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Below: Pemba Sherpa of Denver.



Ice climber photo: Matt Mutsaers, a 23-year-old diesel mechanic from Reykjavik, Iceland. A rock and ice climber for 10 years, he returns to work as a member of a rescue team.

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Ice climbing is a testament to the human spirit. It requires the strength and agility of rock climbing and strategic thinking not unlike chess. It puts a climber's talents and skills to the test on ice. And though it's slippery, glazed, cracked and affected by wind, sun and temperature changes, ice is the surface of choice for climbers engaged in the growing sport.

The best ice climbers in the world traveled to Ouray last weekend for the fourth annual Ouray Ice Festival. Competition was fierce, and when it was over Kim Coleman, a Utah climber, won the women's division and Bruno Sourzac, a Frenchman, the men's; both are age 30. Karen McNeill of Canada placed second among the women and Liz Grenard of Fort Collins was third. Raffael Stawinski was second in the men's, with Seung-Kwon Chung of Seoul third. Colorado Springs climber/photographer Joe Weinberger captured these images at Ouray Ice Park.