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Man completes 13-yr globe tour

London: He was hit by a car in Colorado, attacked by a crocodile in Australia, detained as a suspected spy in Egypt, and survived illness and periods of despair.

On Saturday, British adventurer Jason Lewis finally came home, completing a 13-year, 46,000-mile human-powered circumnavigation of the globe.

The 40-year-old carried his 26-foot yellow pedal craft the last few miles up the River Thames, pushing it across the Meridian Line at Greenwich, where his expedition began in 1994.

"I'm overwhelmed," Lewis told Sky News television after stepping across the meridian. He struggled for words as he described his feelings at the close of an odyssey that took him around the globe, powered only by his arms and legs, on a bicycle, a pedal boat, a kayak and inline skates. "It's been my life, for 13 years, I've put every-



Jason Lewis

thing into this," he said.

"To be honest I didn't know it was going to happen. There were many times in the trip where it should have failed."

Lewis was recruited by fellow adventurer Steve Smith,

who first dreamed up the idea of going around the world using only human power in 1991. The pair had little experience at sea, but

Lewis thought the prospect of hiking and biking across the world was "wildly romantic."

"The three and a half years the expedition was projected to take sounded like an acceptable amount of time to rejuvenate from the wearisome London scene," Lewis wrote on the expedition's website.

Trouble began early. After two years of planning and fund-raising, the pair set out in July 1994, only to get "horribly lost" on their way to the English coastal town of Rye. (AP)