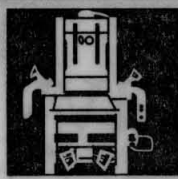
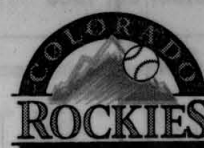


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## Sticks and stones may break his bones but, a car really did some damage

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For more than a year, Englishmen Jason Lewis and Steve Smith, both 28, have been traveling the world.

Not by car. Not by airplane. Not by train. They hit the road, roller blading, bicycling and a pedaling a boat.

They have appropriately named their adventure, "Pedal for the Planet," which is a 29,000-mile, human-powered trip around the world.

Visiting schools along the way, the trip is educational as well. Their aim is to "inspire, enrich and empower the minds of young people" and to encourage them to become more aware of international issues and their responsibilities to protect the environment.

For Lewis, however, the trip came to an abrupt halt in Pueblo on Sept. 10. He was hit by a car on the U.S. 50 Bypass near Troy Avenue. Both of his legs were broken.

He was roller blading westbound on the shoulder of the road about 7:50 p.m. when he was hit from behind by a 1989 Lincoln Continental driven by Wilbur Ladd, 81, of Pueblo.

"There was a bad rainstorm and it was starting to get dark," Lewis said from his room at Parkview Episcopal Hospital earlier this week. "It was hard to see and I guess the man just



Chieftain photo by Sherry Brown

**Jason Lewis, traveling around the world by bicycle, Roller Blades and a pedal boat, is sidelined at Parkview Episcopal Hospital for several weeks, recovering from two broken legs after he was hit by a car in Pueblo.**

didn't see me."

All in all, Lewis said he was doing "pretty good" and that he's relieved to be alive. He noted that although his legs are "mangled," his head and spine are OK.

"I was very lucky," he said. "Now I'm just trying to make the best of it because whatever happens in life, you always have to be positive."

Lewis said he'll probably be in the hospital

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for another week and plans to continue the trip in a month or so, "probably on a bicycle."

"I may even use a wheelchair," he said with a laugh.

Lewis and Smith began their trip July 12, 1994, on the Greenwich Meridian Line in London. They bicycled to the south coast of England, pedaled their boat across the English Channel, bicycled through France, Spain and Portugal, and pedaled their boat 4,500 miles across the Atlantic Ocean to Miami.

Once in Florida, the pair went their separate ways. Lewis donned his Roller Blades and headed to San Francisco, where he plans to embark on a solo journey across the Pacific Ocean. Smith mounted his bicycle and headed to Alaska, where he will cycle across the Yukon and kayak through the Bering Strait. The two plan to meet in Hong Kong, bicycle across Asia and return to England.

The pair decided to make the trip because "no one had ever gone around the world using only "human power."

Although both had successful careers — Lewis in the music in-

dustry and Smith in environmental science — both wanted something different.

"We were burnt out on the rat race and decided to get out and see the world," Lewis explained. "It takes a great leap of faith to jump into the unknown, but we believe life is short and that you have to reach out and grab opportunities while you can."

"Some might think this is an irresponsible lifestyle, but we see ourselves as modern-day role models. We want to teach young people that there's more value to life than good money and a good job and that there are no limits to what a person can do," he said.

With the help of nonprofit charities — The Council for Education in World Citizenship (CEWC) and the United Nations Educational Scientific Cultural Organization (UNESCO) — Smith and Lewis will visit 40 schools in 15 countries.

Supporters can follow Pedal for

the Planet on the Internet, the address is [HTTP://WWW.TACH-NET/PUBLIC/ORGs/PEDAL/PEDALPLANET.HTML](http://WWW.TACH-NET/PUBLIC/ORGs/PEDAL/PEDALPLANET.HTML).

In order to complete the expedi-

tion, Pedal for the Planet depends on sponsors and donations. For \$20 you can have your name printed on the side of their pedal boat, which also entitles you to a

regular newsletter with expedition updates. T-shirts also are available for \$20.

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