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Gov. Mike Leavitt helps Marion Wynn light the Olympic cauldron at the state Capitol on Thursday. Wynn and his wife, Emma, have been married for 77 years and are the longest-married Utah couple.

Utah Is the Place To Stage Games — Now We See Why

BY LEX HEMPHILL
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

The equation is painfully legible: 80 months of preparation for two weeks of product. Now, finally, the people of Utah have arrived at the line of demarcation between the two, this momentous day in the state's history, Feb. 8, 2002. Tonight, at Rice-Eccles Stadium at the University of Utah, some recognizable mystery guest (or guests) will light the cauldron to open the 19th Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, the first Winter Games of the new century and the first in the American Rockies.

In that moment, Utahns will make the bold transition from Olympic planners to Olympic hosts.

It is a welcome step, because the prolonged incubation period between bid award and cauldron lighting — always a tumultuous time for Olympic organizing committees and host cities — has been particularly trying for Utahns.

From June 16, 1995, the day the International Olympic Committee awarded the 2002 Olympics to Salt Lake City, until today — 143 days of exposure for each day of the Games themselves — this seven-year litch has often seemed an irremediable case of poison ivy.

The Olympic bid scandal that broke three years ago caused the city and state considerable consternation. And no matter how Olympic historians ultimately assign the blame — one of them, Jeffrey Segrove, said, "It just so happens that Salt Lake City was the fish that bit the hook at the time that someone went fishing" — these Games will probably always carry a bribery asterisk.

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LDS President Gordon B. Hinckley holds the Olympic torch before passing it on to LDS Apostles Neil A. Maxwell at the old church administration building in Salt Lake City on Thursday.

Cold weather, warm cheers: Olympic torch rolls in SLC

BY JOE HAIRD
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

From the mouth of Emigration Canyon to the state Capitol to LDS Church headquarters in the City County Building, the Olympic torch announced its presence in Salt Lake City on Thursday. And as dozens of relay runners carried it past thousands of chilled-to-the-bone revelers, the flame also delivered another message.

The 2002 Winter Games are here. No longer a faraway concept, not longer a televised event from somewhere else, the Olympic symbol arrived in the city late Thursday afternoon, giving residents — and not a few out-of-towners — an up-close-and-personal glimpse of the flame that was lit in Olympia, Greece, 65 days ago.

Today's final torch leg loops from Bountiful in the north to Draper in the south before heading back into Salt Lake City and Rice-Eccles Stadium for the Opening Ceremony.

Thursday's climax: a gala torch-passing event at the City-County Building that included former Olympic gold medalist Kristi Yamaguchi, jazz all-star and two-time Olympic gold medalist John Scofield and silver medalist Steve Mahre. Together, the trio assisted Paralympic great Chris Waddell to the stage, where the five-time

gold medalist lit the cauldron. "It's something we've anticipated for so long," said Waddell. "People feel as we do as athletes. You're trying to prepare for something and you're not quite sure what it is. People are starting to recognize what the Games are all about. Before it was much more cerebral. Now, it's visceral. You just feel it." But Thursday's finale, played out before an estimated 40,000 people, was just one of a series of powerful touchstones.

The most elaborate: a state Capitol ceremony in which Norwegian gold medalist and adopted Utahn Stein Eriksson held his torch aloft to signal a burst of fireworks and the lighting of a massive set of Olympic rings high on the foothills above the city.

"When those rings lit up on the hill, that's when it hit me: The Olympics are really here," said West Valley City resident Janine Bloss.

Industrialist Joe Hartmann carried the torch down the hill from the

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U.S. Bobsledder Who Tested Positive for Steroids Will Not Compete

BY CHRISTOPHER SMITH
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Top U.S. bobsledder Pavle Jovanovic, who tested positive for banned muscle-builders, not only lost his bid to compete in the 2002 Games on Thursday but had his sanction from competition increased from nine months to two years by the International Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

"The whole drug doping system is a joke," Jovanovic said after learning CAS denied his appeal of the earlier suspension. "There's a Latvian pilot (Sandis Prustis) competing with levels twice

high as mine ... but this is what my country thinks of me. It's so traumatizing."

The ruling by CAS pleased the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), which initiated Jovanovic's suspension after the New Jersey steelworker tested positive at U.S. Olympic trials in December for elevated levels of 19-norandrosterone and norethocholanolone, both metabolites of the banned steroid nandrolone.

"It was the appropriate penalty," said Terrance Madden, USA's chief executive. "He knew what he was doing, that he was placing himself at risk."

Jovanovic had been part of pilot Todd Hays' tight-knit, four-man bobsled crew, which led the world this season and was favored to end U.S. bobsled's 46-year medal drought and silver medal skier Steve Mahre. Together, the trio assisted Paralympic great Chris Waddell to the stage, where the five-time

U.S. bobsledder Billy Schuffenhauer, named as an alternate to Hays' crew in December, will replace Jovanovic, who coaches describe as the best brakeman in the world. "I'm not too concerned," assistant coach Greg Sand said. "He [Schuffenhauer] is about the most solid choice we

could come up with of anybody. He's got big shoes to fill, and if we have to fill them, we couldn't beat Billy."

At a hearing Jan. 23 before the North American CAS panel, Jovanovic blamed his positive drug test on "Nitro Tech," a whey protein supplement he began taking in October after his last negative drug test. The product is certified as a "potent anabolic" by its maker, MuscleTech.

Jovanovic testified that while he was familiar with warnings to athletes not to use any supplements because of labeling and purity concerns, he used 31 different

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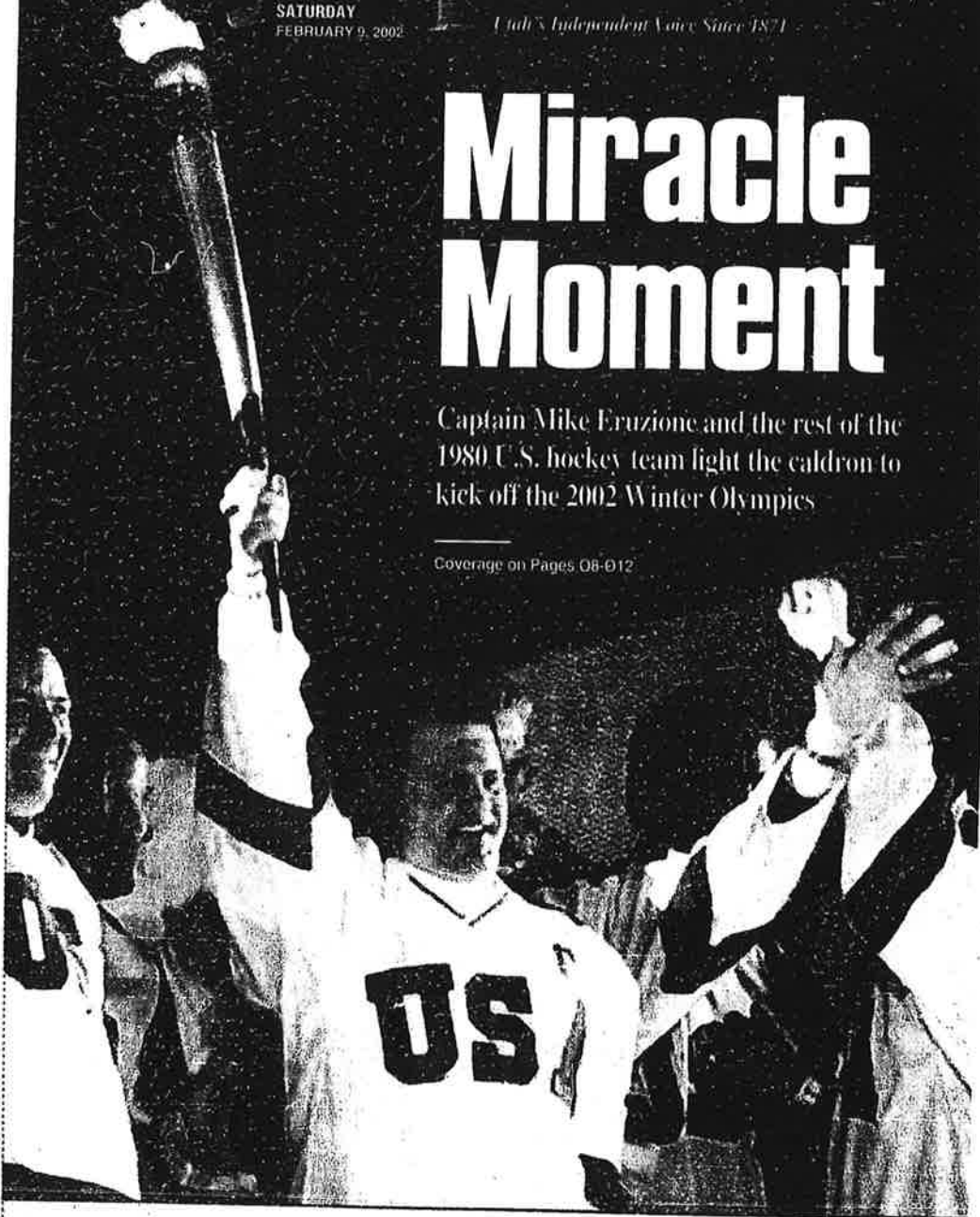
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Miracle Moment

Captain Mike Eruzione and the rest of the 1980 U.S. hockey team fight the cauldron to kick off the 2002 Winter Olympics

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4 p.m. — Men's hockey: Slovakia vs. Germany, Austria vs. Latvia
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Note for the Greatest U.S. Skier of all time...
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First Impressions

"I thought I was floating two feet off the ground. It was everything it was supposed to be and more."

KIRKIAN RANDALL
U.S. cross-country skier

"Walking into Rice-Eccles Stadium with all those people chanting 'USA,' I think my pulse went out the top of the stadium and over the Wasatch Mountains."

ANN SWISSELMAN
U.S. skier

"Me and the other experienced Olympians know how to choose the right seat."

RANDY JONES
Three-time U.S. Olympic bobsledder, who sat next to President Bush

"It was awesome. It was such a thrill to share it with the whole U.S. delegation, my teammates and coach."

DEBBIE MCCORMICK
U.S. curler

"It was just shocking to walk into the stadium. The crowd went wild. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

PETER THORNDIKE
U.S. snowboarder

"Everything was done perfectly."

LISA ODVYSKI
U.S. snowboarder

"Walking into the stadium with the flag with all of those people was just unbelievable. It's hard to explain because it's so cool."

AMY PETERSON
U.S. short-track speedskater and flag bearer

"They're portraying Utahns as diverse people. I know a lot of people are happy that we can show the world we can hold the Olympics here."

AMY HAYES
Salt Lake City

"I'm still pinching myself that it's here. For seven years, it was always in the future, it was always in preparation. It's almost unreal that it's happening."

DEEDEE CORRADINI
Former Salt Lake City mayor

"Oh, hey, this is pay TV, and we paid a lot for it. It had a roadshow plot and Las Vegas production values. And I don't mean either of those things negatively."

STEVE PACE
Olympic ace

"The ocean is on top of your mountains — water, air and land is one. Our little planet earth is one system where everything is connected. The Olympics symbolize that, where each nation comes together as one."

MICHAEL COUSTEAU
Marine environmentalist

"It was a beautiful ceremony. It was a moment with many moments of global ceremony. I thought it was a healing evening."

STEVEN SPIELBERG
Movie director

Grand Opening



The Olympic flag is escorted into Rice-Eccles Stadium. Among the bearers were Desmond Tutu, Steven Spielberg and Sen. John Glenn.

Utah takes the world stage in an emotional night that even had snow

BY MIKE GORRELL
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

Reaching back to America's brightest Olympic moment, Salt Lake City's Games opened Friday with the miracle men of the 1980 hockey team lighting the cauldron that will burn through the remaining 16 days of the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The long-awaited cauldron lighting capped an emotional evening highlighted by the appearance of the "Ground Zero" flag recovered from the World Trade Center, a star-studded cast of international figures carrying the Olympic flag into Rice-Eccles Stadium, and a theatrical tribute to the American West that paid special homage to its Indian roots.

And while the 20-hour program emphasized the drive and determination of the assembled athletes, individuals whose ability to "Light the Fire Within" brought them here and will provide inspiration to the world in the next fortnight, it also paid poignant respect to the searing memories of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge noted that "your nation is overcoming a horrific tragedy, a tragedy that affected the whole world. We stand united with you in the promotion of our common ideals, in a hope for world peace."

Rogge then turned the stage over to President Bush, who addressed a bit in delivering the scripted formal statement opening the XIX Winter Games. "On behalf of a proud, determined and grateful nation, I declare open the Games of Salt Lake City celebrating the Olympic Winter Games."

The sentiment was felt among the crowd at Washington Square in downtown Salt Lake City, where J. Gene Humming of Mexico City observed that "the whole 9-11 issue brought the world together. It's not us and them anymore, but us and oneness."

That universality was expressed in multiple ways in the skating-rich production. Representatives of Utah's five American Indian tribes, decked out in full tribal regalia, united to bless the athletes and to accept



Sting, left, and Yo-Yo Ma perform at the Opening Ceremony on Friday night.

resents from five of their ranks, one from each inhabited continent.

The motif was extended in the delivery of the Olympic flag, whose five interlocking rings are the world's most widely recognized symbol. The flag was escorted into the packed stadium by inspirational figures from each continent — astronaut and senator John Glenn from the Americas, former Poland President Lech Walesa from Europe, human rights leader Archbishop Desmond Tutu from Africa, Japanese gold-medalist ski jumper Kazuyoshi Funaki from Asia, and gold medal track star Cathy Freeman of Australia, who lit the Sydney's cauldron at the 2000 Summer Olympics.

Joining them were embodiments of the three "pillars" of the Olympic movement — for sport, legendary French skier Jean-Claude Killy; for art, director Steven Spielberg; and for the environment, Jean-Michel Cousteau.

The ceremony also hailed the leading luminaries of American winter sports, including the Shea family,

with skeleton racer Jim Shea and his father Jim Sr. holding a torch in memory of the family patriarch, 1922 Olympian Jack Shea who died two weeks ago in a car accident.

The weather cooperated magically with executive producer Don Mischler's wishes. Temperatures were just below freezing, far more comfortable than preceding nights. A steady north wind subided just in time for the "American West Suite" that featured stylized animals of the Wild West, a giant buffalo in particular, whose sheetlike materials would have been blown away by stiff breezes. And a light snow fell at times, adding an ambiance long desired by the creative team.

There was a brief scare, when the flame traveled up the cauldron and appeared ever-so-briefly that it might go out just below the top. But then a full flame shot skyward. And there was one flub: Skater Kristi Yamaguchi's last name was misspelled on the big screen.

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13-Year-Old's Whim Leads to Starring Role in Ceremony

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Ryne Sanborn, 13, of West Valley City is surrounded by costumed performers during the Opening Ceremony.

Ryne Sanborn, the 13-year-old skater from West Valley City who debuted at the Opening Ceremony as the "Child of Light," never expected he would land one of the starring roles when he auditioned last July.

But the experience, which the hockey player described after the show as "completely unerving," taught him something: "Go for what you want and be all you can be, because in the end it pays off."

Sanborn, a Utah native, auditioned for a part on a whim, said his mother Florence Sanborn, who was surprised when he was called back months later for a casting call with two other figure skaters.

periodically, though he is not sure how often or when.

"They kind of say, 'You need to be here' and we go," said Florence Sanborn.

And he will have a spot in the closing ceremony with figure skater Katarina Witt.

The show's producers were looking for an "All-American boy with athleticism," said the boy's father, Jeff Sanborn. The Sanborn's other child, Daniela, 10, also participated in the show, but on land.

"She doesn't skate," said Florence. "But she should have expressed some interest in it."

Sanborn had to learn some figure skating moves, which he picked up with incredible ease and picked off with confidence, said his mother.

Sanborn says when he signed up he wanted to be a professional hockey player, which is why he was most moved when the hockey team lit the cauldron and when they lit the World Trade Center flag over the stadium.

"My grandfather was a New York police officer," he said.

He will also appear at the Medals Plaza

Celebration of the He

Salt Lake City and Utah opened their 17 days of "making a noise in this world," as Robbie Robertson's pulsating lyric put it, with a dramatic and moving Opening Ceremony.

If the basic mission of the Olympics is to bring the world together through sport, then Salt Lake City's ceremony to open the 19th Winter Games on Friday night at Rice-Eccles Stadium struck the right unifying chords. Yes, there were some spectacular effects in this show, but this was essentially a celebration of the heart, a series of emotional moments ultimately woven together at the end by the lighting of the Olympic cauldron.

Selected for that job were the obvious candidates, the members of the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team, who were brought together for their first complete reunion a week ago at the NHL All-Star Game in Los Angeles and then came here — well, 18 of the 20, anyway — for their coup de grace.

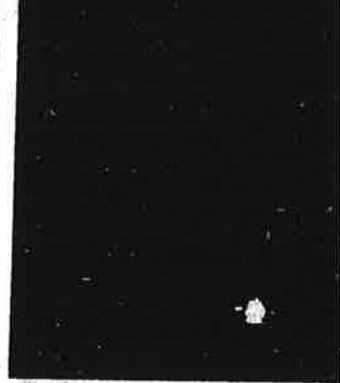
Captain Mike Eruzione took the torch at the base of the cauldron and for a moment stood alone, just as he did on the medal podium in 1980 at Lake Placid. Then, as he did 22 years ago, he mentioned for his teammates to join him, and out from the flanks they came, members of the hockey team that gave a be-



A skater representing a mystical horse glides across the ice during the opening ceremony.



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Sting, left, and Yo-Yo Ma perform at the Opening Ceremony on Friday night.

Former Bid Leads

Johnson, Welch watch festivities from stands

BY LINDA FANTIN
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

They rode to the venues on buses with their families. They wore white hoodies and twirled flashlights. They cheered the athletes and did the wave. And they basked in the glory of their hard work.

This may not have been the Opening Ceremony experience that Dave Johnson and Tom Welch envisioned seven years ago when they grasped the Olympic rings and brought them back to Salt Lake City. But it was an amazing experience nonetheless.

"I thought when we came it would be hard to watch," said Johnson after the ceremony. "But I enjoyed every minute of it. I was proud to be there. I was proud to be part of making it all happen."

The experience was sweet for the former bid leaders. The Justice Department waits in the wings having applied the diamond of bribery, fraud and