



In Anticipation of the Opening Ceremony The Great Moment has Finally Arrived



Not a shadow of a doubt, Athens and the athletes are ready

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Life

When Sport Becomes Passion

The "Olympic Village Pulse" met Lena Daniilidou up close. The leading Greek woman tennis player is simple, sweet, mature and a particularly endearing person. She had positive things to say about everyone and everything.

How do you feel being the first Greek woman tennis player to reach so high in world rankings?

This question is quite an honour. I try and will always keep trying for the best. I may be the only one now but I hope more girls will follow. There are talented young men and women athletes, but they quit around age 14-15. This is totally negative for the sport. I hope things change.

What helped you reach the point you are at now?

Definitely my parents, who always support me, and a few of my friends. I'm sorry to say I don't have many friends because I am on the road 43 weeks a year so it's difficult to develop a strong basis for friendship, or

even to have a personal life.

What sacrifices have you made for your sport?

Some might say I have sacrificed a lot of things but for me, essentially, nothing was sacrificed because I love my sport very much. Although I have had a completely different childhood and early adulthood from other people, and I missed many school experiences, I have experienced different situations that are every bit as nice and it doesn't bother me.

How do you feel now that the Olympic Games are taking place in your native land?

The Olympic Games are always something special. All of us athletes await such a moment. These days, in particular, when I was training, I really enjoyed myself because the courts are fantastic and I am trying to



Lena Daniilidou: The smile of success

imagine them filled with 8,000 people. I just hope it won't get worse. My training sessions are going very well. I feel fine and I am waiting for the moment to enter the court and play a good match.

How do you like the Olympic Village?

It's very nice. It's the best I have experienced! Everything is perfect, from the houses to the food. A big 'Bravo' to everyone who helped make this Village a reality.

continued...



Life

How is your relationship with your fellow athletes?

I don't have any problem with anyone, although it's very difficult to separate between personal contact and going into the court to play professionally. Fortunately I can keep the two separate. I know that when I enter the court I leave everything behind.

Another great legend in women's tennis will be coming to the Athens Olympic Games - Martina Navratilova. How would you feel if you had to face her?

It has already happened: in fact, just last week. I was playing with a fellow athlete from South Africa and we lost in doubles to Raymon and

Navratilova. Whichever of my opponents I have to face will be equally tough because they are all tops. At this level, especially, you have to give 101%.

Ioanna Tziriti
Marina Lyringou

Gustavo Borges Says Goodbye to Swimming in ATHENS 2004



Gustavo Borges

At his fifth Olympic Games and having won the most Olympic medals in his country's history, the Brazilian swimmer Gustavo Borges is preparing to say goodbye to his days in Olympic Villages. "I'm really ending my career in Athens" he said while walking through the Olympic Village's International Zone.

The swimmer was chosen to carry the Brazilian flag during the Closing Ceremony, a "great honour" to him, and extended his stay in the Olympic Village following the Brazilian National Olympic Committee decision. Borges praised the Olympic Aquatic Centre, in Maroussi. "The pool is fantastic", he said.

"The food is good, the transport is all right... everything is fine here in the Village."

Gustavo Borges has won four Olympic medals, two silvers and two bronzes in Barcelona, Atlanta and Sydney; the same number accomplished by Torben Grael from the Brazilian sailing team who is also competing in ATHENS 2004. The yachtsman Grael will carry the flag in the Opening Ceremony. Borges will participate in the 4 x 100-metre Freestyle Relay, scheduled for 15 August, the same event that gave him a bronze medal in Sydney 2000 and the same date of his final Olympic competition.

Sabino Ahumada



Life

Iraq's Grinning Gentle Giant: Haider Ali



Iraq's singing judoka, Haider Ali Lazim

When he slowly walks towards you, this imposing 6.2" hulk with broad shoulders and a barrel chest is a menacing sight. The next moment he breaks into a broad grin and you know that he is not what he seems, except on a judo mat, where he's at his best to pin down his opponent.

This for you is Haider Ali Lazim, the grinning gentle giant from Iraq competing in the 100kg category for judo. We conversed with him and his coach, Mr Radi Radi with the gracious help of Mr Ali Ryah, Editor-in-Chief of Sports Today, Iraq who acted as our translator.

Haider's interest in judo started at a very young age (8 years) and he has been practicing his favourite sport for the last 20

years. He considers Judo a "noble and righteous" sport, as all martial arts are, he has honed his skills in Japan, Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia. With 13 international medals including the Arabian championships, Iraq's numero uno judoka is certainly no pushover, both literally and figuratively. Not many would believe that this judoka is also a trained gymnast and he even jokingly offered to do a 180-degree split to dispel our doubts. Though, as he puts it, "It's just a hobby, I don't pursue it seriously". This man sure knows what being a two-sport athlete is all about.

Haider Ali has 3 personal coaches back home and is currently accompanied by Coach Radi Radi, appointed by the Iraqi Federation. Coach Radi himself started out in 1982 as a judoka and won a gold medal as recently as 2000 in the Arabian Championships. He has since specialised in coaching players and though he still trains actively, he now enjoys coaching young athletes to whom he can pass on his knowledge.

They also expressed pride in participating in the Olympic Games where "All the greatest athletes and champions from all the countries compete for the highest glory. The Olympic Village is a symbol of a great worldwide sporting community coming together". Haider relaxes by taking a dip in the Olympic Village swimming pool or surfing the web in the Internet cafe, besides singing. Singing? Yes, indeed and he categorically mentioned "outside the shower".

The Iraqi contingent is participating in Taekwando, Football, Swimming, Athletics and Judo. Each athlete has just one motto, "One should be confident that one is able to achieve glory for his country". Mr Ali Ryah mentioned, "they have been training extremely hard back home and we are sure they will excel."

The judokas better watch out because before you know it, Haider may 'smile' or 'sing' his way to victory.

Neelay Bhatt



Life

An Arabic Gathering

In the evening, if you happen to walk by the Bahrain delegation's quarters, you will find a pleasant company of friends sitting on the balcony having a good time and spending their time sharing opinions and experiences about the upcoming Celebration.

With the traditional tea, coffee and dessert, all brought from their own country, the athletes want to act as (in their own way) hosts in the country accommodating them. This idea did not prove false, since they immediately made us feel as if we were in their country sipping tea in a traditional cafe.

"We make our tea with our spirit, and this is why it's so tasty", said the Bahrain Chef de Mission, Ahmed Hamada. The athletes are simple and generally modest people. They put the same thing into practise when preparing for their Olympic Games. Comprising of 10 people, 4 men and 2 women in Track and Field, one man and one woman in Swimming, one athlete in Sailing and one in Shooting. Ahmad Hamada told us, jesting, that their mission is "woman-dominated", since, besides the women participating in the Games, the Swimming coach, as well as the office administrators, are all women. However, the best chances for victory are at the feet of men athletes who will compete at the 50m and 800m.



Ahmed Hamada, the Bahrain Chef de Mission with Abdul Rahman Al Khalifa, Bahrain's NOC Secretary General

Shortly afterwards, Abdul Rahman Al Khalifa, Bahrain's NOC Secretary General, arrived. He believes that even though Bahrain is a small country with a population of half a million, it has sent a Mission worthy delegation.

"The Olympic Village unites people, and this is very important for Middle East people, because we feel at home". He believes that Greeks are good people, an opinion confirmed by the fact that Greeks are immediately loved wherever they go (including Bahrain). "The same thing is true of the Village, where people are willing to assist us and they resemble us Arabs, because we are quite accommodating and warm-hearted". They seem to be very pleased to be here and they believe that the words of the President of the Organising Committee for the Olympic Games about the 2004 Olympic Games being excellent will come true.

Anastasia Kostopoulou



People

Question of the Day

“What is your favourite moment in sport?”



Roxantra Dumitrescu, Eleni Kiossi
Volleyball
Greece

“For us the most important moment is our participation in the Athens Olympic Games.”



Evans Marie
Track & Field
Seychelles

“The crucial moment for an athlete is getting on the podium and being awarded a medal. But I cannot forget

Michael Johnson’s race in Atlanta.”



George Gleason
Swimmer
Virgin Islands

“During the Olympic Games of Sydney when Gary Hall and Anthony Ervin reached the finish line at the same

time. They both won the gold medal!”



Mary Estelle Kaparu
Coach of Athletics
Vanuatu

“Always the finals of the 100m and 200m sprint”



Karl Heinz Krueger
Boxer
Germany

“I shall always remember the 1992 Olympic Games, which were the most successful in the history of German boxing.”



People



Josh Laban
Swimmer
Virgin Islands

“During the previous Olympic Games, when Catherine Freeman (sprinter), won the gold medal. I was there and the

stadium suddenly became the loudest place I have ever been in.”



Carl Harvie Probert
Swimmer
Fiji Islands

“The opening ceremony because it is the start of the biggest event of the world”



Shidlovskiy Alexandr
Water Polo
Kazakhstan

“Winning the Pan-Asian Water Polo Championship was for me an exhilarating moment. Nevertheless, being

selected for the Athens Olympic Games is even more significant”.



Ferwanda Ventuarimi
Beach Volley
Brazil

“When my idol, Mireya Luis (Beach Volley) won the gold medal in the Atlanta Olympic Games”



Zeferino Antonio
Marathon runner
Cape Verde

“The moment I cannot forget is Marion Jones’ win in Sydney.

It was an incredible competition.”



Eleni Potari, Vicky Theodoridou, Svein Andre Olsen
Handball
Greece

“We are looking forward to this moment to happen in the Athens Olympic Games.”



People

Employee of the Day Technician with a Capital 'T'



Manolis Kapiris
Mechanical Engineer
Greece

And the title of Employee of the Day goes to... Manolis Kapiris!

Together with seven other colleagues, Manolis Kapiris is responsible for the installation and support of all equipment on the Admin network. Their task is enormous, their contribution invaluable, and their work schedule never ends!

Manolis has been working at the Olympic Village the last four months and he takes his work seriously! He is always responsible and formal with his job, trying to find solutions to any 'problem' that might arise, always aiming, as he told us, to assist everyone.

Manolis is a mechanical engineer (he graduated from the Piraeus TEI) and has 15 years experience in computers. He is a family man with two twin children whose birthday is on 13 August - the day the Olympic Games will kick off! (Happy Birthday!!) The children will have plenty to remember of this year's birthday!

Aside from his professionalism, what makes Manolis special is his character. He told us he is environmentally aware and has even attended gone to recycling seminars. To set a good example he collects bottles and aluminium cans and sends them for recycling. His other areas of interest are photography and chess. He likes to shoot art photos. "It's something that completes me", he said, adding: "Unfortunately, I haven't had enough spare time lately"! And if you think his interests end here, you're wrong. He is both a chess player and a premiere League referee! It makes sense that a good chess player like Manolis should come up with brilliant solutions at his work.

He is enthusiastic about the Olympic Village. As he put it: "It's one thing to have it described to you and another to see it from the inside". Although he works endless hours at network installation and administration he is certain the Olympic Games will remain an unforgettable experience and a great success.

Zoe-Sylvia Oikonomou



People

Volunteer of the Day

Sports Mad Volunteer who Lives for the Games



Christos Pavlopoulos
Greece

Volunteering at ATHENS 2004 was not an option for former South African resident, Christos Pavlopoulos - it was a calling.

Without hesitation he signed himself up as soon as he heard the for volunteers. He is now working at the Information Station where he distributes information about Greece and anything Olympic.

When asked why he became an Olympic Volunteer, his face lights up as he explains "I live for the Olympic Games! This was such a great opportunity for me to be part of the action and help out in some way. I just grabbed the chance as soon as I could. I love being among the athletes and being privy to such a huge event and the bonus is - it's in my home

country!"

Christos is so taken by the volunteer movement in Athens and enjoys his work at the 2004 Games so much, he is actually considering volunteering for the 2008 Games in Beijing.

"But of course, I will have to try and learn a little Chinese before the Games. I'm sure I will manage though," Christos said enthusiastically.

Christos' eagerness to embrace the spirit of the Olympic Games in his home country and love of sport is evident in the number of tickets he has purchased to ATHENS 2004 events.

"I have spent just under 1,000 Euro on Olympic tickets because I want to be in the stadium and feel the energy. There is just something about sport and the gathering of people from all nations that really gets the adrenalin rushing. I will watch 7 nights of track and field events, a hockey match, beach volleyball, fencing, water polo, rowing and canoe slalom - just to name a few. I am very proud the Games are returning to their birthplace and that I am part of it. It's such a great experience that it really can't be described accurately in words," Christos said.

Christos is a shining example of the enthusiasm and joy each volunteer brings into the Village, aspects that will remain in the memory of each Village resident.

Angelos Stavrakis



Features

Letters to the editor

African class

I was quietly sauntering along the flag-bordered path when the sound of a hymn I had never heard before came to my ears. I tried to get closer to see what was going on... The hoisting of the colours of Togo, a huge snow-white tent, hundreds of chairs in perfect alignment, an enormous crowd of people.

Four very distinct groups were sitting in the front rows. They seemed to be there for some official ceremony, as if to be welcomed to this Village. Three more hymns were then played.

I then approached to make the acquaintance of the group in white and green.

They came from Togo. I chatted with them for a while. Three of them are top athletes: the young lady runs in the 400 metres, one of the young men in the 800 metres, and the last of the three paddles his own canoe.

Once again I forgot to ask which competition they were here for.

You can meet them in the Residential Zone! I must go now, because three new groups have just arrived. But where are they from?

Mylo the Mouse



The Togo delegation

Read some messages sent to the Editor via our online pages...

2004-08-09

Long live Philippines

Rey Danseco

Valenzuela Manila, Philippines

newsletter. Keep up the good work and all the very best with the Games!

Ferreira, Yohan

Waragoda, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

2004-08-09

Greetings from the bright and sunny tropical Island of Sri Lanka! I enjoy reading the 'Pulse'



Features

2004-08-09

I would love for you to send a message to Rostand Melaping from Cameroon in the judo team for his birthday on the 14th of August, as I will not be there to celebrate. It would be much appreciated and I would love that he knows people are thinking of him.

Martin, Maureen
Frankfield, Ireland

2004-08-09

Thank you for keeping the public around the world up to date on Olympic Village news. I visited Athens and Kalymnos this past May and fell in Love with Greece. The Olympic Village and other magnificent structures built for the Olympics are all fabulous. You really out did yourselves. Be proud of all you have accomplished! I look forward to visiting Greece once again next year! Congratulations!

Carmen E Rodriguez
Boston, MA, United States of America

2004-08-10

I happened upon your fine site and would like to congratulate you and your team for producing a site that allows the world to enjoy the experiences of the Olympic Village. Well done.

Lynda Spence
Glenrothes, Great Britain

2004-08-10

Good to see the Australian Olympians getting behind the Wallabies. Go, you good things in Athens!

Paul Saxby
Bundaberg, Australia

2004-08-10

I just want to congratulate you for the Pulse, I am saving them everyday to read them on my way to Athens on Thursday, arriving on Friday. A good way to know more about the human side of the Games.

Perez, Rafael
El Bilbao, San Juan, Puerto Rico

2004-08-11

Suerte Muchachos ?Arriba Peru!
Vicente Palomino
Lima, Peru

2004-08-11

Good Luck to the USA Women's Football team!!!

Ben Pruitt
The Woodlands, Texas, United States of America

2004-08-11

I've always tried to be a volunteer but my scholar schedule never permitted. I love your pages but please take more pictures and maybe even video to celebrate humanity.

Rolando Rol
Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

2004-08-11

Tongans here in Germany want to see our atheltes! We can't join them there but wish them all the best of luck in the coming events.

Malo e lelei, cheers and Aufwiedersehen!
Tongans from Germany!

Falamoe Weber
Germany



Features

Country Links



Adam, Eve and... Alexander?

The country of **Bahrain** was once home to the lost civilization of Dilmun, a city dating back to the third century B.C. that is said to have been the fabled Garden of Eden. For over 400 years the civilisation was known by its Greek name, Tylos, following Alexander the Great's conquest of the land. During that period, Greek influence was very strong as it has been found in styles of pottery, glassware, writing and jewellery, as well as coins depicting the face of Alexander.

John Grant



The Ultimate Translators

His classes provide the students of **Myanmar** with their first exposure to the western approach of teaching. Doctor Richard Bacon, an American Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Texas, has completed several missionary trips to the country. In September 2002, Bacon taught a group a semester of Introduction to Greek language classes in only 11 days using a rigorous and comprehensive teaching method normally utilised in teaching foreign languages to military personnel. Now, his students are able to boast that they can speak yet another language in addition to their five mother-tongues!

John Grant



The Mystic Mountains of the Moon

'In the heart of Africa, so speculated Aristotle, lies a "silver Mountain". The mythical rock gained even more mysticism when the Greek geographer Ptolemy wrote in 150 AD of the existence of snow capped mountains near the equator. He named them "Lunae Montes". Both believed the "Lunae" to be the source of the majestic river Nile. 1750 years later, they were proven right.

Not until the end of the 19th Century, and only by a stroke of luck on an unusually clear day, did Henry Stanley (famous for finding Dr. Livingstone at Victoria Waterfalls) discover the Mountains of the moon. A shroud of clouds constantly covers the snow-capped peaks from which the range derives its present-day name, the Ruwenzori (Rainmaker) of **Uganda**.

Mark Riley



Features

IOC Message

Message from the President of the International Olympic Committee, Jacques Rogge

Athletes of the world, here you are in Athens. You have reached the ultimate goal of any athlete: participating in the Olympic Games, a reward for so many years of effort and sacrifice. There will be approximately 10,500 of you, representing 202 National Olympic Committees, living in this extraordinary and unique place, known as the Olympic Village.



Our Greek friends are well known for their legendary hospitality and warm welcome. The Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (ATHOC), the city of Athens, the local and national authorities from throughout Greece, and the thousands of volunteers have spared no effort to ensure that your stay will be a pleasant, entertaining, comfortable and calm one. ATHOC have spared no expense to provide you with the best possible training and competition conditions for the Olympic Games. They deserve our warmest thanks.

I am convinced that these will be excellent Games. Thanks to you, the athletes of the world. Over the next 16 days, you will give the best of yourselves, not only for you, your coach and those close to you, but also for the general public and the millions of young people who see in you a champion and a hero they would like to emulate.

As an athlete, I stayed three times in Olympic Villages at the Olympic Games: in Mexico City in 1968, Munich in 1972, and Montreal in 1976. The unique, unforgettable atmosphere of the Olympic Village will remain forever etched in my memory and I look forward to reliving this experience together with you in Athens.

And now, let the Games begin!



Features

Word of the Day

Σημαία - Simaia- Flag



At the Opening Ceremony of the Athens Olympic Games, the flags of all the countries will unite to form one global flag. All cultures will become a strong a single, powerful core, where the world's heart will beat.

Quote of the Day



"The most important factor is for the people close to you to have the same vision as yourself."

Lena Daniilidou
Greece



Venue of the Day

Kaftanzoglio Stadium, Thessaloniki



November 2003



24 March 2004



17 June 2004

The circular Kaftanzoglio Stadium has been transformed into a modern European sports arena, not inferior to any other stadium in the world.

It was empty. And the ATHENS 2004 team filled it, breathed life into it. Hundreds of people worked for it. Days before the kick-off, the stadium was ready to receive over 26,000 spectators.

Until that day everybody was working like a beaver. They even turned themselves into football players when the lighting needed to be tested. Two football teams were formed – thanks to our Volunteers – and they paced the turf for the great test. All went superbly well.

And just as we were saying that there at last we have a Kaftanzoglio buzzing with activity, in came the Volunteers. Besides the action, the Stadium filled with smiles and eagerness. That's when we knew the games would be a success. Three days before the match, systems were tested, functioned, and we were declared ready.

On the afternoon of Wednesday 11 August the women's teams of Brazil and Australia came on to the field, preceded by the flag bearers. The ball boys took up position, the journalists in the Press stand got their pens out, laptops started up, the referee blew his whistle, and our job was done. Now the time had come for the back heel, the shot at goal, the lob,

the volley, the header, the centre, and the tackle. On with the show! Everything went well. The crowd thronging the Stadium was enthusiastic. They never stopped singing and photographing the venue and the players.

It was a great party, enjoyed by all.

“We were all there!”





Village Views



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Transport grid expands



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Attending the Welcome Ceremony for Ghana in the International Zone



Village Views



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Mirror of the world



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A delegate from the Central African Republic receiving attention at the Olympic Village Dry Cleaners before his country's Team Welcome Ceremony



Village Views



Selecting flowers as a gift



What's happening in the International Zone



Village Views



Museum's double view

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Get a haircut, Greekstyle

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What's On

Today 12 August 2004 the Village Celebrates

Birthdays

Alexandra Balatina	REGIONAL COORD
Irini Bouzoni	VIL ACCOMODATION SERVICES ASST
Ilias Kabas	POLYCLINIC DOCTOR
Chrisanthi Karinou	VIL LAUNDRY SRVS STAFF
Irini Sofia Milonidi	VIL ACCOMODATION SERVICES ASST
Spiridon Pittas	NOC DRIVER
Polixeni Tsabali	VIL VOLUNTEER COORD
Stiliani Sanida	VIL ACCOMODATION SERVICES ASST
Gunnlaugur Petur Erlendsson	NOC ASST
Lidiya Kostiv	NOC ASST
Isabel Nok	MEDICAL INTERPETER

Exhibition of Kenyan cultural artifacts and handcraft

Meeting room Resident Centre "Athena" from 11:00-13:00.



What's On

Club-Cafe "Poseidon"

The north-most place of the Olympic Village is a dreamy place to be! Everyday from 17:00 till 21:00 the Club- Cafe "Poseidon" is the main pool bar-cafe for the swimming pool of the Village. From 21:00 till 01:00 "Poseidon" becomes the ultimate place to be for a pre-clubbing situation (Poseidon club kindly closes @ 01:00), or for a chilled drink and fresh snacks near the pool after a possible "summer cinema" experience with great dolby digital sound (the Open Air Cinema is near the gym of the village and very close to "Poseidon" club-cafe spot).

Open Air Cinema: 22:00

Cafe: 17:00-21:00

Club: 21:00-01:00

The Club- Cafe "Poseidon" is going to present a lot of parties with superclub dj's on decks playing many kinds of music (reggae parties, ethnic, Greek nights, latin, R 'n' B, mainstream, house) Currently (and during non-guesting nights) the soundtrack of Poseidon consists of chill out, lounge, dance, house, tech house, progressive house, tribal, mainstream house, presented by George and Panos

More info for party dates soon!

Club staff (Panos, George and Manolis) welcome to all of you!

DJ Schedule

Thursday 12/8 - Saturday 21/8, 21:00 - 01:00

Saturday 14/8	Dj TNS	House, Mainstream
Sunday 15/8	Dj Aris	House, R & B, Mainstream
Monday 16/8	Dj Jovolos	House, R & B, Mainstream
Tuesday 17/8 - Thursday 19/8	Petros Floorfiller	Progressive House
Friday 20 & Saturday 21/8	Andreas Acratos	Progressive House, R & B, Mainstream



What's On

Cinema

Friday, 13 August

OPENING CEREMONY

Saturday, 14 August

THE MONA LISA SMILE

22:00



With Julia Roberts in the starring role, Kirsten Dunst (*The Virgin Suicides*), Maggie Gyllenhaal (*Secretary*) feature in an inspired, amusing and optimistic film. A History of Art teacher finds herself in a college where young women on campus have yet a lot to learn about life, but where she discovers that she herself has a lot to learn about love...

Sunday, 15 August

IDENTITY

22:00



A suspenseful thriller with a spellbinding atmosphere and a scenario of twists and turns... An all-star cast in a story based on Agatha Christie's 'Ten Little Niggers'. On a wild and stormy night, ten travellers who have never met before take shelter in a motel in the middle of nowhere. But when they are murdered one by one and the mystery deepens, the captive potential victims suspect they may not be there by chance. The horror of the truth, beyond any stretch of the imagination, is concealed in the identity of the murderer.

Monday, 16 August

Mr. DEEDS GOES TO TOWN

22:00



Funnyman Adam Sandler stars in MR DEEDS, the hilarious re-make of the classic American comedy Mr. Deeds Goes to Town. Small-town guy Longfellow Deeds (SANDLER) goes to the big city to collect a \$40 billion inheritance from a long lost uncle. Living in a palatial mansion with the services of unusual personal valet (JOHN TURTURRO) isn't too bad. Things get even better when he meets a beautiful school nurse (WINONA RYDER). But money changes everything, and things aren't what they seem - his sweetie is actually a journalist feeding reports of his outrageous behavior to the press! Now, it's up to Deeds to straighten everybody out - with a few right hooks and lots of common sense.



About the Pulse

Welcome to the Olympic Village Pulse, the official daily Newspaper of the Olympic Village!

Through our pages you can surf the streets and neighbourhoods of the Olympic Village, feel the pulse of everyday developments, and meet some of the 25,000 people who live and work in this exciting Village.

The Olympic village paper is in electronic form for the first time, and can be accessed from the ATHENS 2004 website:
www.athens2004.com/olvpulse.

This printed form (pdf) can be found online from the 'Print the Pulse' menu link. Are you living in the Olympic Village, visit an Internet Cafe and ask the helpful staff to print you a copy.

The Olympic Village Pulse publishes articles and pictures about life and events in the Village on a daily basis. It contains exclusive interviews with athletes, officials, employees, and volunteers, not to mention dozens of Village activities. The 'What's On' section is updated daily and highlights cultural events but also birthdays and a movie schedule for the open air cinema. The journalist staff is made up of young volunteers who are carving their way into the arena of global journalism. It is their drive to learn, their willingness to be challenged and their commitment to volunteer that makes this paper better everyday.

We take pride in the privacy of all residents and employees of the Village and look to enhance the positive and welcoming environment that has been created by everyone. Though the immediate readers of "The Pulse" are the Olympic Village residents. Its online availability opens a virtual window to the whole world for everyone to appreciate.

Welcome to the Olympic Village, the beating heart of the Olympic Games and enjoy these unique days of multicultural and athletic excellence in the names of peace and determination to succeed.

We wish all our readers success and hope to receive all your 'letters to the editor'

Symeon Tsalicoglou



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