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## New historical Olympics display is good as gold

*Sponsored by Southern California Gas, exhibit features past Olympic greats*

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LYNWOOD — It's a spectacular display," one observer said, "that draws you into these incredible Olympic feats, making you feel as if you're there at the actual scenes."

This comment was made during one individual's observation of a pictorial exhibit tracing the history of the Olympic games from their inception to modern times.

The exhibit, now on display at Lynwood's Bateman Hall, is sponsored and promoted by the Southern California Gas Co.

The display opened last week at the company's headquarters on Long Beach Boulevard in Compton. It was relocated to Lynwood this week and will continue there until Dec. 5.

From Lynwood, it will be transferred to different cities in the Southeast, according to Marilyn J. Holder, local manager of the gas company.

Called "Great Moments in Olympic History: A Salute to the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games," viewing of the exhibit is free to the public.

The purpose of the display, according to company President Robert M. MacIntyre, is to "extend the Olympic spirit and enhance our enjoyment of the '84 Los Angeles Olympic Games."

MacIntyre said, "Visitors from all over the world will travel to our region to participate in this spectacular and stirring celebration of amateur athletic competition."

"As the finest men and women world-class athletes prepare for the games," he said, "we at the Southern California Gas Co. look forward with great anticipation to their arrival."

The exhibit, which occupies Room 2 in Bateman Hall, is a breathtaking pictorial display of the world's greatest athletes in action, frozen at the peak of their most incredible feats.

Olympic and world record setters in gymnastics, boxing, soccer, basketball, field hockey, water polo, handball, volleyball, running, shooting, high jump, decathlon, discus, triple jump, long jump, marathon, judo, weightlifting, cycling, fencing and others are exhibited.

A featured poster of Olympic swimming champion Mark Spitz decorated with seven gold medals is on display, catching the athlete as he displays the reward for his incredible swimming feats in the 1972 games in Munich.

Contrast this with a portrait of Spitz as he drives

through clear water to finish the 100 meter freestyle race in 51.22 seconds.

At 22, Spitz was the star of the XXth Olympiad, winning seven gold medals, setting a world record with each gold.

Another exhibit features two of the world's greatest gymnasts, Nelli Kim of the Soviet Union and Nadia Comaneci of Romania, performing their greatest feats.

Kim is shown doing a spectacular vault dismount at the 1980 Olympics in Moscow. Comaneci is seen performing a perfect handstand on the balance beam during the games.

Both Kim and Comaneci were gold medal winners. See Olympic track star Tatyana Kazankina of the Soviet Union as she runs through the tape in the 1,500-meter race to set a new Olympic record in the 1980 games.

Kazankina, who had taken time off from competitions to become a mother, defended her title with a time of 3:56.6 minutes.

Watch anchorman Lee Evans of the United States as he shows the strain of the race in the 1,500-meter relay at the 1983 Mexico City games.

Evans carried the baton across the tape as his team set a world record in a time of 2:56.1 minutes.

Look at Vladimir Kiseiyov of the Soviet Union as he sets a new Olympic record by throwing the shotput a distance of 70½ feet in the 1980 games.

See Bruce Jenner of the United States as he explodes across the ring to release the shotput at the 1976 games in Montreal that earned him a gold medal in the decathlon contest.

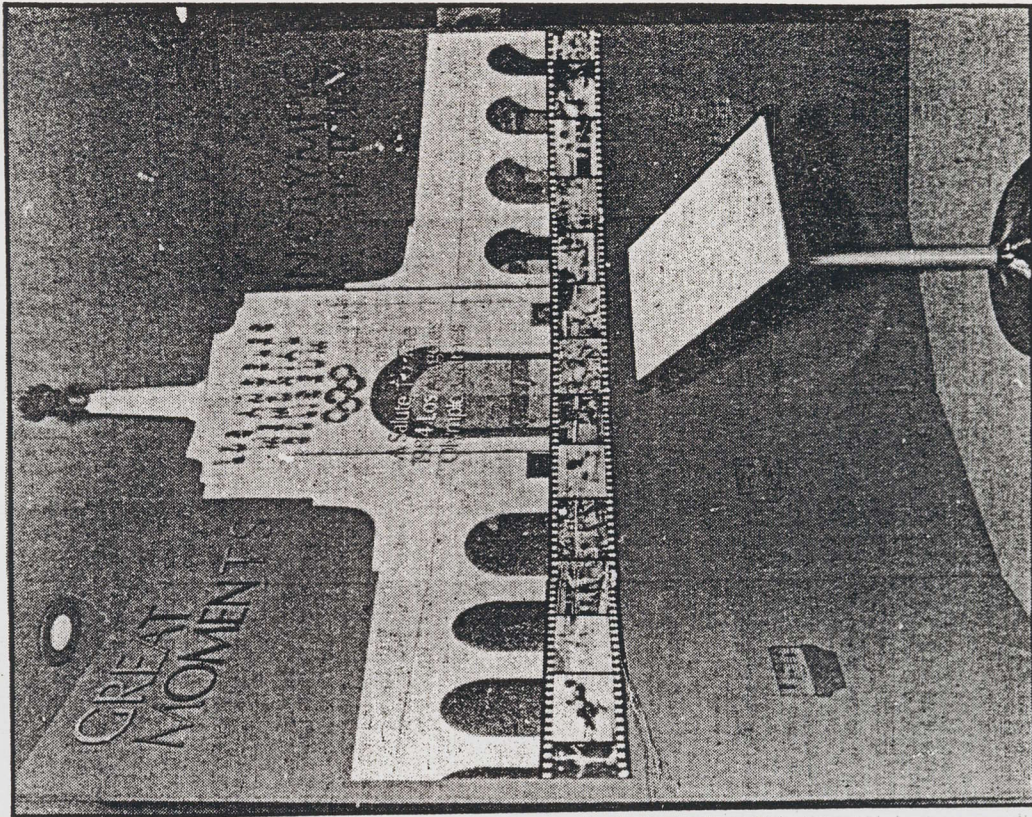
Observe Bob Beamon of the United States setting his incredible world record jump of 29 feet, 2¼ inches in the Mexico City games.

Share the victory with marathon champion Waldemar Cierpinski of East Germany as she lunges over the finish line during the 1976 games to set a new world record of 2:09.55 hours for the 26-mile, 385-yard course.

These are only a few of the Olympians on exhibit in Bateman Hall.

In addition, there are displays detailing the Olympic motto; the meaning of the parade of the teams; the Olympic Oath, and the oath of the judges.

Combined, the exhibit is a comprehensive pictorial display of the Olympic games. It's as thrilling to observe as it's edifying.



No look at the history of the Olympics would be complete without a preview of the upcoming 1984 Games in Los Angeles.