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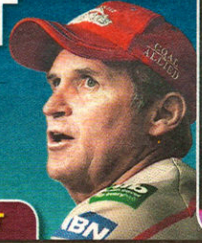
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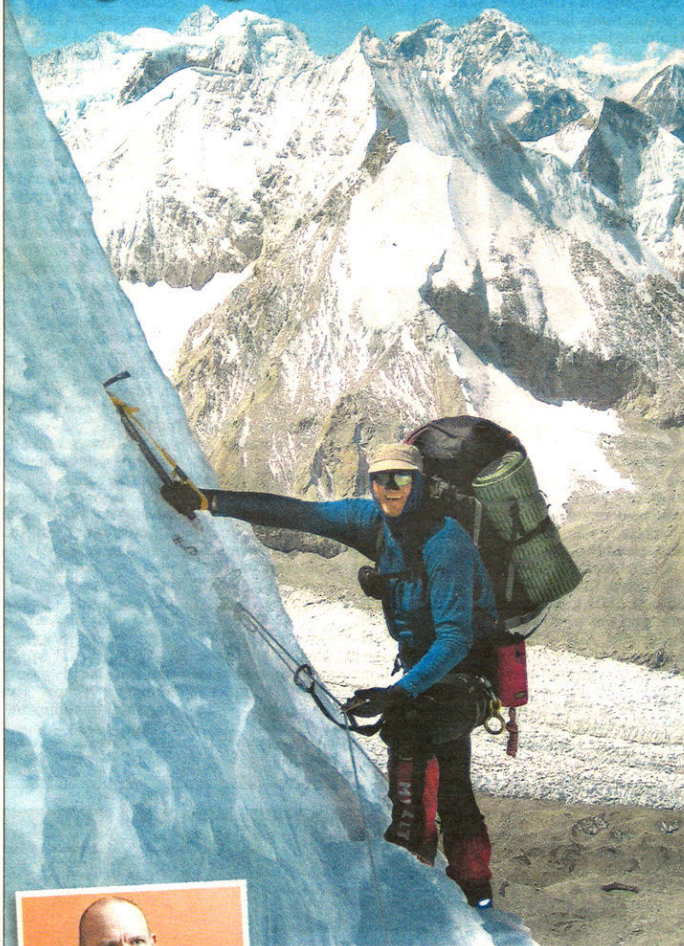
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Hunter adventurer going to extremes



PUT TO TEST: Gavin Vickers climbing Mount Cho Oyu in Tibet, above, and at his Thornton home, left.

By MARTIN DINNEEN

THORNTON adventurer Gavin Vickers loves testing his boundaries.

That drive has just helped him to conquer the world's sixth-highest mountain, 8201-metre Cho Oyu in the Himalayas, without using

oxygen tanks and despite suffering frostbite.

And it will spur him on when he tackles the tallest, Mount Everest, in April next year.

"It is definitely more dangerous without oxygen [tanks]," he said.

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Councillors slam policy as censorship attempt

City 'gag' row

By JACQUI JONES
Civic Reporter

CIVIC leaders have slammed a new policy governing their conduct, saying it amounts to censorship because of a "gag provision" restraining comments made to the media.

Councillor Michael Osborne fears that Newcastle City Coun-

cil's proposed revisions to its code of conduct will inhibit elected representatives' communication with the community.

"It's a gag provision," he said. "It's trying to fetter the role of councillors."

Most councillors voted last night to put the draft code on



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