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High Flyer

MITCHIE BRUSCO, 6
Kirkland, Wash.

Wheel deal: After millions of TV viewers last year saw him become the youngest competitor ever at the Gravity Games, he got official sponsors including Lego and Jones Soda.

Hell on wheels: Little Tricky, as he's known, wore a hole in the kitchen floor skateboarding around the house. He practices about four hours a day, usually with kids twice his age. "For us it's not a question of whether he's going to skate," says dad Mick, "it's a question of where." Despite his daredevil streak, Mitchie has only been to the ER twice in the past two years (neither visit was skateboard-related).

Goal: The kindergartner-to-be hopes to skate professionally one day. "Maybe I'll go pro when I'm 10," he predicts.

SO YOUNG, SO GOOD

Heard about the 4-year-old who could drill 18 shots in a row—an age when most kids can't even reach the backboard? How about the totally ripped and cut 11-year-old who looks like he could terminate Arnold? In a lucky few, athletic talent surfaces early. Check out some of the current crop of whiz kids. Will they turn out to be the Tigers of tomorrow—or will they burn out? Keep watching

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