

Vince Williams (left), a fourth grader, and John David Scott (right), a fifth grader, display their awards for greatest math improvement in their respective grades at Ruby Thomas Elementary School. Robbie Law (center) of the school's deaf education section received an award for outstanding math achievement for the whole school.

## Kayak teacher self-taught riverman

After fooling around with a kayak for a few weeks in a couple of mountain streams, Roy Evans decided to shoot the mighty rapids of the Colorado River.

He took the last eight of them upside down. "It was a good thing someone was there to fish me out," the 32-year-old Las Vegas out-doorsman smiled in a recent interview. "It was a lousy way to take the rapids."

Today, Evans is a real kayak king. He can dodge any boulder, shoot any rapid, and, if he wants to, hold his kayak dead still in the midst of raging white water rapids.

Evans taught himself the demanding art of ka-yaking the hard way. But he'll be making it easy for youngsters to learn the sport later this month in four one-week programs at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

The class in kayaking for boys and girls ages 12 through 17 is one of more than a dozen leisure time activities that will be offered in "A

## Zenith number aids in road emergencies

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Evans, the chief of the air monitoring branch of the local Environmental Protection Agency, can do a nose stand in the water. Or he can flip the dugout canoe lengthwise.

The secret of it all is the "Eskimo roll," he says. That's the trick of not falling out when the boat turns over, then being able to turn back right side up.

"The Eskimo roll is the most important thing I'll be teaching the youngsters in UNLV's new swimming pool. It takes a great deal of concentration to learn it and it's not something that comes natural."

Evans, whose father was a big-game guide and bush pilot in Alaska, was raised around the Eskimos and their kayaks. He went to high school Anchorage and eventually earned a bachelor's and master's degrees from Stanford.

The Eskimos needed kayaks to survive," he related. "They used them in the open ocean to hunt seals and sea lions. But today's kayaks bear only a faint resemblance to what the Eskimos used--they're lighter, much more maneuverable, and we can use them for sport.

Evans said he will be teaching the youngsters about kayak strokes, equipment, repairs, navigation techniques and about the water that is available within a 300-mile radius of Las Vegas.

"We might play some games like kayak polo," he said. "They will put the kids in awkard situations, they'll do a lot of capsizing and they'll learn how to become better boat handlers. Summer Thing," a program in the new McDer-mott Physical Education Center at UNLV.

The instruction from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day is sponsored by the Department of Physical Education and the Office of Conferences and Institutes. Registration is now under way.

There is nothing that compares to the excitement of running the rapids in a kayak," Evans says. "You're right there in the midst of it all, and you can take your craft anywhere instead of relying on the river's whims.

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## Perry Funeral

Continued from page 1.. Vegas; a sister, Le-Solomon and KatieB. lamae Carpenter of Las Perry Sr., of Las Vegas; Vegas; and a son, Defour brothers, Clarence juan Perry of Los Ange-King, Archie Perry, les. Solomon Perry Jr. and Perry was buried in Shelby Perry, all of Las Palm Memorial Park.

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