

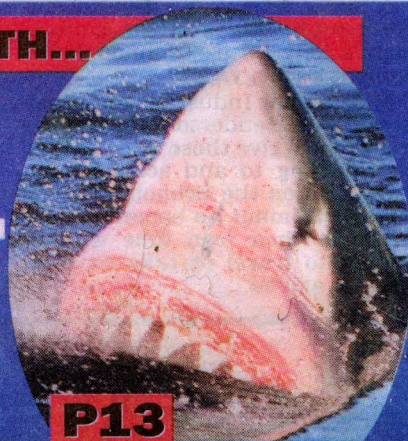
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## — Bush: Find bin Laden and kill him —



An EA-6B Prowler takes off from USS Carl Vinson in the Gulf ... President Bush has ordered the terror network be destroyed at all costs

By **DAMON  
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in New York

Secret American forces have been given a presidential kill order to destroy Osama bin Laden and his terror network at all costs.

As US commandos opened the ground war with a deadly swoop on key targets in Afghanistan over the weekend, President George W. Bush's extraordinary command emerged.

The Pentagon released grainy, green images of a raid by about 120 Rangers on an airfield during which they engaged in Taliban forces in the first ground combat of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Rangers are caught leaping from C-130 transport planes over the target.

Troops inside Taliban bunkers storing weapons, and explosions on the

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## — Adventurer dodges crocs, snakes in epic trek —

By **PENNY BAXTER**

A swim among box jellyfish at Mindil Beach was British adventurer Jason Lewis' latest challenge after he was chased by a crocodile and stepped on a snake during an 88-day trek of Australia.

Mr Lewis on Friday finished the Australian section of his epic 12-year expedition to become the first person to circumnavigate the world using only human power.

The adventurer arrived in Darwin with five other cyclists after setting off on the Australian leg of the expedition from Cape York peninsula in Queensland on July 24.

The 34-year-old former musician has already travelled 42,000km since beginning his trek in Greenwich, Britain in 1994.

### Outback

But most of Mr Lewis' biggest challenges were in the Territory Outback, as the trek took the team from Cape York, through the Great Dividing Range, Mt Isa, Simpson Desert, Alice Springs, Tanami track to Victoria River Downs and up to Darwin.

He said: "Just a couple of days ago we were walking upstream of the Flora River (100km west of Katherine) when April said from behind me 'John, croc'.

"I heard a big splash of water and looked down the



End of 88-day trek of Australia ... Jason Lewis after his coast to coast ride from Cairns. Picture: CLIVE HYDE

bank and about three foot away there was this 5m saltie looking at me."

Mr Lewis said he also stepped on a king brown snake in the Simpson Des-

ert, and a teammate was chased by a feral pig.

And the motive for his amazing trek?

Unpaid parking fines.

Mr Lewis said: "I was

living in London and had a whole lot of unpaid parking fines, so I thought I'd escape the cold wet, island."

Mr Lewis became the first person to propel his

own boat — powered by pedals only — across the Pacific Ocean, from San Francisco to Port Douglas, Queensland, at the start of the expedition. But the

next leg of his journey could be in doubt.

He said: "I was supposed to pedal to East Timor next week, but I'm not sure about the security issue."