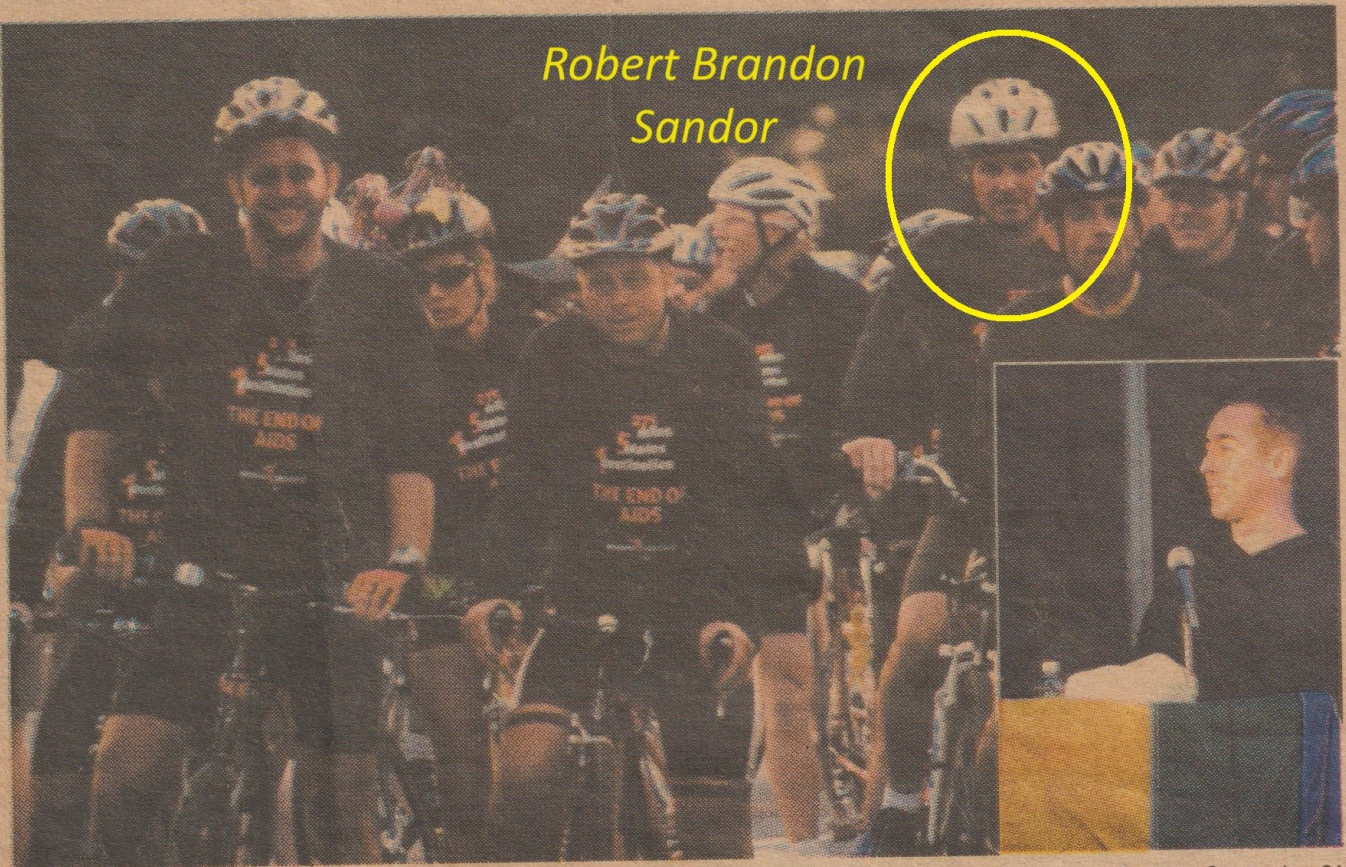


AIDS RIDERS DEFY ISABEL

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Bicyclists arrived at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center late in the afternoon on Sunday, September 21 after a three-day trek from the Chesapeake Bay to raise money for the HIV/AIDS programs of the Center. Riders, including fashion designer John Barlett, braved Hurricane Isabel on the first day of their ride and raised an estimated \$130,000 in net proceeds for the Center, which provides more than 5,000 counseling sessions for people affected by HIV/AIDS and hosts a World AIDS Day on December 1 each year. Tony Award-winning actor Alan Cumming (inset) was among those on hand for the closing ceremonies. The ride, an annual Center fundraising event, was renamed Braking the Cycle this year and produced for the first time by Global Impact Tours, a local fundraising outfit. "We're headed down a new road, but the destination is the same: the end of AIDS in our lifetime," said Richard Burns, the Center's executive director.