

# Coast-to-coast biking adventure

## Wayland High School graduates to raise money for low-income housing

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**T**his summer, two Wayland High School graduates will embark on a challenging yet rewarding coast-to-coast cycling adventure.

Alex Rabin, who will be graduating from Yale University in the spring, and Doug Anderson, a soon-to-be Harvard University grad, have each pledged 80 days of their summer to bike across the country in order to raise money for low-income housing projects.

Rabin will participate in the Habitat Bike Challenge which is "very well known at Yale," he explained. "It was founded in 1994 by a group of students."

After speaking with friends who had done it, Rabin was convinced to take part in this potentially life-changing experience.

"I've never really challenged myself to this degree at all," he said. "I thought it would be fun to really push myself."

Another benefit Rabin saw was the chance to see the country on a more local level, traveling on small roads rather than highways. Yet this trip is also a great combination for students who wish to travel and help others.

"I wanted to do something community service-oriented," Rabin said.

In this summer's Habitat Bike Challenge, about 90 students from Yale and other universities will bike from New Haven, Conn., to Portland, Ore., on three separate trips. Rabin will leave on June 2 with about 30 other students. Each participant will raise \$4,000 for the cause, totaling enough to build six to seven houses.

The group will also stop at several locations along the way in order to help out at pre-selected construction sites.

"There are also day long ride-a-thons," Rabin added, "where



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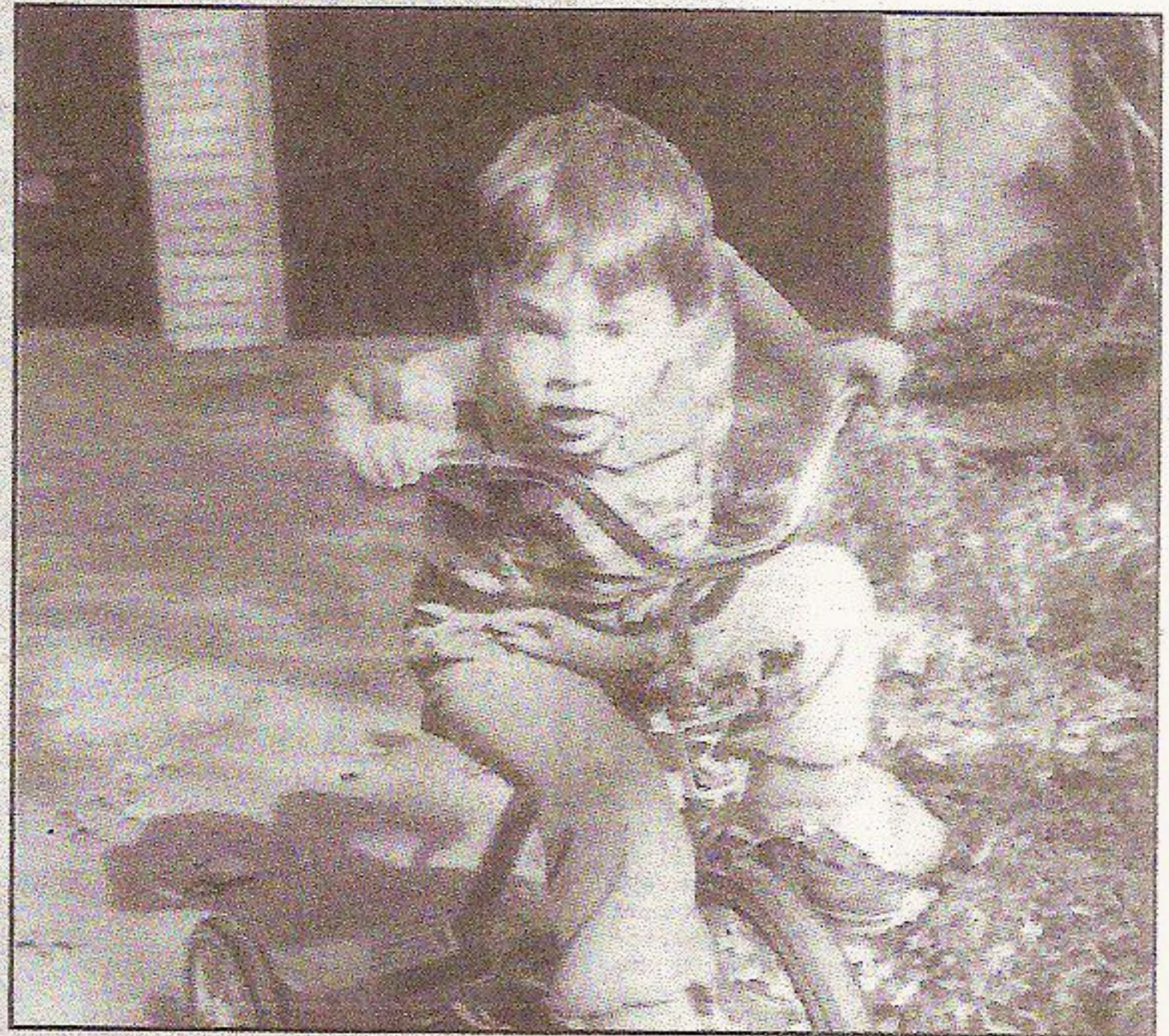
Doug Anderson, above, on a recent biking trip through Italy, and Alex Rabin, below, back when he was on training wheels at 4 years old, have each pledged 80 days of their summer to bike across the country in order to raise money for low-income housing projects.

people join our riding for a day to raise money for local Habitat chapters."

When Rabin first heard of this opportunity, he immediately called Anderson, his friend from Wayland.

"I got this call from my friend Alex saying, 'Hey, do you want to bike across the United States this summer to raise money for Habitat for Humanity?' and a few months later, here I am!" said Anderson.

Unfortunately, the dates of Rabin's Habitat Bike Challenge conflict with Anderson's graduation. Instead, Anderson joined Bike and Build, a similar trip that leaves on June 7 and runs from Providence, R.I., to San Francisco, Calif.



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