

# Stouffville resident tries 'bungy' jump

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 "Every penny of your contribution will go towards protecting acres of tropical forest," read part of the letter from Education Co-ordinator Steven Johnston. "You have joined



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## A holiday from hell

My previous column, cataloging the pitfalls inherent in one's summer vacation, pales in comparison with our actual 1990 experience.

Things went unnaturally smoothly to start with. The old man managed to retain his good humor throughout the usual last-minute panics. Our first night (the calm before the storm) was spent in cheerful comfort with old friends in Prince Edward County, before we left for the wilds of the Magnetawan River and the journey into a drug-infested hell.

The drugs I'm referring to included Penicillin, Amoxil and Tylenol, the purchase of which represented approximately 99% of our holiday budget, as the two youngest members of the party took it in turns to go through the entire Family Medical Guide's selection of childhood illnesses in the space of a week and a half.

Clare got the ball rolling with a cold which she had thoughtfully brought back from camp. No doubt my helpful relations were right when they said, as her temperature climbed to 104 degrees, that I shouldn't have allowed her to go swimming with such a heavy cold, but I would have been enormously grateful if they hadn't added to maternal guilt by mentioning the fact.

That night we took turns to sponge down our overheated offspring. After several hours we managed to get her settled, and I reached at last for one of the half dozen books I'd brought along for relaxation. A rustling noise in the corner distracted me and I found myself looking into the eyes of a startled mouse, pausing in mid-flight across the floor.

After a few laps around the sitting room hotly pursued by the family, it escaped into a crack in the wall, leaving us to enjoy a sleepless night in anticipation of its next visit. On Wednesday, just three and a half days after leaving home, we found ourselves en route to Burk's Falls Hospital, an unscheduled point of interest on our holiday itinerary.

Two days later, we learned that Clare had added gastric flu and a sinus infection to her growing assortment of medical complaints.

By the time her stomach had stopped rejecting everything poured into it, including antibiotics, and she was beginning to recover, Malcolm was busy trying to outdo her in the "most prescriptions in a week" category.

A particularly virulent strain of gastric flu was later augmented by a nasty dose of strep throat, resulting in a persistent fever and much anguished moaning and groaning to which the male of the species seems especially prone. The fever broke late on Sunday, the day before our holiday ended.

Most people take photos on their summer vacation. This year, ours is immortalized by a row of small bottles, a collection of medicine spoons and a large bowl, purchased in case of emergency on our premature journey south.

many young people who are actively involved in conservation action. At WWF, we hope that your concern for the problem of the disappearing rainforests, and your willingness to be a part of the solution, will last a long time. Congratulations! Your support will make a difference."

The letter was accompanied by a certificate recognizing the students' achievement.

**Jumping for joy**  
 Stouffville teenager Dayle Lewis did some hanging about when he went to New Zealand to visit relatives last January,

and he did it from a bridge located high above a fast-moving river, hanging by his ankles from an elastic cord. It was Dayle's first taste of bungy jumping, a popular pastime for fearless and slightly deranged people who are required to sign a certificate acknowledging their state prior to jumping.

"This certifies that Dayle Lewis, of Ontario Canada," reads the document, "has lost all touch of reality and sense of responsibility towards life in throwing himself off a bridge 143 feet above a rampant raging river attached to nothing more than a great big rubber

band." Dayle was persuaded by his cousin to give it a try.

"It was pretty scary, you just had a big bungy cord tied around your ankles," he explained. "You free-fall about 110 feet and the bungy cord stretches right out, and then you keep bouncing. When you stop they lower you down to a boat."

The whole experience takes about five minutes and although Dayle admits it was nerve-racking, he'd have no

hesitation about doing it again.

### Deadline extended

The library has extended its Search for the Silver Sword summer reading program to mid-September to allow everyone to complete the course.

For those who are interested in seeing how the library's addition will look, a sketch by local artist John Roberts will be on view at the facility.

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