

PEDAL FOR THE PLANET ***PRESS CLIPPINGS***

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Pedal power propels pair around planet

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In just his seventh attempt at in-line skating, Jason Lewis rolled all the way to Lake Worth from Fort Lauderdale Sunday afternoon.

If that weren't ambitious enough, today he hopes to glide up to Vero Beach. And so on, in daily increments, until he reaches San Francisco four months from now.

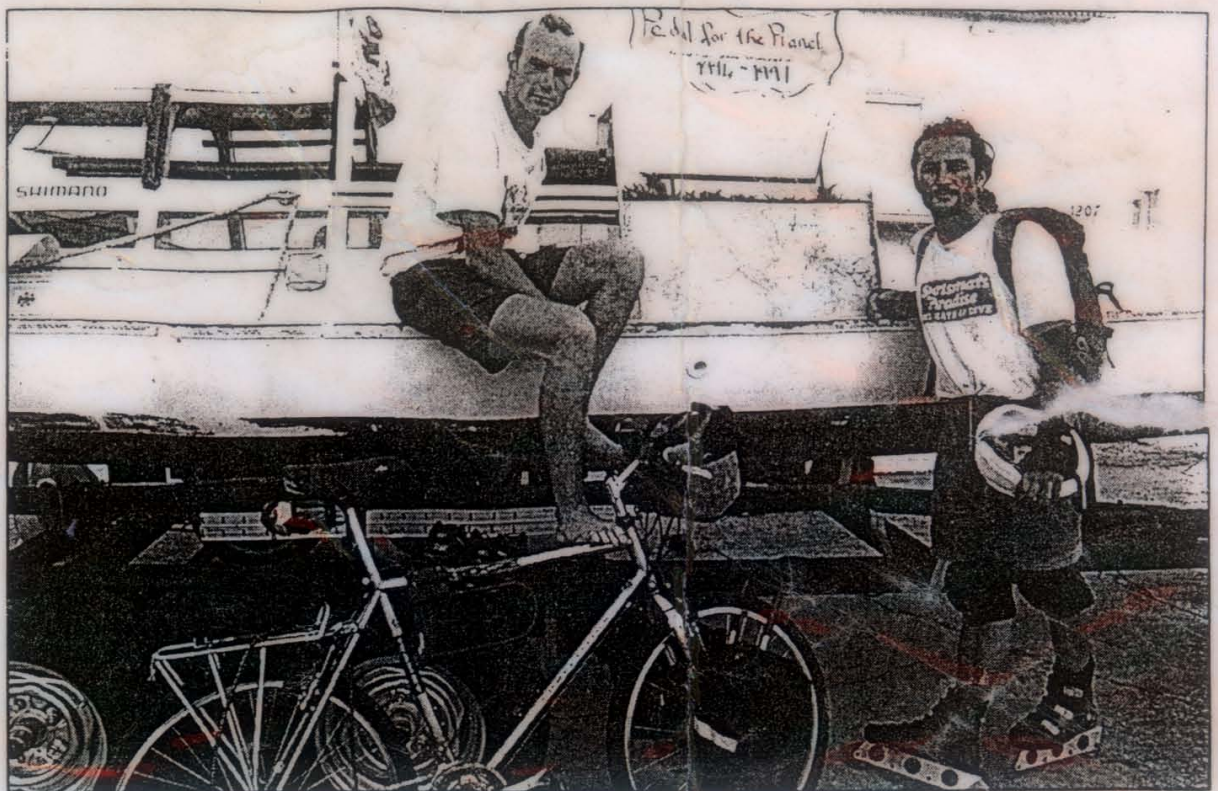
It sounds absurd — except for the fact Lewis, 27, and a fellow Englishman, 28-year-old Steve Smith, already have crossed the Atlantic Ocean in a boat propelled only by their pedaling feet.

The two are trying to circumnavigate the globe on muscle alone: biking and boating and skating westerly to Great Britain by 1997.

By pedaling around the planet, the two hope to show children that, with a little willpower and ingenuity, people can do anything.

"(When we started) we had no money, we had no boat, we had no ... skills," Steve Smith said. "We're just Joe Schmoe, you know? Any healthy person could do it."

A little money never hurts-



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Steve Smith, left, and fellow Englishman Jason Lewis crossed the Atlantic in a 26-foot boat under their own steam. They will skate and bike to San Francisco, where the Pacific awaits.

,but Smith and Lewis have failed to inspire many sponsors. Since their pedal boat, Moksha, landed in Miami in March, they've raised only about \$7,000, much of it by selling T-shirts and advertising space on the boat's hull.

As the two make their way toward California — Smith on a bike, Lewis on donated Rollerblades — they plan to sleep in roadside hammocks and eat dehydrated food.

They lived in similar austerity

for 111 days crossing the Atlantic in their cramped vessel.

"We've never been to sea before we did this," Smith said. "We've got to buy ourselves a map one of these days."