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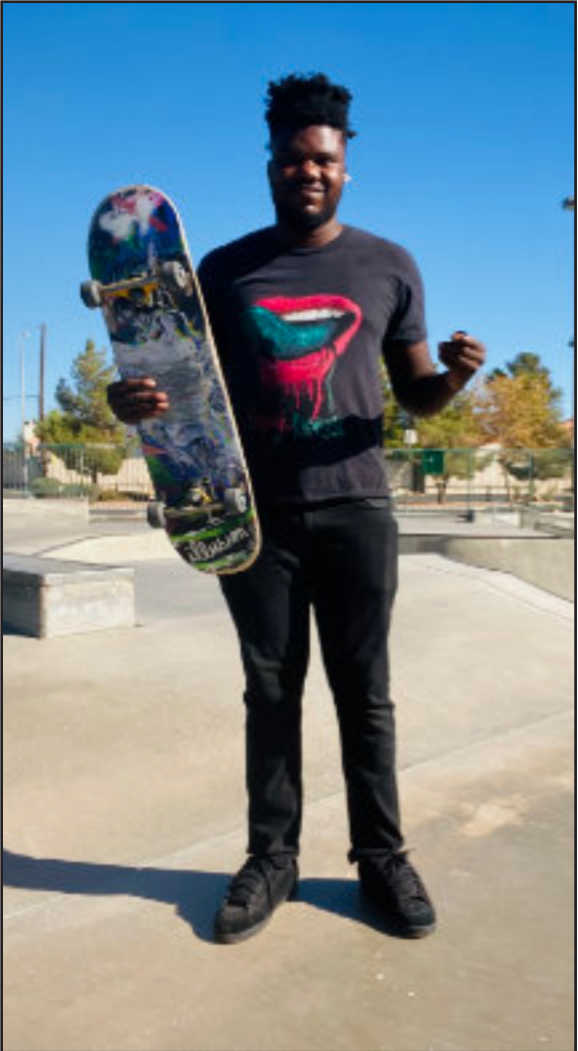


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# DAKOTA METZGER



Hey, I'm Dakota — a 25-year-old skater from Wichita, Kansas.

I picked up skateboarding two years ago, and I've been hooked ever since. I live with NF2, which causes tumors in my intestines, but I don't let that slow me down. Instead, I grabbed a board, picked up a camera, and started documenting my journey.

Since then, I've won contests, hosted giveaways, and launched my own YouTube channel focused on all things skateboarding — from tutorials and reactions to epic fails, to full skate parts. This is just the beginning, and I'm hyped to keep pushing forward and inspiring others along the way.

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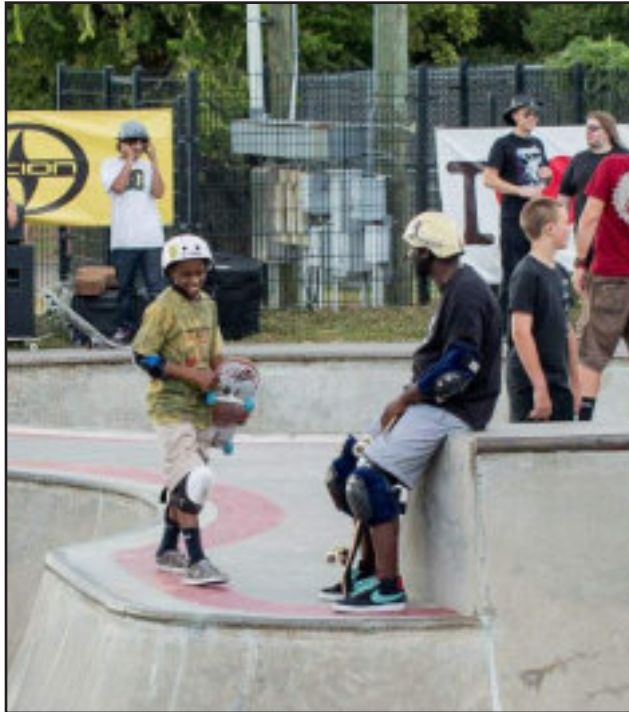


# DERRICK HAYES



My Name is: Wayne Derrick Hayes but I'm know by Derrick and also "Blackseed" I started skateboarding in the later part of 1983 I was introduced to skateboarding by a neighborhood friends cousin Kary Mock who came to the neighborhood visiting his cousin and brought his skateboard when we seen him doing Ollie and other street tricks we were amazed and immediately were hooked I asked my Mom for a skateboard and I got one a few weeks later , now it wasn't a pro style board this one was from Kmart but I didn't know better I thought a board was a board how I found out quickly that's not true lol I ended up breaking the wheels of the trucks and that thang wouldn't turn for nothing , i ended up getting my first pro model board from a local bike shop not far from our house i put it on lay away and by saving a portion of my lunch money that I got for school every day I paid off the lay away and got my board it was a Christian Hosoi model I was so happy lol sooo I'm hooked by the skate bug and officially a Skater!!! And that's all I wanted to do was skate and that I did , me and my friends that skated in the neighborhood just keep practicing and learning and we got into building our own ramps which started off janky lol but got better as time went onto the the point where I've drawn out and built a whole above ground bowl in 2003 at my then home and its lasted quite awhile and had some big name skaters come thru and skate my bowl known as The Faithbowl videos are on YouTube type in Faithbowl skateboarding to check them out , throughout my years skateboarding I've been in the Texas Amateur Skatepark League been in many Amateur and some Sponsored Amateur skateboard contest throughout Texas , done skateboard lessons for awhile as well been on a couple of local skateboard companies , served as a team manager on one as well ,was honored to be featured in an article in the Houston Chronicle about black skateboarders of Houston and featured on ABC13 Skating Through Barriers as well I'm currently 54 years young and still skateboarding and don't plan on slowing down , I tell people "The Essence of Skateboarding is tha Roll" so as we get older we might can't do the same tricks we use to do in our teens and 20's but as long as you're rolling you're skateboarding!!!!!!!

Photos Credits: Jeff Bower





# DERRICK HAYES











Im a freestyle / vert skater from the Central valley of California my goal is to spreading positive nature to all aspects of skating and to be as fluid and creative as possible skating is my tool my

drive and passion ♥

Photos Credits: Grace Schafer







# JEFF CARRODO



My name is Jeff Carrodo and my dream is to see the world while pushing my mind and body in the world of extreme sports. My goal is to build a brand that can assist in giving back to the world of skateboarding and nature. I've been fortunate to overcome many battles and see many places but I'm just getting started.

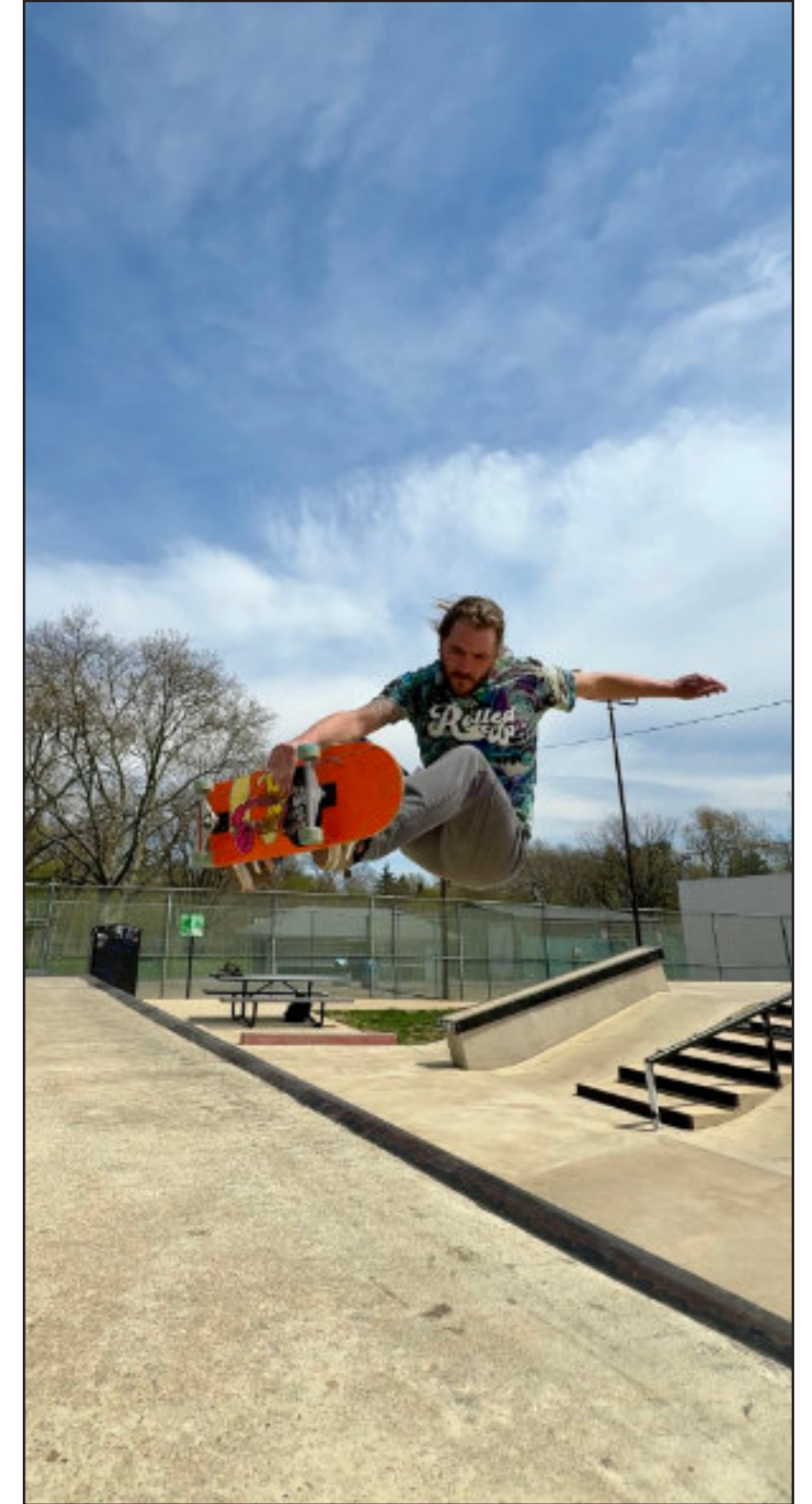
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## JÉRÔME DRAPEAU – SKATEBOARDING

Young my parents introduced me to all kind of sports. I tried skateboarding but did not get into the sport before 13 years old, at fall 1994. I have chosen to practice this seriously and will continue until my body is letting me.

From 14 to 16 years old, I was skateboarding downtown Mont-Joli all summer long. I was skateboarding my home area and going to Québec city.

At 17 years old, I moved to the town of Charny, Québec city south shore. Gotten to know people there. I was skateboarding to Charny, Five-O board shop indoor skateboard park and also Québec city (north shore).

I took a break from skateboarding on year 2000 and visited Jamaica for a week.

I got back to skateboarding at spring 2001, while living to New-Brunswick (Canada), knowing that I was going to spend summer 2001 to British-Columbia. Then I went to Quesnel (BC). Going there was a dream come true, the Canadian west coast is famous to me in the skateboarding world. Being there was the first time I had access to concrete skateboard parks. I was going to Quesnel skateboard park almost every evening and made friends there. For a road trip, a skateboard friend of mine and I, went to Kelowna and skateboarded 2 parks there. On the road back up north, we visited a few skateboard parks (Vernon, Windfield, Kamloops).

On summer 2001-2002, I was skateboarding every evening downtown Mont-Joli (home town), doing fakie frontside kick-flip full speed all evening long with a friend of mine. I was also going to Rimouski indoor skateboard park (high school). Me and another skateboard friend went twice this summer on road trips to Québec city. I also went a few other times to Québec city that summer to skateboard on my own.

Early 2003, while being to the Canadian west coast again, I had the chance to skateboard Vancouver (Richmond, Burnaby and Downtown Vancouver).

2003-2004, I had a project to develop boarding sports to my home area. I did start to longboard, doing downhill. I looked to the element and thought that it could be nice to do downhill skateboarding. The main achievement of that project is to have made built a skateboard Park to my hometown with City Hall. I did an interview with the local (Mont-Joli) Television to promote

the construction of the park.

That summer (2003), I was still skateboarding downtown Mont-Joli and visited a lot Rimouski indoor skateboard park (high-school). I did road trips to Québec city, that summer as well. These road trips where not plan, I was meeting that one friend downtown and just like that chosen to go to Québec city for a few days, skateboarding.

Then took another break from skateboarding. From 2006 to 2012.

Back to skateboarding in 2012 because I like it so much and I will continue for my own pleasure until my body gives up. I am still passionate about it. In the past 10 years, Skateboarded eastern Canada. Riding mostly parks. Most of my skateboard friends have quit, but there is still a skateboard scene in Rimouski and I made new friends there.

I like to travel and do road trips. I almost go every





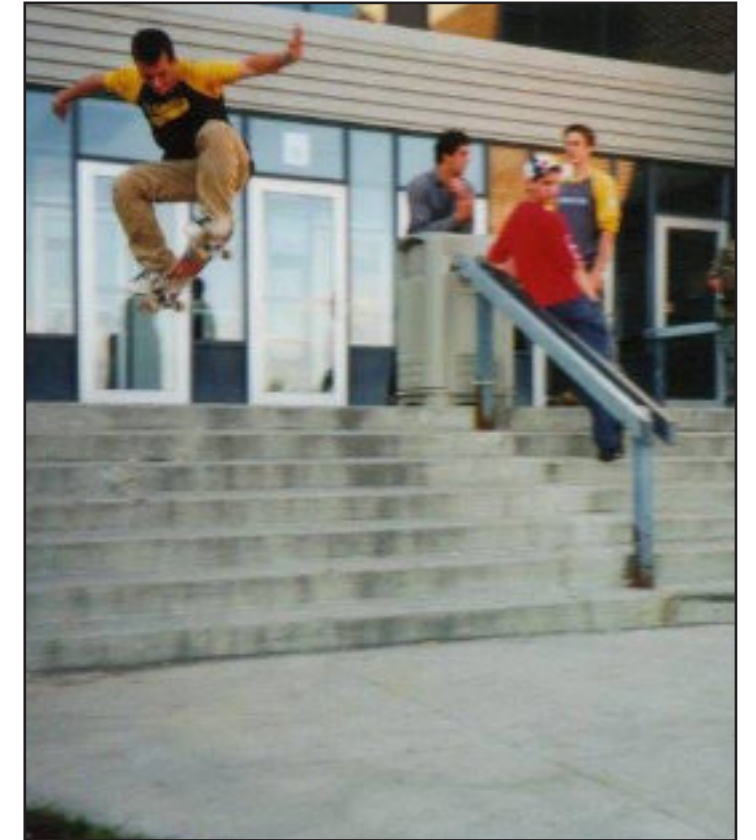
# JÉRÔME DRAPEAU

summer evening to Mont-Joli Skateboard Park. Sunday's afternoon to Rimouski concrete skateboard park with the boys and I like to travel Eastern Canada. Skateboarding is an individual sport that reach the person I am. I put a lot of efforts and time into skateboarding.

Jérôme Drapeau

2024

Photos Credits: Friends









# JUSTIN STEWART



My name is Justin Stewart. I am born and raised in Las Vegas, NV. Skateboarding has been a major part of my life from a young age. From skating alone on half broken boards to skating contests, meeting new people, and riding for local skate teams, skating has always been my go to. Skating is my way of stress relief, exercise, meditation, and in general my way of life. Although I am

currently not signed or on any skate team, I plan on eventually starting my own skate company and skate team. This will eventually lead to my mega goal of owning my own skate shop. It would be nice to give back to skateboarding what it gave to me, another chance at life. Maybe it will change peoples lives for the better.





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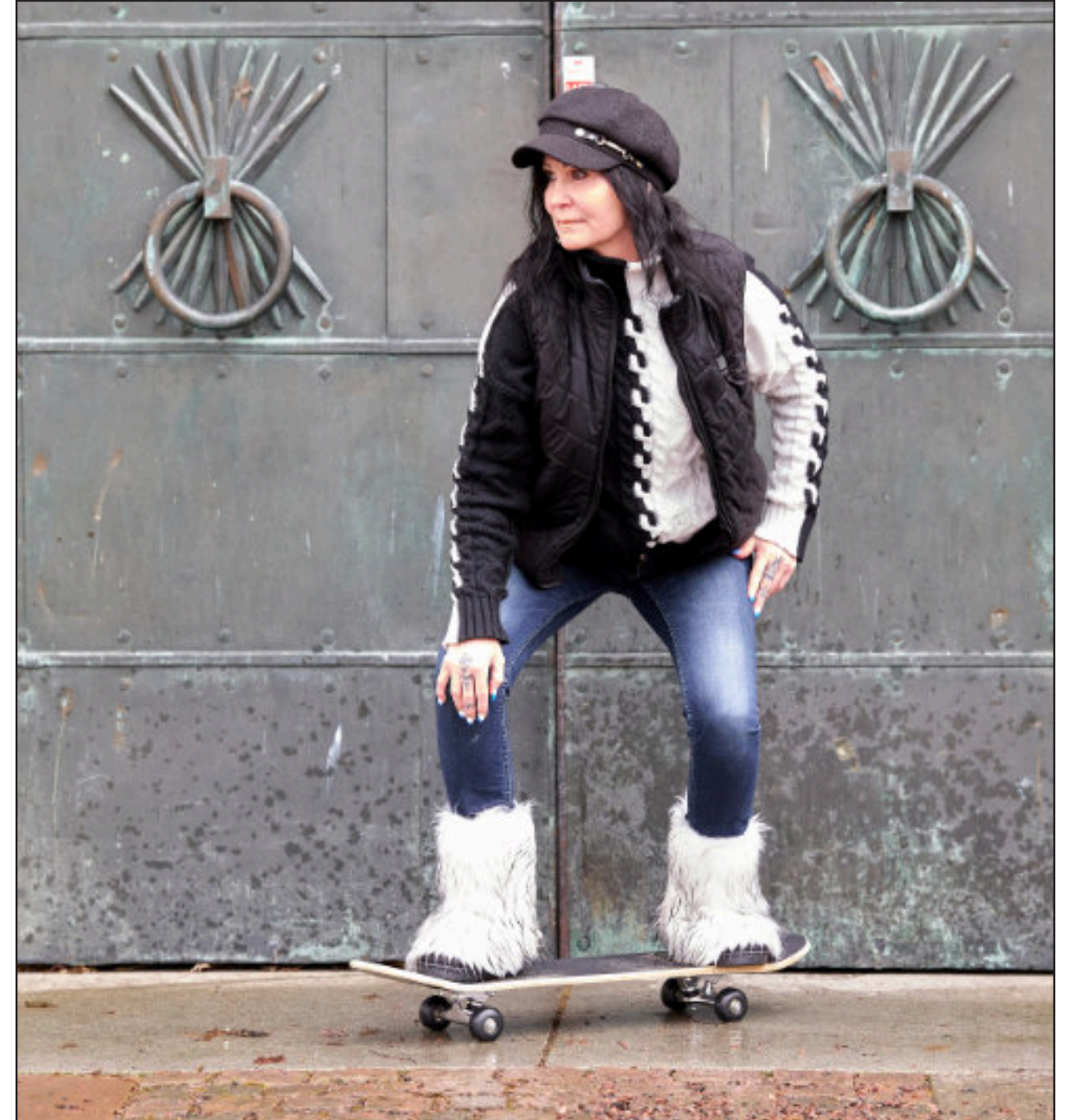




# JUSTIN STEWART







Hi i am Marie Håkansson Karlstad just start to try  
do this thing whit skate is more difficult then i  
from the start think is should bee but going to  
keep up my training so my dreams and goals is to

be a ok skater

Photos Credits: Sten Wikström











# maya DReGER

My name is Maya Dreger. I am a 17 year old Canadian living in Germany. I have been skateboarding for three and a half years. I started skating in competitions in July 2022 and became the amateur German skateboarding champion in September 2022. After that I started competing in as many competitions as I could. Usually with success. The reason I got so addicted to skateboarding in competitions and in general was the community. The more people I had cheering me on the more daring I would be. In June 2023 I got my first sponsorship from Titus Frankfurt allowing me to skate in the sponsored category. In September 2023 I became the German women's champion. This was incredible for me and I would never have guessed this was possible a year

earlier. I am self-taught and we don't have the best skateparks around here so I try and travel as much as possible. I've been skating in Vancouver twice in the past half year and I look forward to another visit in the summer. My goals are to improve my skateboarding and travel as much as I can. I would like to start competing in more Europe wide and maybe international competition in the future. I look forward to meeting new people, exploring new places, street spots and parks and experiencing more adventures with my skateboard.

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My name is Nicholas Mark, I am 27 years old from Lititz, Pennsylvania. I started skateboarding at the age of five in my alleyway in Catasauqua Pennsylvania. What inspired me to start skateboarding was when I first seen my cousin do a kickflip. I thought to myself "that is awesome

and I need to get a skateboard!" My goal is to help people who want to skate but do not know how too. Skateboarding to me is a great way to show and express your style and creativity but most importantly it is a great way to just have Fun!









My name is Robin Abrams. I'm a 33yr old father of 5 kids who still loves to skateboard. I've been skating since I was 15yrs old, and it is my escape from everything. Skateboarding teaches you discipline, respect, confidence, love, and structure! I skateboard alone being older now

with not a lot of people to skate with my age. So, I just drive around and find unusual spots or crusty parks. Never give up!  
Photos Credits: Myself, My YouTube is robinabrams6056







# Vince Keating



My name is Vince Keating, I am 46 years of age. When I am not working, I love to skateboard! I also ride & build chopper motorcycles & like to be creative in any way possible. I love to spend time with my dog Dennis & lounge around on the beach. I'm a big fan of vintage clothes, BC that's what I grew up wearing. Lol I also enjoy shopping for vintage items & antiques. My favorite terrain to ride is transition & backyard pools. My goals at this point in life are to be as healthy as possible, both in mind & body in order to perform at a high

level where I am able to progress & improve while also staying off the injured list as much as possible. My favorite thing about skateboarding is the relationships you make & people you meet along the way. I also love that everyone does it differently, it's truly an extension of yourself! My advice for skateboarding, is to do it as much as possible!

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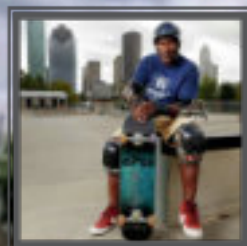
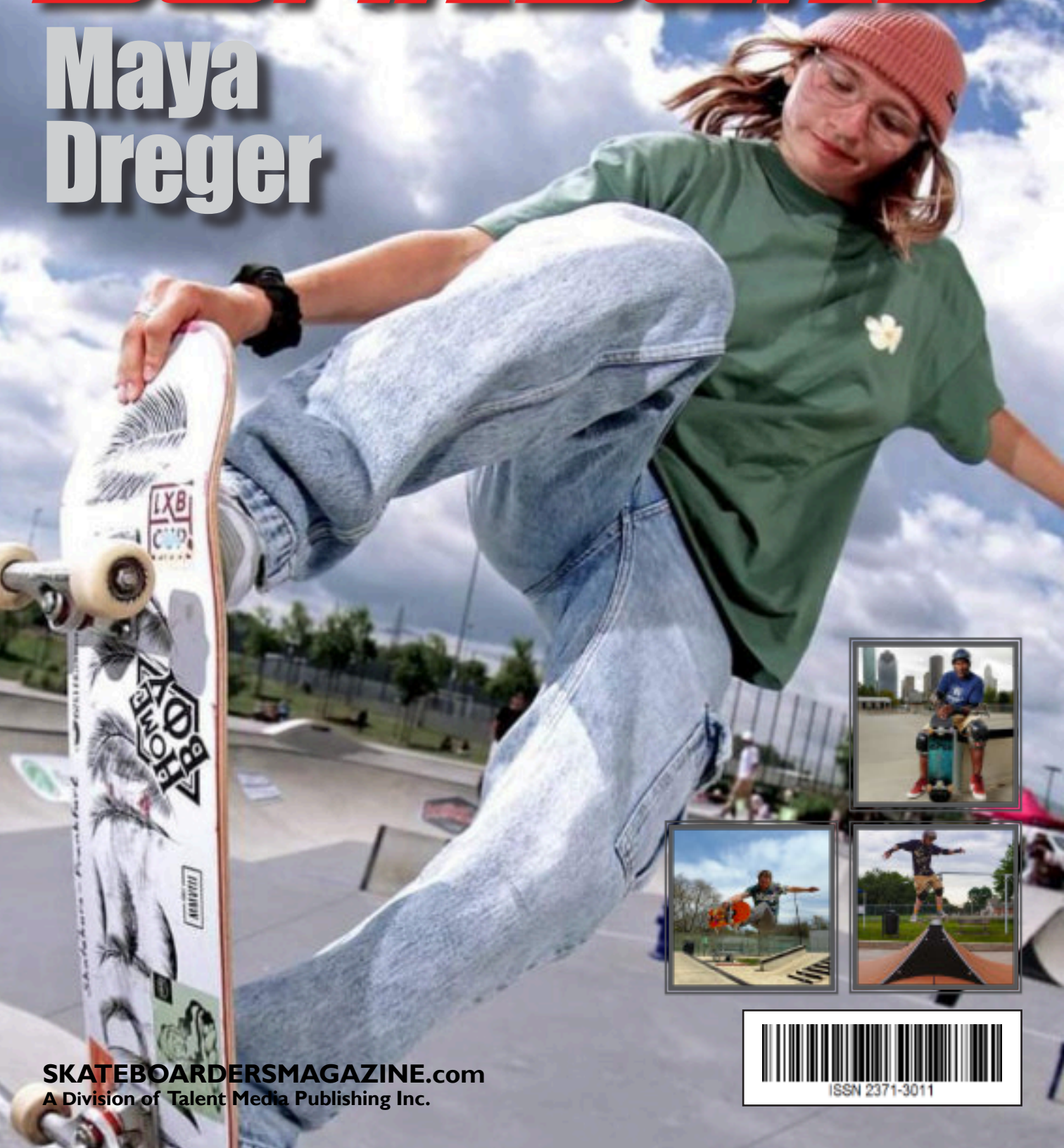






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