

AWESOME KIDS

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WHEN SKATEBOARDING SHOOK THE WORLD

In the 1970s a group of Californian kids made skateboarding cool - and created a global industry.

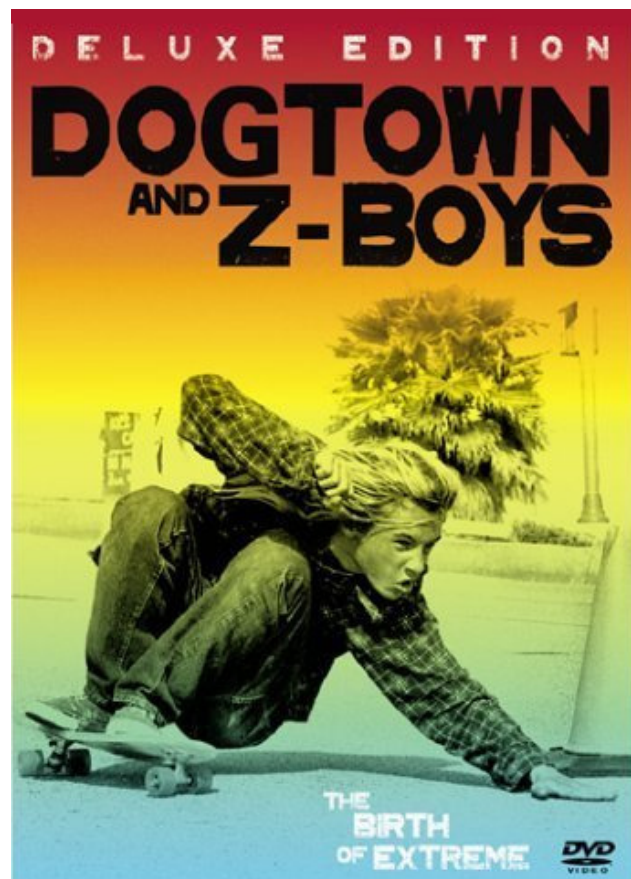
The **Zephyr Competition Team** (or Z-Boys) was a group of skateboarders in the mid-1970s from Santa Monica and Venice, California. They began as a surf team, and represented the Zephyr surfboard shop in competitions.

In 1974, Allen Sarlo, Jay Adams, Tony Alva, Chris Cahill and Stacy Peralta, joined the team. The boys spent most of their time surfing at the Pacific Ocean Park, an incredibly dangerous place. At that time, they saw skating as something to do after surfing, but it quickly grew from a hobby into a new way to express themselves.

In March 1975, the Z-Boys made their debut and reached California cult status at the Del Mar Nationals, a famous skateboarding competition. The Zephyr team showed up in their blue Vans Authentic shoes, Levi's and blue Zephyr t-shirts. "To wear the blue Zephyr Competition shirt was the coolest thing," says Tony Alva. Instilled within all Dogtown skaters was a devotion to style. Going big worked only as long as you looked good doing it.

The crowd loved them. With their free spirited approach and inventiveness, it was like nothing anyone had ever seen before.

It took Jay Adams less than two minutes to show the world a new way to be cool, and at the end of the Del Mar competition, half of the finalists were members of the Zephyr team.



Many of the older skaters could not comprehend that they had just witnessed a revolution in skateboarding.

The Z-Boys may have helped popularise a style-is-everything aesthetic that inadvertently terminated in hyper-consumerism, but their cool wasn't purchased at the shopping centre, or achieved through tattoos, piercings, and hair gel. It came from their hearts, and from their desire to break new ground.

MALALA WINS NOBEL PEACE PRIZE



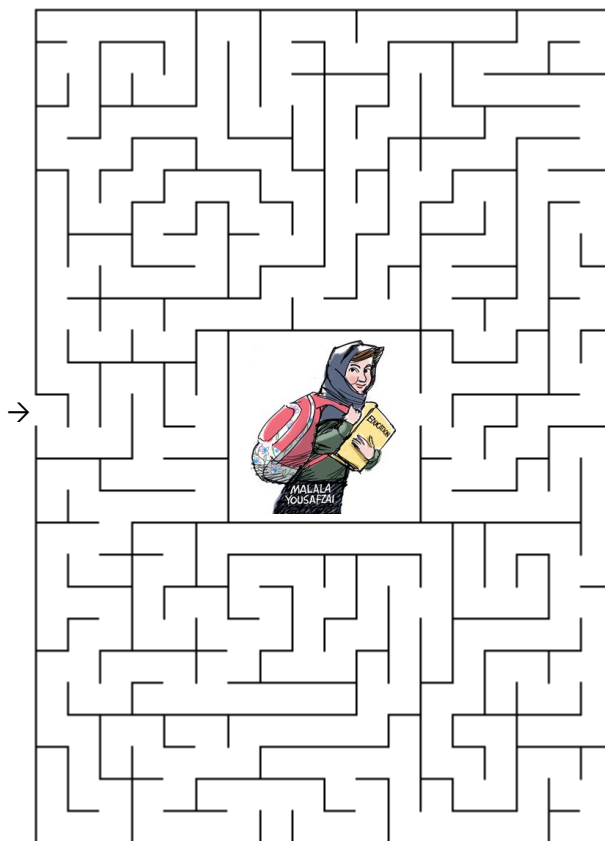
Pakistani youth activist **Malala Yousafzai**, 17, was awarded the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday, October 10. She is the youngest Nobel winner in history. Malala shares the prize with Kailash Satyarthi, a man from India who has helped lead a movement to end child slavery around the world. Both winners were recognized “for their struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education,” the Norwegian Nobel Committee announced on Friday.

Malala Yousafzai has never been ordinary. When she was just 11 years old, she started blogging about the Taliban takeover of her hometown of Mingora, in northwestern Pakistan. Taliban members follow an extreme version of Islam, and believe young girls like Malala should not go to school. Classrooms throughout the Swat district of Pakistan, where Malala was living, were closed for several months. Malala spoke publicly about her desire to go back to school. “All I want is an education,” she told one television broadcaster.

After being shot by a gunman, she became a symbol of the struggle for girls’ rights all over the world.

Read more: <http://www.timeforkids.com/news/malala-wins-nobel-peace-prize/182746>

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