

# World Record Long Jump!

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Daredevil Robbie Knievel successfully soared across the St. Johns River on March 25, 2006 on his motorcycle.

Thousands of fans waited anxiously on Saturday, March 24 to watch Knievel land a 180-foot motorcycle jump across Jacksonville's St. Johns River. To their disappointment, though, Knievel's jump was delayed until Sunday due to strong winds. "If we have a bad cross-wind, it could blow him off of the target. That's happened a few times and that's very dangerous," commented technician "Spanky" Spangler.

Crowds gathered once again on Sunday to hopefully see the amazing Knievel perform his stunt. Finally, after another long day of waiting, Knievel boarded his motorcycle just before 6:30 pm. The jump stretched across the St. Johns River from one barge to another. The sight was spectacular, fireworks included! "Just the excitement to see him do it and being here watching him do it is just great," says fan Debbie Jolley.

Robbie Knievel performed what no other motorcyclist has ever dreamed of: he completed an astounding 180 foot jump across the St. Johns River!



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

by Jenna Bartol

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Did you know that 20,000 people die each day from lack of food or clean water? How about the fact that 8,000,000 people die a year because they cannot support themselves and their family financially? These massive numbers might shock you, but the toll that disease and drought takes on these people is appalling.



But there are people working to help. *Millennium Promise* is working in over 75 different villages in Africa supplying them with food, water, medication, and other items needed to survive. The main problems that these villages face are malnutrition, dehydration, and pollution.

You can also help. Simply go to [millenniumpromise.com](http://millenniumpromise.com) and type in a small amount to donate. Donating just a dollar a week can help a person recover from poverty.

Millennium's goal is to reach \$300,000 in a year. With people donating so much, they just might, and in doing that, they would be helping so many more.

## Spider Conspiracy

by Charlie Tofferi

One horrifying night, I was out on the porch when all of a sudden I was bitten by a spider. While it was grinding its teeth into me, I squished it, and then flicked it to the ground. Rubbing my now throbbing, bright red rash, I sprinted to the house and ran upstairs. Still applying pressure, I applied alcohol, then a Band-Aid to my wound.

The next day, while casually opening my locker, a spider crawled out of my lock onto my bag. I totally freaked out. Frantically running around, I hopped on the spider, killing it.

During science, I looked at the board.

Not knowing it at the time, a spider was crawling down my cheek! "Look! There is a spider on you," said Carl, my science buddy. I started clawing at my skin. Finally squishing it, I wiped the sweat off my face. "That was a close one," Carl said.



That is a weird spider conspiracy, don't you think? Always watch out for spiders. You never know where they might be. They are everywhere, and they are always looking to bite you. Watch out for those creepy crawlers.