skateboards?
I have a 1985 Panonics Fiero twin cam, four-wheeling.

What music do you listen to?
I like all music, but in rap I listen to Gang Starr and Tribe Called Quest, and Doctor.

What about skaters?
I like all sorts. Jason Lee, Barry Strahle, anybody who skates a little different. Not Blender. I like to watch my friends skate, too.

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