

Gossip, Rumors and Lies

Kanaskis Viscosity

The Kanaskis Whitewater Festival has a novel way to test the mettle of Canadian kayakers: see who can resist the flow of 1,060 cfs released from the dam upstream. The rules: Anything goes, and the last boater to get swept away wins. At last year's event, after watching other water-logged participants get swept downstream, locals Jesse Berg and Dave Manning wrestled with each other and the water until the bitter end, with Manning eventually flushing away. Berg's prize for his tree-root-like effort? What else but something to hold water at bay: a water bottle.

Foot Torture Photo of the Month

Apparently, the folks at Germany's *Kanu* magazine have a fetish for feet. How else would you explain this photo by staff photographer Michael Neumann showing Georg Massing squishing into a Zelezny Wigo, the smallest kayak ever made in Europe? "It was a pretty tight fit," says Neumann, who captured the grimace. Shot on location at Augsburg's Kajakshop, the photo graphically illustrates the desperate measures a boater will take in quest of the elusive Donkey Flip.

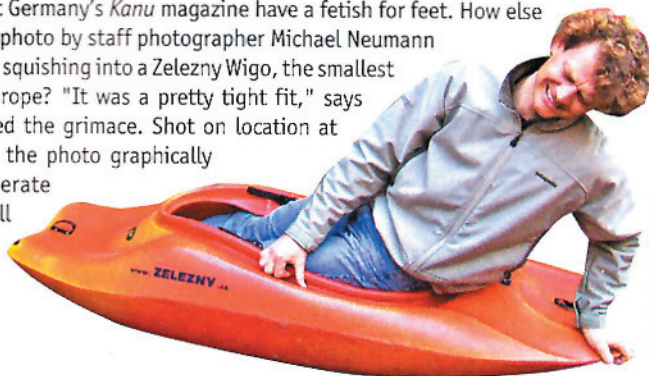


photo by Michael Neumann

PLASTIC PEDICURE BETTER CLIP THOSE TOENAILS.

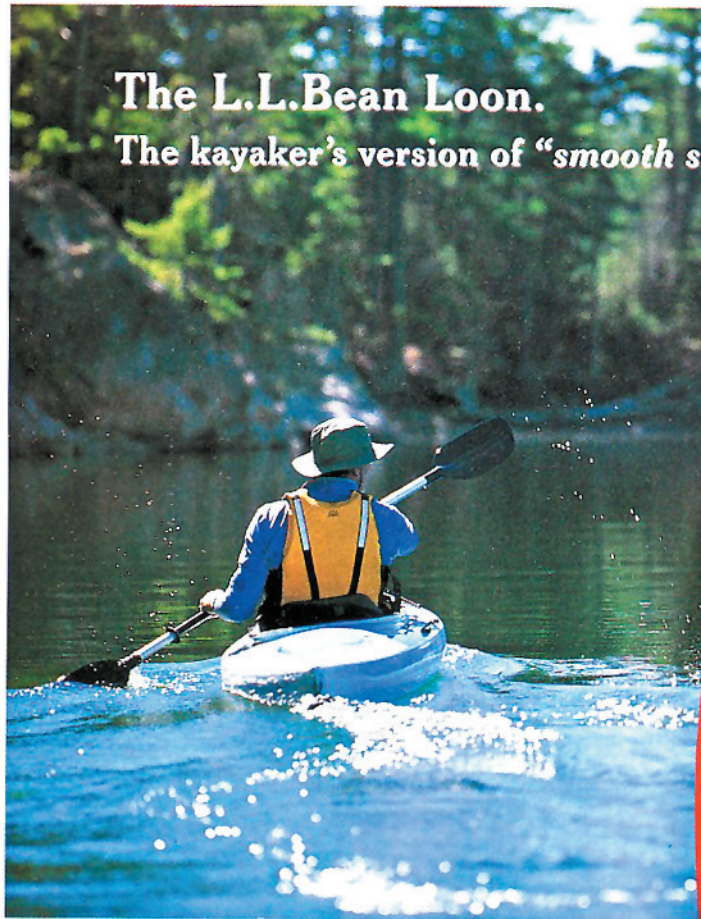


MUJERES IN MEXICO LEVESQUE (RIGHT), GIVING SOME TIPS BETWEEN TACOS.

Girls at Play II

Anna Levesque, renowned for her groundbreaking instructional video *Girls at Play*, gathered another team of world-class female paddlers and headed to Mexico to film her second instructional video, *Whitewater Basics for Women*. The newest installment to the Girls at Play series will be available in April to accompany Anna's launch of the 2005 Girls at Play Summer Tour, with 14 stops throughout North America. "My goal is to help women increase their confidence on the water so they can relax and have more fun," says Levesque. *Info:* www.watergirlsatplay.com.

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