

# G-town narrows city administrator candidates to four

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The list of candidates for Georgetown city administrator has been narrowed from 30 applicants to four finalists. Those four have gone through a rigorous battery of interviews, which have involved the community, town employees, town board members and professionals from outside Georgetown. The final choice will be made Feb. 9 at the next regular meeting of the Georgetown Board of Selectmen. Mayor Tom Bennhoff said the tough application and interview process was

essential to narrowing the choices to the best candidate. “It is extremely important to this town to get the right person — and we want to make sure that we do everything possible to get that done,” Bennhoff said. Bennhoff said the four candidates were interviewed Jan. 25 by two different groups — one consisting of selectmen and the other members of the community, town staff and several professionals, which included a town manager from Breckenridge and the former manager of Grand Junction. That evening Georgetown hosted a meet-the-candidates night at the Gateway Visitors’

Center, at which community members came to ask their own questions. Bennhoff said the next stage includes background and reference checks, and time to allow the public to respond and share their opinions of the four with their representatives. “They’re all very good candidates, so any one of the four might get the position,” Bennhoff said. The candidates are: • **Thomas Hale:** Hale has a background in local government management and land-use planning, which has included municipal annexations in mountain communities.

Hale was the town manager for Granby from 2000 to 2006. His resume lists planning and construction of a town hall and police station among his accomplishments. Hale is also a former county administrator and county commissioner for Chaffee County. • **Robert Todd:** Todd has worked for more than 20 years at First National Bank of Stratton as president, chief executive officer and chairman of the board. Todd is also a former Navy officer. • **Yvonne Kimball:** Kimball is city manger for Bowling Green, Fla., and has held

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# An uphill fight

*Golddiggers’ ski coach determined to save a sport cherished by him and his students*

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Resurrection and renewal. Conradt Fredell has seen his share of both over the years. A biology teacher at Clear Creek High School for the past 29 years, the one-time standout skier has coached the Golddiggers’ ski team for the past three decades and is an assistant with the football team. He is a father, husband and musician. He wears a variety of hats, and he wears them well. Fredell the musician was part of the revival of the Original Cow Boy Band, a group of classically trained musicians dressed as 1800s cowboys. As Clear Creek’s ski team faces the possibility of elimination due to budget constraints, Fredell might have to engineer a similar feat to keep more than four decades of tradition alive. “Because of modern economic times, many ski teams don’t exist now that used to be originally in the ski league,” Fredell said. “... We have a declining enrollment, we have less kids in ski team and still having the costs and additional increase in transportation costs, due to fuel costs.” Clear Creek principal Jeff Miller said the district is facing a 7 percent funding reduction and that the ski team, which is “a very expensive program,” has seen dwindling numbers. Miller broke the news in December that the team was facing the possibility of

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**CLEAR CREEK SKI COACH** Conradt Fredell is facing the elimination of his favorite sport. He has been coaching downhillers at the high school for three decades.

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Other ski teams, such as the

Fredell grew up in Flagstaff, Ariz., and was raised in a family in which everyone played at least one instrument. Fredell plays the trombone and the piano. He attended Colorado State University for one year before returning home to finish college at the University of Northern Arizona. His first teaching job was in Kingman, Ariz., where he taught for eight years. He and his wife moved back to Colorado for a job.

He chose the latter. Fredell met

And so the Original Cow Boy Band was reborn. It even found some old sheet music that the first band played.

“I’ve worked very hard, and I love what I do,” Fredell said. “I don’t know many other people that are as happy with their work in their life as I am — and I find that very sad, that they can’t find that fulfillment, whether they are looking too short term or whether they are looking for fulfillment all of the time — because there are no perfect jobs.”


"When I'm racing ... everything goes away," skier DiDier Bonnette-Forenz said. "There are coaches and people on the sidelines yelling at you usually, but everything disappears and you are in the

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that position since October 2008. Kimball has a master of arts degree in public administration from the University of Central Florida. She cites in her application that she obtained \$2.9 million in federal stimulus funding for road paving,

Nicholson had replaced former Georgetown administrator Chuck Stearns, who left the position after a four-year stint to be the city manager of Whitefish, Mont.

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