

# THE TORCH IN COLORADO

## Denver area awaits historic flame relay

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**COLORADO SPRINGS** — The waiting is nearly over for Denverites anxious to see the Olympic flame.

After the cadre leaves the Air Force Academy this morning, the Torch will be carried north on Highway 83 through Franktown (where it arrives around noon) and Parker (1 p.m.) to Littleton (1:40 p.m.).

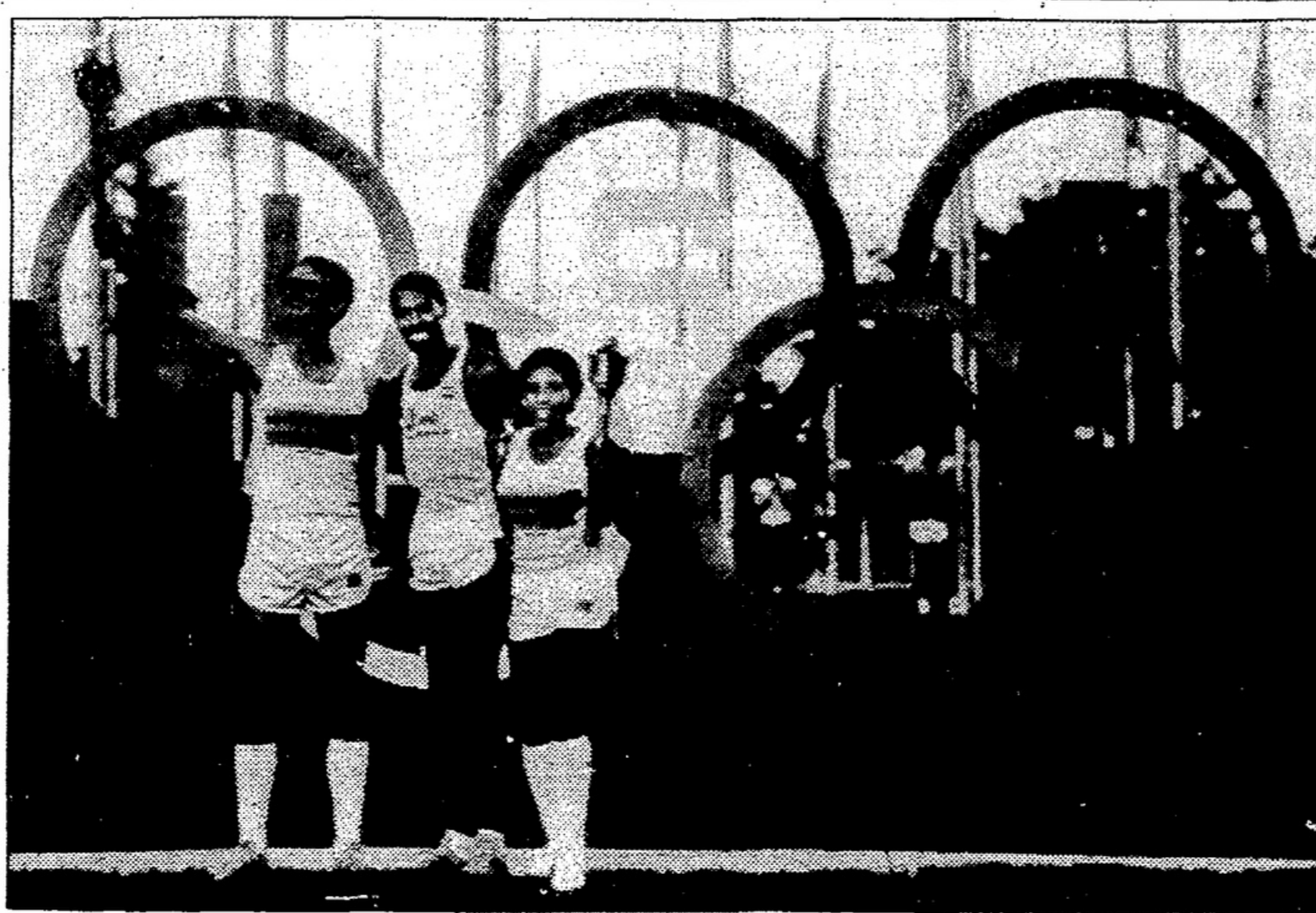
Once in the metro area, ex-Olympic skier Hank Kashiwa will be the first Youth Legacy Kilometer runner at 2 p.m. outside the city.

That's when the festivities open in Denver, proclaimed a National Events City. As the Torch passes down Broadway, the celebrations

already will have begun. "I'm looking forward to it (hitting Denver)," said Frank Jones, one of the cadre runners. "But I don't know how much we'll get to run. I don't know the schedule (of sponsored runners)."

At 3:30 p.m., there'll be a celebrity pizza-eating contest, followed by Gov. Dick Lamm's salute to Colorado Olympians. Afterward, Mayor Federico Peña will proclaim today "Olympic Torch Day."

The flame, meanwhile, will be carried to the steps of the state capitol, where it's handed to Lamm. Lamm will carry it around the Civic Center plaza to the 16th Street Mall, where he hands off to Peña about 5 p.m. Peña then will tote it to the May D&F plaza, where the party began.



Paul Kent, left, Greg Abbott, center, and Charyl Addison bring torch to the Olympic rings.

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TORCH from 1-D

"This has been a nice trip." It wasn't always "nice" for the cadre, though. Battling the brutal effects of high altitude, Frank Jones said his pace — and the others' — slowed considerably.

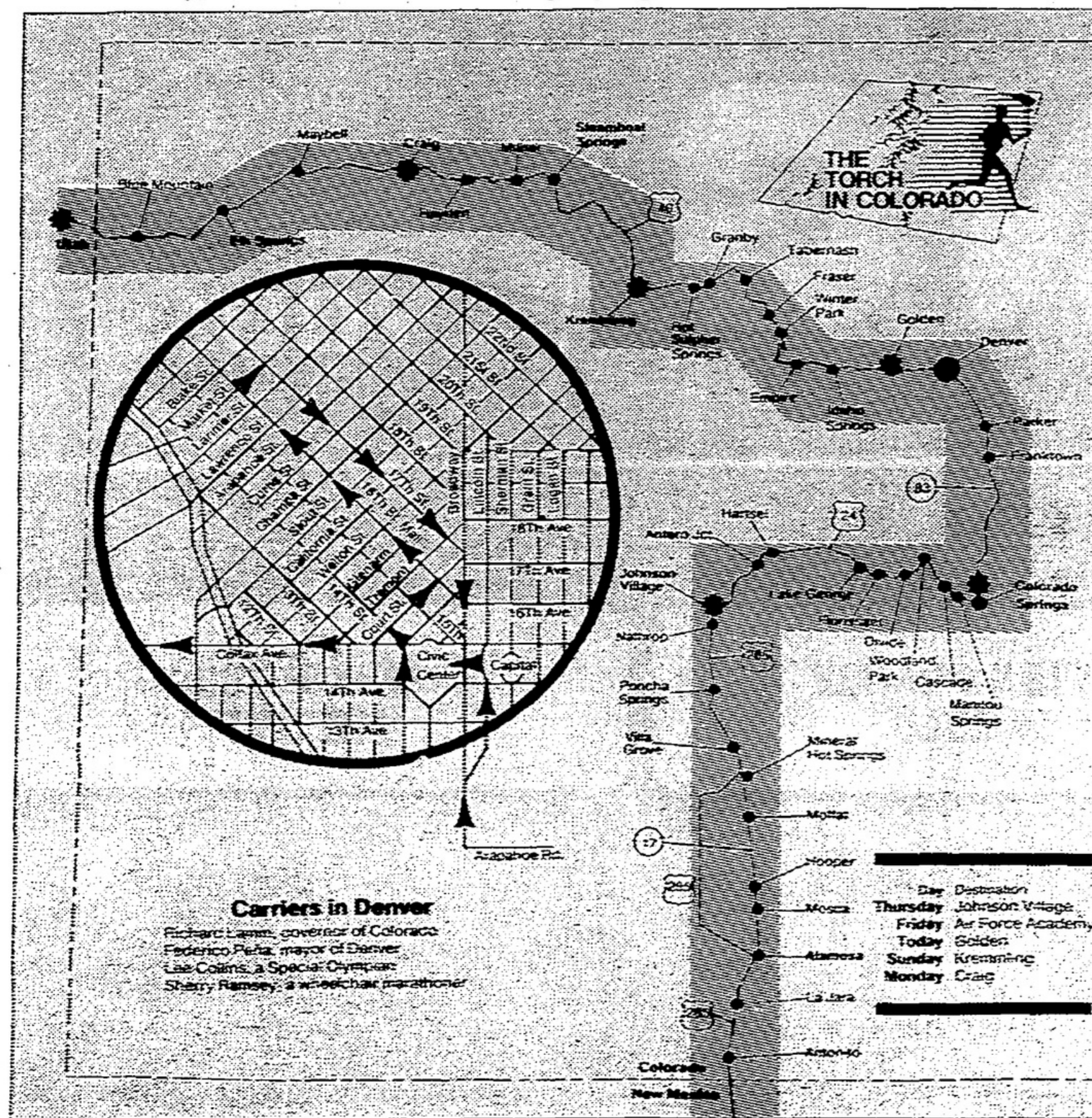
"When I was in Johnson Village at the very bottom of all those hills, they said it was God's country up there," quipped Jones, the cadre runner who carried the Torch into Colorado Thursday morning. "Well, halfway up I was hearing voices. It was tough in them hills." As the entourage skated down the mountainside on

Woodland Park's outskirts on its way to Manitou Springs, a stream-line of cars followed through the narrow streets there, all the way into the city limits of Colorado Springs. There, the crowds accumulated, and there was no way anyone could get close to the stadium. Athletes from the training center were to be on hand during the celebrations.

The scene was similar to Thursday. People waved flags, took pictures and chanted "U-S-A." "You can see why there are so many great athletes from Colorado," said Jones, a Jacksonville, Fla., native. "This has the greatest training areas anywhere."

### DISTANCES/In Colorado

Day	From	To	Miles	Kilometers
Friday	Johnson Village	Air Force Academy	226.7	364.8
Saturday	Air Force Academy	Golden	275.4	443.2
Sunday	Golden	Kremmling	300.8	484.1
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