

### A First Time for Everything

1896, Athens: Fourteen nations participated in the first modern Olympic Games.

1912, Stockholm: Automatic timing devices were used for track events.

1920, Antwerp: The Olympic flag, with the five rings signifying universality, was raised during the Opening Ceremony.

1936, Berlin: These were the first to be broadcast on television.

1956, Melbourne: Australian quarantine laws were too severe to allow the entry of foreign horses, so equestrian events were held in Stockholm.

1976, Montreal: Fourteen-year-old gymnast Nadia Comaneci of Romania was awarded the first-ever perfect score of 10.0.

1992, Barcelona: Men's basketball became open to professionals; the U.S. sent a "Dream Team" including Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan and Larry Bird.

1996, Atlanta: For the first time, all 197 recognized National Olympic Committees were represented at the Games.

### Pack Your Bags

These are the destinations for future Olympic competitions:

- Sochi, Russia  
2014 Winter Olympics
- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
2016 Summer Olympics
- PyeongChang, South Korea  
2018 Winter Olympics

### Retired Games

These games had their day in the Olympic spotlight, but for various reasons they are no longer included.

- cricket
- croquet
- golf
- lacrosse
- polo
- tug of war
- rugby



"For athletes, the Olympics are the ultimate test of their worth."

MARY LOU RETTON

## Lighting the Way

This year's London 2012 Summer Olympics are underway, and similar to most other times, the games officially began once the torch arrived at the Opening Ceremony. The Olympic torch dates back to the ancient games in Greece and still plays a vital role in the Olympics. The Olympic Flame is lit at the Temple of Hera in Olympia, then handed over to the host city. From there, the torch travels by torchbearers, eventually ending its journey at the Opening Ceremony.

This torch for the London 2012 Games was designed by east Londoners Edward Barber and Jay Osgerby. Its triangle shape was inspired by sets of three: this is the third time London has hosted the Olympics; three Olympic

values of respect, excellence and friendship; and Olympic motto words of faster, higher and stronger.

Its gold color represents the qualities of the Olympic Flame. The torch is made of an aluminum alloy skin with 8,000 transparent circles on it. The circles represent the 8,000 torchbearers who carried it. The circles also help ensure that heat is quickly dissipated without being conducted to the handle. Weighing roughly 1.8 lb, the torch needed to be lightweight because of the various ages/strengths of the torchbearers.

To view images of past Olympic torches, visit [www.london2012.com/torch-relay/the-torch](http://www.london2012.com/torch-relay/the-torch).

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"If you fail to prepare, you're prepared to fail." Mark Spitz

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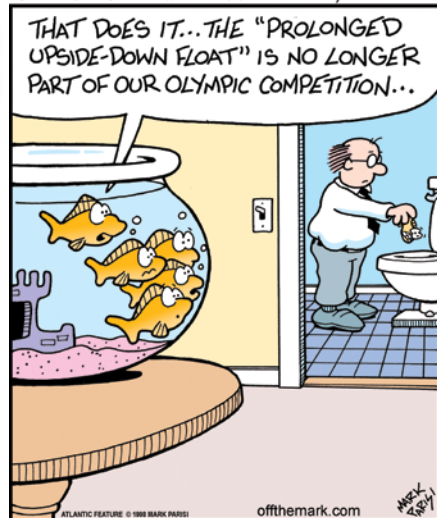
### August Safety Photo of the Month



"I know your arm is getting tired but I missed a spot!"

Photo contributed by Steve Barrett, Portland, OR

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