Heidens lead US team to Lake Placid Games

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The thirteenth edition of the Winter Olympic Games begins tomorrow in Lake Placid, NY, amid controversy and with a shaky future facing the entire Olympic movement. This year's Olympic Games, like many in the past, are beset with financial problems. Lake Placid officials maintain, however, that the approximately $200 million venture will not leave a deficit when the Games end. In addition to sporting facilities such as skating rinks and ski slopes, other necessities such as improved roads and communication centers have been built with the money.

After the Games are over, the buildings comprising the Olympic Village where the athletes are housed will be turned into a minimum-security prison. A room for two athletes that measures 9' x 13 feet will be turned into a single cell, complete with narrow windows.

In addition, although the prices of gold and silver have gone up drastically in recent months, the supplier of Olympic medals has agreed to hold prices back drastically in recent months, the supplier of Olympic medals has agreed to hold prices back. Although this country may pull off a surprise here, the United States put on its best show at any Winter Olympic Games the last time they were held at Lake Placid — back in 1932. Those Games represented the first time the United States hosted a Winter Olympics, and the Americans captured gold, silver, and two bronze medals. With the present state of world affairs casting a long shadow on this summer's Olympic Games in Moscow, the Lake Placid Games may represent the last Olympics, winter or summer, in the form in which we presently know them. Such a turn of events will only serve to demonstrate how out of place politically symbolic acts that have become far too politicized already.