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ENCLOSED TODAY:



Our 25 Years After special, which chronicles the lead-up and aftermath of the 1980 Olympic Winter Games and features Olympic Memories from our readers, was published in last week's News.

If you are a subscriber, you received your copy last week. It is still available and is included again with this week's News only at local newsstands. With a price of 25 cents, individual copies of the special can be purchased at our office on Mill Hill.

Tickets still available

LAKE PLACID Tickets are on sale now for Disney on Ice's "Toy Story 2" and the Night of Miracles on Feb. 23.

The "Toy Story 2" performance schedule is as follows: Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.; Feb. 18 at 7:00 p.m.; Feb. 19 at 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. and Feb. 21 at 2 p.m.

A Night of Miracles will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Tickets for Disney On Ice presents Disney/Pixar's "Toy Story 2" are available at the Olympic Center Box Office or by calling 523-3330. To purchase tickets online, visit www.orda.org and www.tickets.com.

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Fireworks planned for 25th

LAKE PLACID - Fireworks will be held on Feb. 18, 19, 20 and 22 following the conclusion of 80-minute parties on Mirror Lake Beach.

The parties, open to the public, are part of the 25th anniversary celebration.

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THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1980 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

25 YEARS AFTER

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ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE ENGULFS LAKE PLACID

Jim Craig lights Olympic Cauldron FESTIVITIES ABOUND IN THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE

MONICA SHELLENBERGER
NEWS SPORTS WRITER

LAKE PLACID - Jim Craig made his way to Lake Placid for the third time since winning a gold medal in the 1980 Winter Olympics Saturday to celebrate the games' 25th anniversary as the final leg of the torch relay at the North Elba Show Grounds.

"This is what the Olympics are all about," Craig said between signing autographs and posing for pictures with fans. "Not so commercialized, just pure. Everybody is just genuinely excited."

Craig was the last line of defense for the 1980

men's hockey team that defeated the U.S.S.R. en route to winning a gold medal at the games.

As goalkeeper Craig's 39 saves led to the 4-3 upset over the heavily favored Soviets and then led the U.S. squad to a win over Finland in the gold medal round. He allowed only 15 goals in an undefeated 6-0-1 record in the round robin tournament.



"I haven't been able to go into the (1980) rink yet, but I plan on going with my daughter (Taylor) later," Craig said. "I imagine that I will hear Herb Brooks' voice and the fans chanting

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ATHLETES RECALL THE SPIRIT OF 1980

LOU REUTER
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID - Mike Eruzione, Phil Mahre and Eric Heiden etched their names in history, and also established good friendships, during the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid 25 years ago.

On Wednesday, the trio got together again on the telephone to recall memories from those days a quarter-century ago that helped turned them into Olympic legends, and also gave Lake Placid legendary status in the Olympic world.

During a conference call hosted by the United States Olympic Committee, the three athletes, who are arguably the most famous names in the history of winter sports in America, said they will never forget being a part of the Olympics in Lake Placid.

Eruzione, who captained the 1980 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team to the "Miracle on Ice" win over the Soviet Union and then the gold medal, spoke on behalf of the squad of college

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Wilmington will mark Olympic heritage with Saturday film screening

LEE MANCHESTER
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WILMINGTON - Manhattan "refugee" Bob Hockert, lately of Wilmington, will show three short documentary films Saturday night at Steinhoff's restaurant to help his adopted hometown celebrate its Olympic heritage during the 25th anniversary of the XIII Olympic Winter Games.

All three films are about the 1980 Olympics in Wilmington and Lake Placid.

"All three prints are in pretty good shape," Hockert said. "All of them are in color, and the sound is OK."

'Fire and Ice'

The first film is "Fire and Ice" (20 minutes), directed by Gregory Bonann for the U.S. Olympic Committee.

"It's the Reader's Digest version of the 1980 Olympics," Hockert said.

Filmmaker Bonann's Olympic film career started in 1976, when he produced and directed the official USOC films of the Innsbruck and Montreal games. He went on to enjoy a long and prosperous period of producing and directing award-winning documentaries for PBS that took him to Saudi Arabia, North Africa, Alaska, and other locations all around the world.

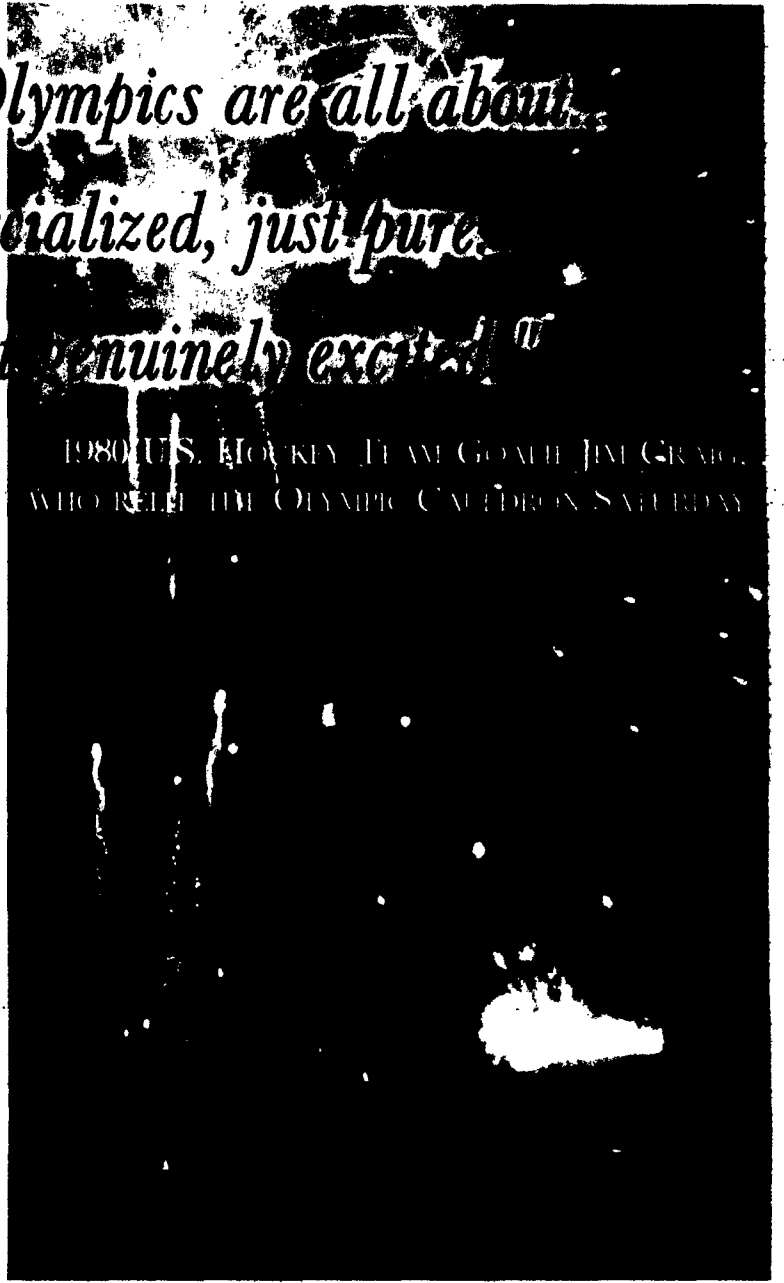
Bonann's love of sports, especially Olympic competition, eventually led him back to America in the winter of 1980 to once again produce and direct the official film for the U.S. Olympic Committee in Lake Placid. "Fire and Ice" went on to win eight prestigious awards, including the coveted Cine Golden Eagle. Those honors gave him momentum to produce and direct the official films for the 1984 Winter and Summer Olympic Games in Sarajevo and Los Angeles ("Frozen in Time" and "Elements of Gold") and the 1988 Winter Games in Calgary ("City of Gold").

'XIII Winter Olympiad'

This 22-minute summary of the 1980 Games is "very nicely done" according to Hockert. It was directed by famed "extreme" ski-film maker Joe Jay Jalbert, himself an Olympic alpine skier (1960). Jalbert's "The Golden Edge," an hour-long rendition of the 1980 Winter Games created in the runup to the 2002 Salt Lake Games, was shown earlier this month at the Lake Placid Center for the Arts.

Though Jalbert will return to Lake Placid later this month to

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1980 U.S. HOCKEY TEAM GOALIE JIM CRAIG WHO RELIEVED THE OLYMPIC CAULDRON SATURDAY

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Jim Craig, legendary goalie for the 1980 U.S. Olympic U.S. Olympic Hockey Team carries the flame while Lake Placid Mayor Roby Politti, left, and FIBT president Robert Storey look on.

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Roni Raccoon, center, made appearances and mingled with revelers throughout the 25th anniversary festivities.

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