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## Olivia Schaffer

ALEXANDER Groll (17), of Morningside Manor, died in a tragic firearm accident on August 27.

This young Sandtonian will be remembered for his vitality, enthusiasm and "full-of-fun" approach to life. Everyone loved him. His boundless energy attracted many friends and a total lack of malice was one of his greatest attributes.

He was so loved that a restaurant in Midrand has dedicated a new dish on the menu in his memory - Paella Negra Alexander.

Alex's great love was in-line skating and he accompanied the South African team to an international event in Switzerland last year. His name appears in the Guinness Book of Records for a marathon 24-hour roller-blading stint.

A pupil at Sandown High, Alex was included in the school's first hockey XI squad which toured London and Paris earlier this year.

"My husband Wolf and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our friends for their support, love and warmth -especially the pupils from Sandown High," says his grieving mother, Brenda.

"Special, special thanks to the Sandton Paramedics and Pastor Gavin Wood for their unbelievable help. Also to Sandown High - Alex loved every day he spent there. And finally, a huge thanks to Sister Minnaar and the wonderful, dedicated staff at the Johannesburg General Hospital."

Alex's organs have been donated.

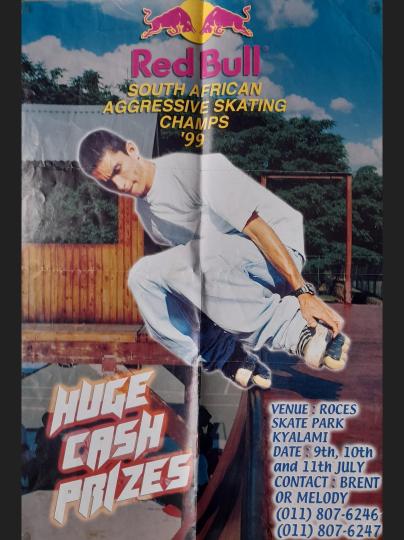
"I hope the recipients and their parents are enriched with the love and power that was Alexander's," concludes Brenda.



Alexander Groll's enthusiastic smile and friendly, freckled face will live in the memory of those whose lives he touched.





























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6 T H 7 T H 8 T H JULY

The Nationals will be held at the ROCES Skatepark in Kayalami, JHB and will be on the 6th, 7th, 8th of JULY. The park will be redesigned and rebuilt. So get there, get practising and enter.

Registration is on Fri 6th from 8:30am or fill in the Online Reg form on www.fishbrain.co.za. Prelims will start on Fri 6th at 11:00 am.

As usual, the **vibe** and **atmosphere** at the comp will be kicking. Expect some **awesome** music, **insane** tricks and **huge** airs. If you're not skating, then make sure you get there anyway and **support** those who are.

For more info contact Melody on (011) 807-6246







MMMT: SA'S first REAL STREET COMP

MMFM: 2nd December 2001 @ 12

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+ CASH!!

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KEEP AT RO

On the 4th of October 2001 we lost a roller, our good friend Gazza Cartwright, in a tragic motorbike accident. But we will not be deterred. In loving memory of Gaz, who was always down with the streets, we will be hosting South Africa's first ever **REAL STREET** competition. Named the **GAZZA CARTWRIGHT KEEP IT ROLL**, this competition is open to any rollerblader that wants to enter, **FREE ENTRY**, in an effort to UNITE south african rollerblading where it belongs: in the streets!

KEEP IT ROLL will take place on Sunday the 2nd of December 2001 at four spots in JHB town. We are planning to start at 12:00 (noon) at the standard bank on the corner of Simmonds and Fox streets, JHB. The comp will progress from there, the format being an open session for the entire day with ONE WINNER chosen at the end by judges Byron Hambly and Frank Joubert. Do not be intimidated, we are trying to get as many south african rollers together in order to have the illest street session ever, no alterior motives, no corporate sponsors, just real skaters and skater owned companies involved!! The prizes will consist of clothing donated by these companies as well as a large CASH prize to be announced spon!!

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