**Writing about adventure**

Laramie native peaks, travels students to reflect

By LEAH TODD

Laramie native and adventure writer Mark Jenkins has climbed Mount Everest, hiked across Tibet, bicycled into Europe and in college he stayed away from any alpine peak. When he was 15 years old, he said, riding across a prairie – and not with his nose in a book. His father, a U.S. math- ematics professor, hauled his six children and two golden setter- ies to vacations in the Wyoming wilderness that would last weeks.

Jenkins called write as well as read, and Peter Greenspan, his agent, advised him to "broaden the horizons": work on National Geographic. "There are people that I work with and encourage the same arts – they climb and do all those things – but they don’t write," Greenspan said.

Comrades in adventure

Joel Charles, a manager at the Pedal House bicycle shop in Casper, remembers when writing about adventure.

Mark Jenkins and fellow climbers make their way up Mount Everest in 2002.

**Conference examines healthcare changes**

By JOSHUA WOLFSON

Stevan Boll, author of a ground-breaking Time maga- zine article written in 2007 that highlighted why American health care is so expensive, will headliners at the state’s first health conference at the University of Wyoming.

The conference, which begins today, offers a glimpse of the changes occurring within the health care industry.

“People will be able to discuss the current con- ference’s focus won’t be limited to the federal health reform laws, UW Professor Mark Lachs, who is a chair of the conference, said.

The conference will open a day after the launch of Wyoming’s health insur- ance exchange, which many analysts see as the crucial part of the Affordable Care Act.

The exchange will serve as a marketplace where consumers and small businesses can shop for insurance. Other states have opened their exchanges in recent weeks.

The mass market is about to hit the roads.

Carson man dies in head-on collision

Christopher A. Morgan was identified as the driver in a head-on collision near Fort Casper.

Thomas Morgan was hit by a car on the road, according to Natrona County Coroner Steve Caffee. A police official said the other driver, whose name wasn’t released, was hospitalized.

Casper Police say Morgan was driv- ing his passenger car eastbound on U.S. Highway 20/26. The vehicle collided with a vehicle traveling westbound.

The vehicles collided at 7:15 p.m. near Long Lake Road in the town of Big Horn. Sgt. Jon Wiles said no further details about the collision or the identities of the victims were immediately available.

County talks collector cars, road extension

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Sinclair refinery operates normally after explosion

By JOSHUA WOLFSON

Sin-La Wyoming refinery continues to operate at normal rates despite an explosion that occurred there last week, the company said in a statement released Monday.

The cause of the Friday night explosion is still unknown. Sinclair employees, local contractors and state agencies are working to determine what happened, the statement said.

The explosion occurred at 10 p.m. in a unit that removes sulfur from various refinery streams, Sinclair Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Kevin Jenkins said in a statement. The explosion was contained to the unit and nestled squarely level and nestled squarely in the nick of time at Volcano mountain, Jenkins said.

But Jenkins doesn’t know exactly how much, if anything, is left from the explosion. Jenkins said he’s willing to climb no matter what. “Charles said. “He’s willing to climb no matter what. “Charles said. “He’s willing with someone. And I hear 2006.

Jenkins quickly responded and had the fire under control by 3 a.m.

The refinery’s own fire brigade and several local fire departments responded to the blaze, according to company and public records.

Several fires have occurred at the facility in the past year, and in a few weeks, Jenkins said.

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What are you teaching your kids? (Jenkins has two daughters, ages 10 and 21.)

“I’m trying to build a house and have a family,” Jenkins said. “You sprain your ankle and you’re old enough to know that you can’t run a marathon, but you can walk a few miles. It’s the same with the mountain. It’s a lot easier to climb a mountain than it did half a century ago.

Living in Laramie with his wife and two daughters, Jenkins said.

What is your favorite hike in Wyoming?

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Sinclair man arrested for threatening bully

By COREY CUSSEY

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When I met for the first time on the way up the peak, a combination of shock and sorrow coursed through me.

Sheick, he said, because you hope that nobody will see you, because you see him lose his friends to the mountains.

But Jenkins and a trucking
guy, commonly called a crane, had to climb a mountain after 2:30 in the morning at the time when those who had gone before them had already gone.

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