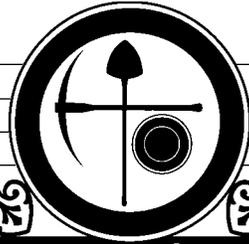


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**Local History**



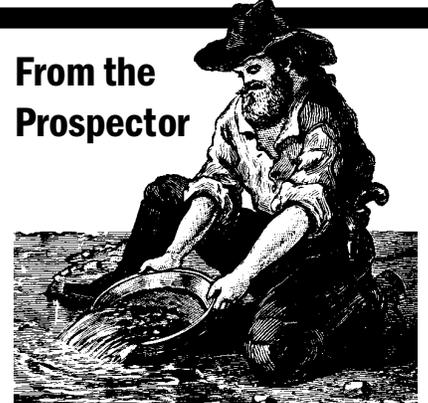
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# PROSPECTOR

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**From the  
Prospector**



**Howdy Prospectors!**

Well Prospectors, sad to say this is your last issue of the newsletter. Soon you'll be off on summer vacation and then on to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Hopefully, you had some fun learning about the rich history of our state. I know I did!

I saved the best for last. This issue, the Prospectors are in charge. Your fellow students from around the state, took the time to look into their local history and write some short articles to share with all of us. Thanks for helping out.

If you're ever in Boise, come to the museum for a visit. Remember to bring something for my mule. He's awful fond of apples. Goodbye. I'll miss you.

## Local History

**O**ur first set of articles comes from a group of Prospectors at White Pine Elementary, in Burley.

### **A Local Artist by Mikayla Collins**

I'm writing about an important person that I happen to know. He's an artist that has sold hundreds of paintings. When he was little he broke his left hand then he had to learn how to write with his right hand. Now he paints and writes with both hands at the same time. He oil paints.

Something really interesting is that he's color blind. He

has some galleries in Hawaii and Scottsdale, Arizona. He also got a full scholarship to the Art Center College of design in Pasadena, California. His name is Robert Moore. He lives in Declo which is twelve miles from here.

### **A Dangerous Flood Averted by Ben Robins**

The winter of 1984 there was a lot of snow. The snow pack level was very high. The temperature was very high in the spring. So the reservoir rose quickly. It almost overflowed so they had to do something!

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They had the choice of letting the water flow back into the Goose Creek. But instead the Army Marine Corp. dug a canal west of the city of Burley in 4 days.

This canal carried the flood waters safely to the Snake River without flooding farms or the city of Burley. The canal they dug went through my grandpa's farm as well as many other farms.

### **Hot Baths by Mary Lozano**

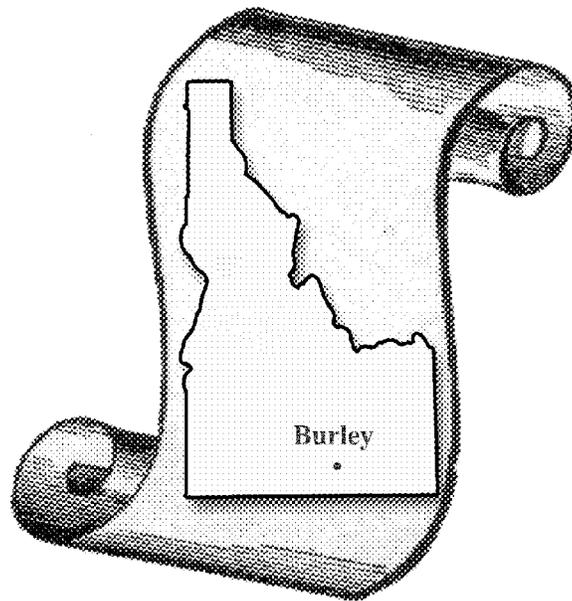
My paragraph is about the Oakley hot baths. The water at the hot baths is natural hot water that comes from underground springs. The Oakley hot baths is 20 miles from Burley and 5 miles south of Oakley. In one of the hot baths it is very private. There is a swimming pool with warm water from the springs. There is another small pool. I think it might be for therapy. There is another small pool too. It is like the other one, but a lot more people get in it. There is a lot of little private rooms that is why it's so private.

### **Southeastern Idaho Dams by Seth Baker**

Our local history is that we have dams. We have one in Minidoka, Oakley, and Milner. We have them to pump electricity.

We also have them so we won't have floods.

We have power for lights, stove, and refrigerators. We also have them for irrigation. We need the water from the dams to go to the fields and go to the ditches to water the crops that we grow. Southern Idaho grows a lot of potatoes.



### **Lake Cleveland by Emily Baldwin**

Lake Cleveland is about 40 miles from Burley. It is one of the most beautiful lakes in Idaho. People have been going there for quite a long time. You can do many things while there. They have been using it for fishing, hiking, and many other things. The lake holds a huge amount of

water. In fact, it is so deep that the explorers haven't even found the bottom of it yet! I would like to go to the bottomless pit someday. Who knows, maybe I'll be able to touch the bottom by then.

### **The City of Rocks by Hope**

In the mountains by Albion, there are lot of cool shaped rocks. You can climb all of the rocks. They all have weird names like the Bathtub. They are all named by what they look like. There is a place in the back of the City of Rocks that is a path the Indians traveled. On some of the rocks there are carvings that the Indians made. The City of Rocks is a national park. People come from all over the world just to climb rocks.

### **The Snake River Queen by Fatima Miranda**

The Snake River Queen can carry up to forty people. They serve dinner and drinks. The ship captain tells of all the history along the river, from Burley to Milner Dam.

### **Pomerelle by Brandon Alves**

Lots of people go skiing and snow boarding up at Pomerelle. Lots of people also go camping

and fishing up there. Lots of animals live up there too. Pomerelle is in the South Hills. There is a lake near Pomerelle called Lake Cleveland. Pomerelle is a fun place to go.

### **Our School by Estefany Vega**

Our school is very important to me. Did you know our school was named after our state tree, the white pine? That's why we named our school White Pine Intermediate School. Also our principal is Mr. Lowe and our vice principal is Mr. Seely. Our school is also built on farm ground.

In Idaho we have a ski resort. It is called Pomerelle. In White Pine School we take trips there so we can learn how to ski. We go in about January. It takes about 35-40 minutes to get there. The hills are called South Hills. It is very fun!

### **A Local Museum by Erin Martinez**

My topic is about our museum. It has some of the stuff from long ago. It has an old bank and has some coyote fur they used for scarves and hats. They also have old schools, buildings, and shoes. They have stuff the dentist used and they have baths and trains. It shows us the location of the Oregon Trail. It shows old cars, airplanes, and wagons too. A long time ago they sometimes

used horses pulling wagons. Sometimes they didn't have very much money and were poor.

When White Pine went there in September they showed a beehive video and showed us the queen bee. When we were there they showed us how to mine for gold and rope tie.

### **My Report on Pomerelle by Rick J. Estrada**

As you may know, the town of Burley is only about a 40 minute drive from Pomerelle. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade-6<sup>th</sup> grade at White Pine Intermediate School goes to Pomerelle. You get to learn how to ski. If you don't know they will help you. It is fun.

### **Minidoka Dam by Alyssa Magee**

Minidoka Dam is located in Rupert, Idaho. It is an earth filled dam and its southern water source is the Snake River. It was built from 1904 to 1906 and it is 4249.3 ft high. In the Minidoka Dam you can go have boat races.

### **Before the School by McKay**

I am going to tell you about some farm ground and who owned it. My grandpa Coltrin owned the farm ground where the White Pine School is now. This ground was Coltrin ground and my great grandma Coltrin lived in

a red brick house there. In 1995 White Pine School was built. My grandpa got the money from the school district for the sale. White Pine Intermediate School was then built. I am in the fourth grade now.

### **Pomerelle by Tyler Bradshaw**

Pomerelle is a good part of Idaho's history. Pomerelle is also a great place to spend your weekend. They are very helpful there and they'll teach you how to ski and snowboard. They have a snack bar in it and they have good food. They have various courses. Our school went there. It is in Albion, about 40 miles away.

### **Lake Cleveland by Tristan Hines**

They say they never found the bottom of Lake Cleveland. I go camping there in the summer for two weeks. Lake Cleveland is up by Pomerelle. I go swimming in Lake Cleveland all of the time when I go camping there. I also see chipmunks there. They like food because I put hamburger patties out and they ate it all. Also, they are friendly. My grandpa had a chipmunk one foot in front of him.

### **The Snake River by Jordin Terry**

I am writing about the Snake

River. The Snake River flows into the Columbia River and there it goes to the Pacific Ocean. Lewis followed the Snake River with his crew. The Snake River helped Lewis get to the Pacific ocean. Lewis explored the Snake River all over.

The Snake River is the only River in Burley. The Snake River helps give us electricity. The national speed boat races start at the end of June near the Burley golf course.

### **Pomerelle Mountain by Hailee Hickman**

I am writing about Pomerelle. Pomerelle is now a ski resort. Pomerelle is a huge mountain. It is a very good view from Burley. A lot of people are very good skiers, but unfortunately, I'm not! It used to be a camp resort. Then some people made a ski resort. That was my Idaho History.

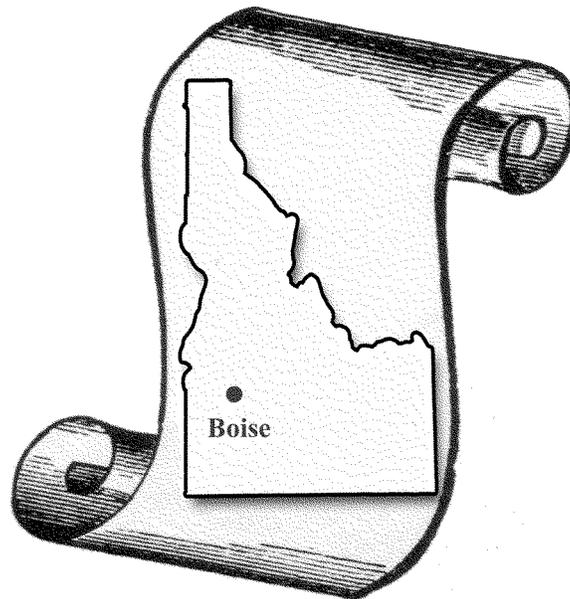
### **My School by Alysha Toleman**

White Pine School is named after our state tree. I guess our city government couldn't find a good name. That would be cool if its name was Bull Trout Elementary. That would sound funny.

I'm glad it's name is White Pine. It has three grades fourth, fifth, and sixth. It's a red brick building with a very nice playground. Inside is very big. It's a very nice school.

### **The Burley Museum by Delanne Curul**

Our museum is a good part of history. Why? Because it has a lot of stuff about history. Stuff like the Oregon Trail, where they traveled. It also shows what they used back then. It shows the butter churn which was used for making butter. I know all of this because all fourth graders went there in September. The people who were telling us about this



told us how many people died. It shows how small their homes were back then, really small, and where they ate and slept in.

### **Pomerelle Ski Resort by Marcus**

Pomerelle is a mountain also called the South Hills. It takes about 40 minutes to get there. It's 35-40 miles from Burley. Skiers and snowboarders go there. There

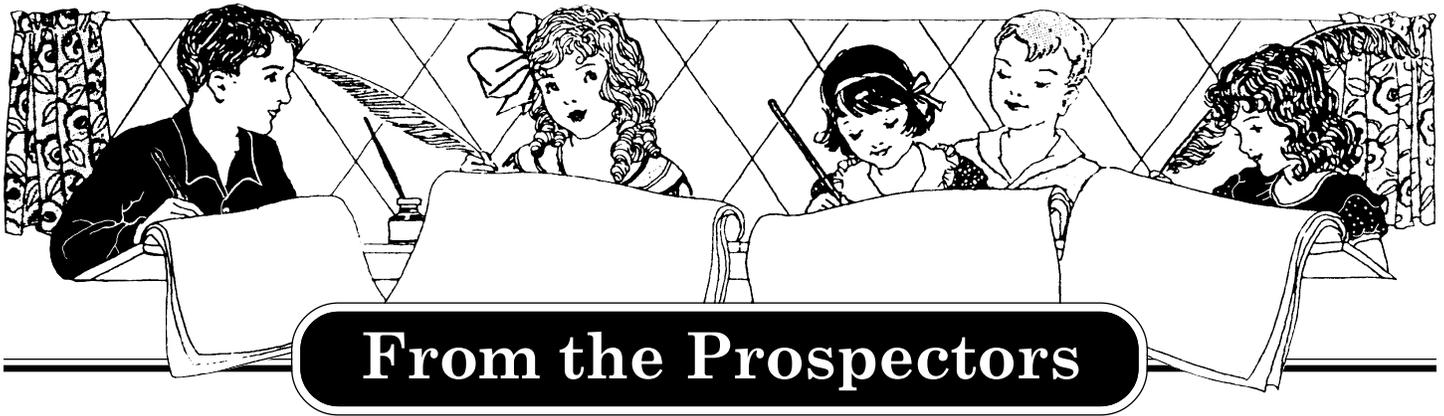
are mountains high and low. Runs that are hard and easy. They have names to know which ones are hard and easy. They have names to know which ones are hard. They have a cabin where you can eat and drink. It is the best ski resort I have ever been to!

The next article was written by the class of Riverside Elementary in Boise.

### **Riverside Plays Host to the Bown House by Riverside Elementary School**

Children at Riverside Elementary in southeast Boise are fortunate to have the historic Bown House sharing the landscape with their school. The Bown House was owned by the Bown family during the late 1800's. Joseph Bown built the house in 1879 for his wife, Temperance, and their seven children. He used sandstone from Tablerock quarry.

Now, fourth grade students in Boise have the opportunity to tour this beautiful home. When they enter the house they will get to experience the life of a pioneer in the 1800's. Students can learn about Idaho by visiting six rooms. These rooms are the Farm Room, the Geography Room, the History Room, the Kitchen, the Parlor, and the Schoolroom. This wonderful two-story home gives fourth graders an amazing educational adventure to learn about Idaho's past.



## From the Prospectors

# Look at these great projects inspired by the great fire of 1910

### Smoke Jumping

Smoke jumping is very dangerous. They jump out of airplanes with parachutes on their backs. Sometimes they land in trees. They wear a jump jacket and pants, high collars for landing in trees, parachute harnesses, wire mesh face masks, reserve parachutes, personal gear bags, and rope in leg packets for tree landings. I hope you learned what smoke jumpers wear.

Natalie Koskella  
Riverside School  
Boise

My futuristic inventions are a canisterbackpack and a helmet. The canister weighs less than six pounds. It is filled with futuristic gas that can put out 10 acres of fire. There is a hose that shoots out the gas. The helmet has Plexiglas all around the head area. The helmet has little misters all around to keep the firefighter cool.

Eric Robbins  
Riverside School  
Boise

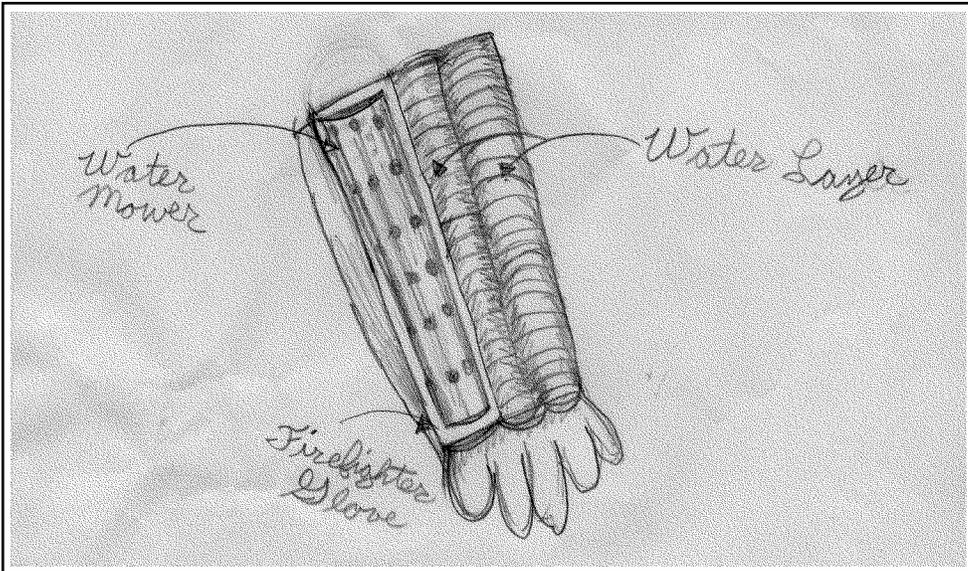
### Smokejumpers

In 1981, the first woman smokejumper in the nation completed the training program in McCall. Today, smokejumpers are a national resource. Smokejumpers work from about June to October 1st. Over 270 smokejumpers are working for the Forest Service. Bases are located in McCall and Grangeville, Idaho. There is also a Bureau of Land Management smokejumper's base in Boise, Idaho. Smokejumpers duties can be very dangerous. Smokejumpers must be in really good physical condition.

Brink Bolen  
Riverside School  
Boise



## Water Arm Set



The water arm set is used for firefighting to do two things. The first thing that firefighters can do with it is to spread the water layer under the fire. The water layer will absorb the fire in minutes. The second use of this tool can spread water over the fire. This part of the tool is called the water mower. These are the things that this tool can do. The water is made by the water mower's fan. This fan circulates the right amount of water when you need it. The water layer has water spread on it.

Paul Schroeder  
Riverside School  
Boise

## Forest Fires in Rhyme

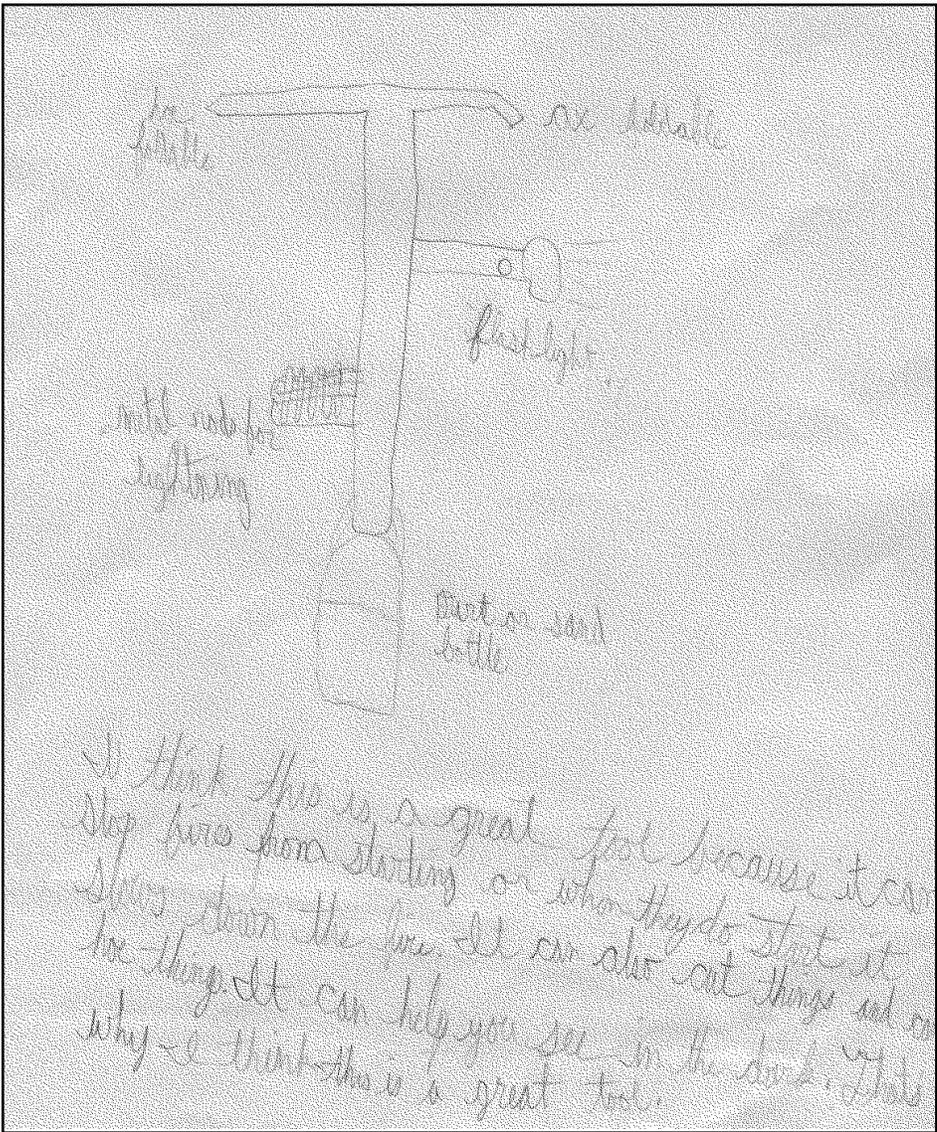
Lightning strikes a tree,  
Which starts to spark and spree,  
The blaze will spread and burn,  
Soon it will be the next tree's  
turn.  
In fires flames dance and spit and  
flee.

Katie Knick  
Riversdie School  
Boise

## Big Blaze

This story is the scariest story ever for my family. It was a very hot day during a huge drought. My sister and I were outside fanning ourselves with homemade fans and drinking lemonade. Suddenly many people were acting very strange. I walked over to our neighbor's house and asked, "What's the matter?" My neighbor cried, "Someone said there is a fire heading this way!" I ran home and screamed to my parents the news. Suddenly there was a scream. Then it was followed by hundreds of screams. I looked out the window to see a fire coming towards the town! I knew I had to think fast if I was going to save the town. I began to run around the house to find something to help me at least try to stop the fire. Then it hit me! I ran outside and screamed at everyone to stop screaming. I said that I had a plan, but I needed everyone's help. I said we had to build a tower of rocks. This would at least stop the fire from spreading and to stop it so we can put the fire out with tools and water. After a few minutes the town had built a huge wall of rocks. Immediately the firemen put out the fire. It took a while, but they put it out. Soon everyone was cheering that the fire was gone. I felt very happy. To celebrate my best friend had a party. Her mom even baked my favorite type of cake. The celebration was very fun. I got to play tag and keep away while the parents talked about the day. The day had started bad, but the end of the day sure wasn't the same!

Katie Mondada  
Riverside School  
Boise



Brandy Parkvold  
Riverside School  
Boise

**1910 Fires**

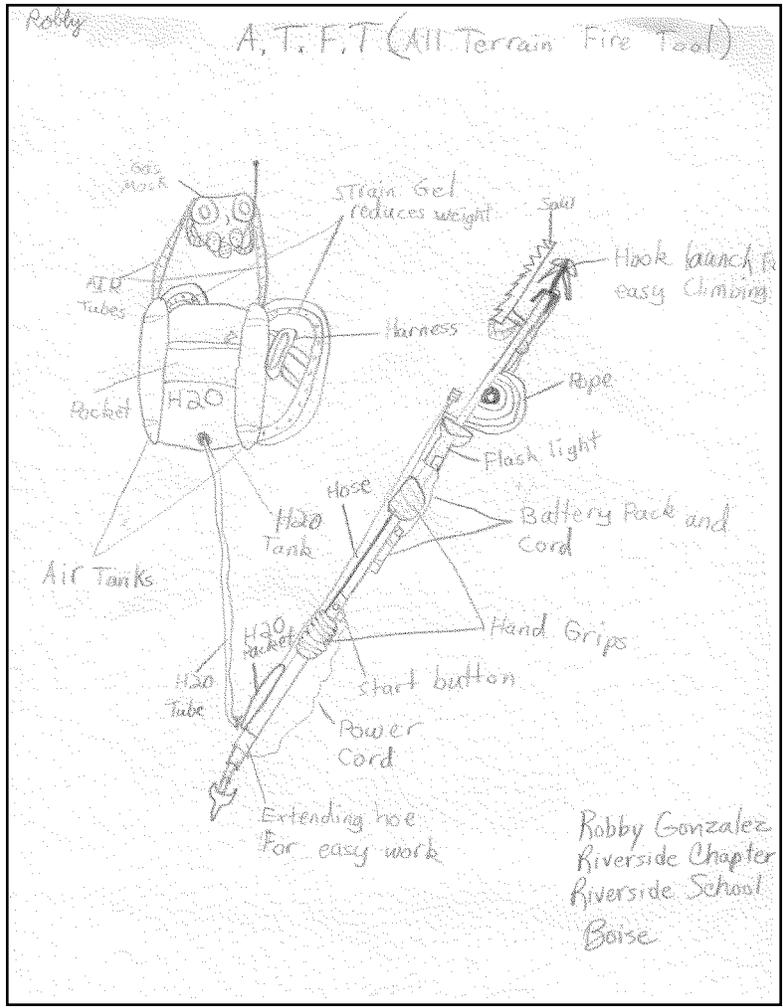
In Wallace there was a terrible drought  
With fire around and all about  
With burnt trees like brown matchsticks  
There was no good wood to pick

The fires soon got much too bigger  
It got out of control I figure,  
Because everyone had to leave

Some men came to help,  
And even with their yelps,  
They saved Wallace

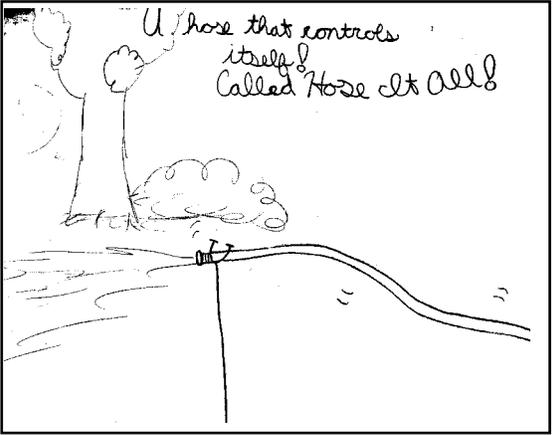
If you looked into the hot embers,  
You might see some dead fire crew  
members.

Michelle Wu  
Riverside School  
Boise



Robby Gonzalez  
 Riverside School  
 Boise

My invention is a hose that controls itself. Its name is Hose It All. It puts fires out itself, so it looks like a ghost is controlling it. It is connected to a big water truck. By having a hose that controls itself we can help keep firemen out of danger. Also, it stops spraying water once the fire is out. Fighting fires would be easier if we could use Hose It All. That is the new invention.



Whitney Greener  
 Riverside School  
 Boise