

BUILDING THE PERFECT POOL

Myrtha Pools of Italy provided the components for the Swim Trials competition pool in the Qwest Center arena and for a warmup pool in the convention center.

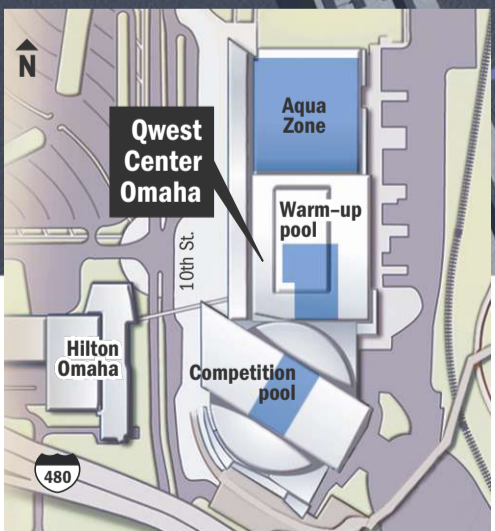
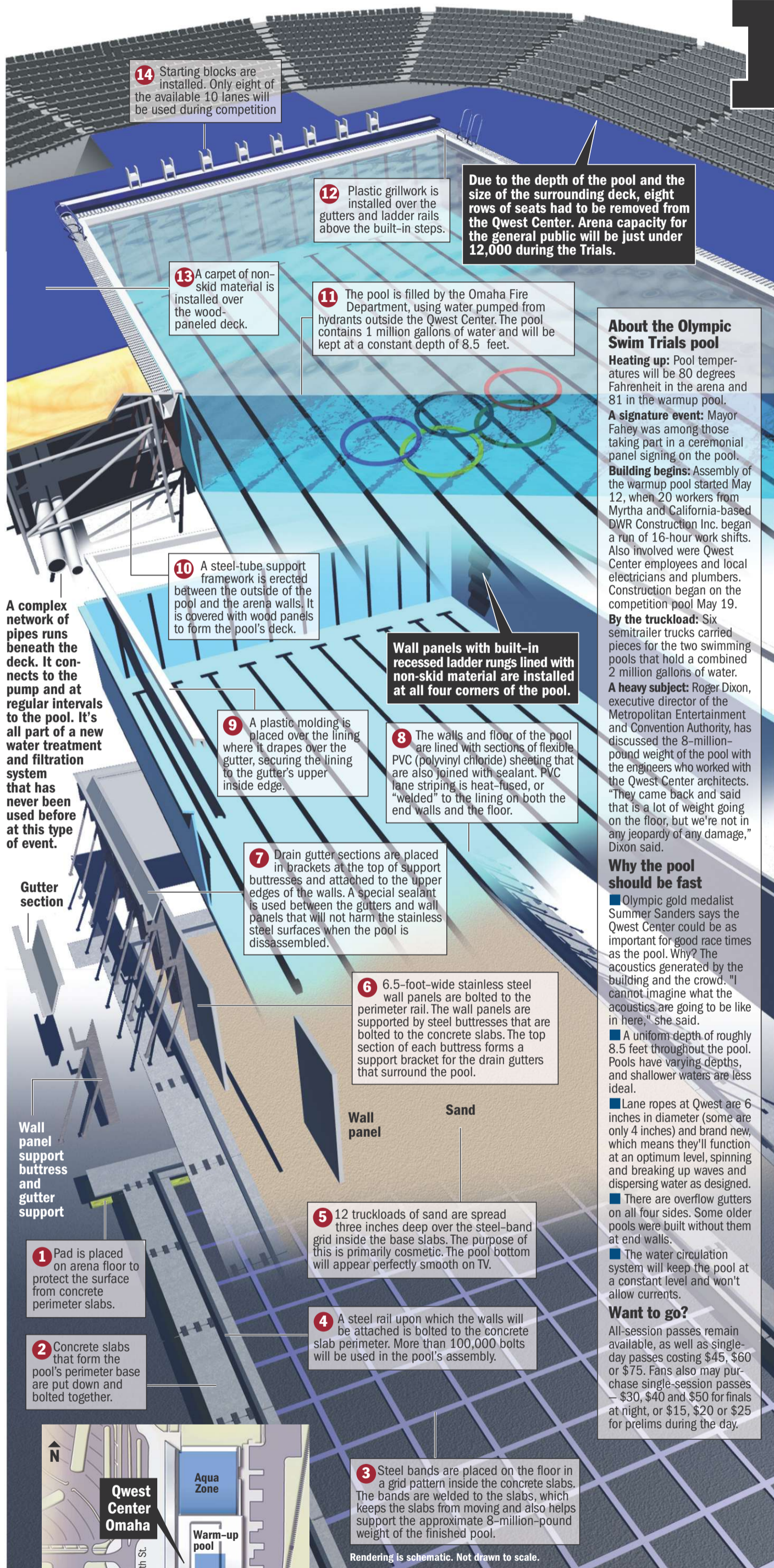
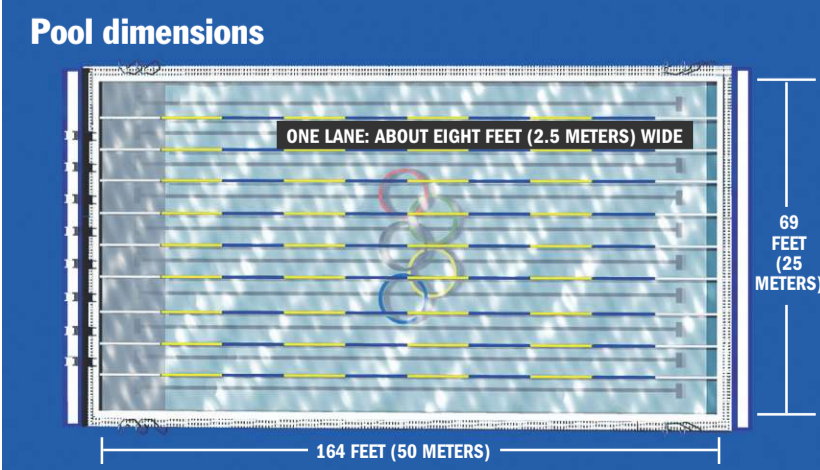
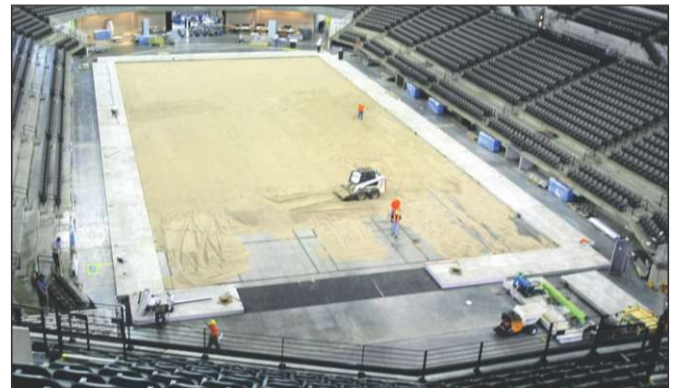


Exhibit Hall C of the Qwest Center will allow for 90,000 square feet of displays, activities and interactive entertainment called the Aquazone. Appearances by Olympic legends such as Mark Spitz, Donna de Varona and Matt Biondi are scheduled.

SOURCES: Myrtha Pools, DWR Construction, MECA, "Sports, a Complete Visual Reference," World-Herald reports



THURSDAY, MAY 15: Starting with a blank canvas. The Qwest Center arena floor as it appeared before Myrtha Pools started.



TUESDAY, MAY 20: Sand is spread that will settle between steel strappings and create a surface without noticeable ridges. It takes 12 truckloads.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 21: The walls go up and the blue vinyl matting is laid. The side walls came in prefabricated 6.5-foot-wide segments.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 28: With the vinyl liner down, workers follow with the lanes. Also, at right, is the first scaffolding and plywood for the pool deck.



THURSDAY, MAY 29: Omaha firefighters deliver the first 6 inches of water. After allowing the liner to stretch, they finish Friday.



MONDAY, JUNE 2: The finished product. Just in time for the Mutual of Omaha Swimvitational June 5.

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