



## News on the Move



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A Cuban athlete keeps up-to-date with the Olympic Village Pulse

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## Champions in Life and Sports

Imagine a home where the father is nailbitingly anchored to the stands, and the mother is sweating to come away a gold medal. Not your normal family life, perhaps, but a realistic enough picture at the Olympic Games. But the crunch comes when the children of the couple start to share in the cheering and celebrations, whether in their pram or when they are old enough to run on to the field of play and congratulate their mom from up close. Who wouldn't want this moment to last for ever? Who wouldn't like to disappear from sight to hear how a small child says 'bravo!' to his mother with awe. But our curiosity is shortlived. It does not last many minutes after we leave the competition venue or after we have turned off our TV and forgotten those pictures that enhance the beauty of athletics in our eyes. This time round, though, we are going to get the feel, close up, of our athletes in search of gold, as we watch the whole course until the moment of success. The 'Olympic Village Pulse' has scoured the Village and it brings you some of the women who have succeeded in combining a passion for athletics with a passion for motherhood.

Our conclusion is that, impregnable as athletes look the stadium, they are much more sensitive when they are with their children or when they are talking about them. Even idols have their feet of clay.

Nadia Dimitriou

## A Proud Mother

"The first time I looked at my daughter was something beyond belief, I wouldn't exchange it for all the gold medals in the world!". With such words coming from a woman like Nelli Cooman, with a tally of sport distinctions many would envy, one realises that it is not only firsts in international events that leave athletes spellbound, but successes in the race of life as well. Nelli Cooman, the athlete from Holland, is for most people the queen of the indoor 60 metres, who deservedly held the world record from 1986 to 1992. They may not know, however, that four years ago she gave the best performance of her life - the birth of her daughter.

"She is the most important thing in my life and she has top priority", the former world champion confides. This chapter closed when she was 32 years, precluding the possibility that she would return to competition. "When you are a professional athlete, you must devote endless hours to the tartan track. Time is limited and the word 'holiday' is unknown to you." The six-times European champion admits that being an athlete and a

mother at the same time is not an easy thing. She avoided combining the two because she did not want her child competing for attention.



Nelli Cooman hugs the greatest prize in the world, her four-year-old daughter!

Today Nelli Cooman is back in Athens, the city where she won her first indoor 60 m medal, but this time as a mom - and a proud one at that! Throughout our conversation she never took her eyes off her four-year-old daughter - as intelligent as her mother. When

we asked how she would react if her daughter one day wanted to be a sports star, she replied: "I would support whatever decision she took, after telling her all the good and bad things about a career in sport. I would even be prepared to train her with my own coach, keeping up a tradition." But Nelli is not in the prophecy business. She lives each day as a separate item, and the only thing she wishes her daughter is health and strength.

Nadia Dimitriou

## Hellenic or Chinese? Musician or Statistician?

A number of passers-by in the International Zone yesterday nonchalantly walked past a volunteer from Greece who was set on playing the bouzouki and singing a few songs. What caught them all by surprise was the fact that he started singing a very melodious folk song but in a language they could not fathom. The language it turns out was Mandarin and the volunteer in question was George Sapounidis, the multi-lingual singer or should I say Dr. George Sapounidis, Ph.D. Mathematics and Statistics, University of Toronto, Canada.

Speaking to him further revealed that this former University of Canada Professor has been pursuing music very seriously since his teens and is also a trained classical guitarist. Add to that his affinity for languages and his ability to grasp the finer nuance of pronunciation and you have a multi-lingual singer. He sings in Greek, English, French, Spanish, Hebrew, Russian Persian and has a special place in his heart for Chinese. His favourite instrument is the Greek bouzouki which according to him, "...inspires me to greater levels when I play it". Fond of the

genre Rembetica, which is akin to the Greek 'blues', George has also cut three albums with the latest being a mix of Greek and Chinese songs. "My openness to life and different people has created a persona which embraces different cultures and enabled me to develop a multi-lingual repertoire of songs."

When pressed further to explain his fascination with China, he reveals that it happened quite by accident when one of his friends asked him to sing in Mandarin at a party. He has been involved with Chinese music and culture



George and his bouzouki play a bridge between Greece and China



for the past 7 years and has performed several times in China and other countries with both the Greek and Chinese embassies as his guests.

On his experience of coming to Greece as a volunteer, he men-

tions "As a Greek it's like coming back to my heritage and I never dreamt that I would be in the centre among athletes coming from 202 countries all over the world." When pointed out that his juxtaposition of the

Greek and Chinese music mirrors the upcoming transition of the Olympic Games from Greece to China, he mentioned "I feel privileged to come at a point in history where I can, as a Greek, claim to have a link

between both the present (Athens) and the future (Beijing)."

Neelay Bhatt

## Greek Handball: Good Thinking and Positive Spirit

The 'first generation' of Greek Handball, as the players of the Greek Handball National team call themselves, are fighting for their own cause: to make a good debut appearance in the Olympic Games. They are 15 young people from around Greece who have worked hard for a decade to create a team able to stand up to colossal teams, such as the world-champions Germany or the invincible France. The Olympic Village Pulse met some of the Greek athletes in person, and they spoke to us about their team. They attribute a good deal of their success to their new coach, Ulf Schefert of Sweden. In the words of Giorgos Chalkidis, "the Federation decided to convey to the Greek players the Swedish mentality in Handball, because the latter have a great tradition in this sport."

Tzimis Tzimourtos said: "we have been together as a team for 10 years, but we have been preparing for the Olympic Games with our coach Ulf Schefert for the last four

years. We are well aware of the fact that we will be measured against great teams while making our first steps, but we will put up a decent fight."

The team's apparent steady progress has won it a growing fan-base, which makes the players even more enthusiastic: "We are very proud of our progress and the fact that we are the first Greek Handball Team to participate in the Olympic Games (said Alexis Alvanos). It is an extraordinary feeling for us to see the venue filling up with 7,000 people, as occurred when we played against France. We hope we will see even more people at our game against Egypt so we urge everybody to come!"

After the Athens Olympics, the team will start preparing for the World Championship in 2005 and they seem to be very happy with the prospect. Their advice to their fans who would like to follow their example is: "We love our sport so much, that, although



Greek Handball Team players

most of us are students, we have put everything else aside in order to devote all our efforts to Handball. We can only recommend Handball as a sport, because it combines strength, teamwork, speed, the kind of pleasure Golf gives and, of course, quick thinking.

Ioanna Tziriti

## The Magical Puppet Theatre!

On Sunday afternoon a pleasant surprise awaited Village residents outside the Main Dining Hall "Filoxenos". A wonderful



story was enacted there, starring three musicians from the Musika ensemble, two jugglers and a female puppet master. This

strange yet amusing event was performed in a very imaginative fashion by the Fundastik street theatre group, arousing great enthusiasm from passers-by.

The central focus of interest during the performance was the Prima Ballerina who awakened passion, engaged in intrigue and provoked quarrels! The show puppet, interpreted by puppet master Melina Iordanidou, came alive before the amazed audience. Athletes coming out of the restaurant, as well as passers-by, stopped to watch the act and take part in the beautiful story unfolding before them. In fact, a Chinese athlete

wanting to attract the attention of the beautiful ballerina and "steal her heart" was noticed by her "companion" and absolute mayhem ensued! After this magical performance, two jugglers took over who with their fires "lit up" the audience's faces. Of course, Phevos and Athena could not be absent from such a joyous event. They arrived to be photographed with people, but also to dance to the beat of the percussion instruments!

When puppets come alive to break the strings directing them then the best fairy tale becomes a reality. You must not miss the next performance! In fact the

next such event will be very



soon, as this particular ensemble will repeat its show on 24 August at 7pm, but also on 28 August at 8 pm featuring men on stilts! All fans are invited to have a ball!

Anastasia Kostopoulou  
Neelay Bhatt



## People

### Question of the Day

**“How did you decide to play your sport?”**



**Massimo Dagioni**  
Volleyball coach  
Italy

“I started my sport because my friends played volleyball and I wanted to stay up with them day by day. I started coaching at age 26.”



**Petra Dallmann**  
Swimming  
Germany

“Ever since I was 6 I am swimming. I love the water and I am very happy that I am still swimming in a top level”.



**Dalivia Fernandez Grasset**  
Beach Volley  
Cuba

“ I started when I was 13 years old as an indoor volleyball player. After 5 years I decided to focus on beach volleyball because I love being on the beach.”



**Nicole Kubes**  
Judo  
USA

“My father was a law enforcement officer in Texas. He wanted his little girls to know how to protect themselves. I started learning judo and it just ‘clicked’.”



**Rolandas Jasevicius**  
Boxing  
Lithuania

“I wanted to punch my brother when I was 10 years old”



**Ida Mattsson**  
Swimming  
Sweden

“ My father was a swimmer and now he is my coach. Ever since I was 2 years old I am swimming and I love it.”



**Kaniako Nariki**  
Athletics – 100m  
Kiribati

“ In my country, competition in athletics is very popular between schools. I won several of these competitions, so I decided to continue in sprints more professionally.”



**Maria De La Paz Hernandez**  
Hockey  
Argentina

“ Hockey is very popular in Argentina, especially for women. I started playing since I was 7 years old and I enjoy it very much. I love playing for my team. We have been together for 8 years and we are very good friends.”



**John Stefensen**  
Athletics  
Australia

“My girlfriend broke up with me so I started athletics to divert my attention.”



**Ivana Vercerova**  
Basketball  
Czech Republic

“My height”



**Sergio Roberto Vigil**  
Hockey – Head Coach  
Argentina

“ I have been playing hockey since I was 10, following the family tradition.”



**Chara Sakkoula**  
Volleyball  
Greece

“Originally I was into gymnastics but then I grew quite tall so I got involved with Volleyball.”

**Angelopoulou Vaso**  
Swimming  
Greece

“I was jealous of my brother who was involved in it before and drew me into it.”



**Martha Matsa**  
Swimming  
Greece

“I wanted to learn how to swim to be able to go deep into the sea.”



## People

### Employee of the Day

#### Your Mail is in Trustworthy Hands



**Georgia Dalakosta**  
Post Office  
Greece

At the Ancient Olympic Games mail was sent by pigeon (hence the phrase 'it's not my pigeon'). In the 21st century it is sent by sparrow. Visit the Olympic Village Post Office and you will see it for yourselves. A sparrow has nested in the shop's awning. It seems the return of the Olympic Games to their homeland is a real flesh and blood one.

The 'Olympic Village Pulse' came across the Post Office Supervisor, Georgia Dalakosta, who made us see that the presence of the bird was a good omen. Ms Dalakosta is responsible for

all mail issues, incoming and outgoing. Even though she is always busy, she was able to spare the time to talk to us.

Handling mails is not the only duty of the Post Office. The 'put your face on a stamp' service is one of the shop's more entertaining novelties. Athletes, workforce, and Volunteers can to print stamps with themselves as the illustration, or buy stamps featuring their favourite Olympic stars. For every athlete who wins a medal, a stamp will be available with her or his face on it. "This new sport is quite a

craze with many athletes and visitors," chuckles Ms Dalakosta.

She and her colleagues have managed to make the Post Office one of the most popular places in the Village. "We have regular customers," she tells us with pride. "Our most frequent customers are the Chinese, the Germans and the Swiss. And a little while ago we had visits from the Greek Olympic Champions, Pyrrros Dimas and Dimosthenis Tabakos."

Kostas Alexandropoulos

### Volunteer of the Day

The volunteer concept is deeply rooted in Thomas Zambopoulos' heart. He is a volunteer blood donor, a member of the Parents'



**Thomas Zambopoulos**  
Greece

Association in the school his children go to, and this summer he decided to be a volunteer for the Athens Olympics as well! The 'Olympic Village Pulse' came across him at the Protocol Office in the Olympic Village, where he has been serving as a Volunteer since 30 July, and had a short interview with him.

For him, just to participate as a volunteer in Greece's great task of organising the 2004 Olympic Games is enough to make him feel pride in himself and his nation. For him, being a volunteer is very important - as he says, selfless effort should be part of everyone's awareness. It

is also important for him to instil volunteer principles in his two children by making himself an example to be followed. As a case in point, he described the joy his twelve-year-old son feels, proud that his father is a Volunteer and intensely interesting in the course of the day's events at the Village. We were particularly impressed by comments from a fellow Volunteer that Thomas merits being picked as Volunteer of the Day for his work and moral values.

How dedicated and conscientious Mr. Zambopoulos is to the concept of Olympic volunteerism is revealed in his daily

schedule. He has worked for a bank for 27 years. He is on leave from his regular job for the morning shifts at the Olympic Village, while he is away from home for many hours while he does his evening shift. He is employed at the Bank in the morning while in the evening he works, full of energy and enthusiasm, at the Protocol Office. As for family life, he seems to make time for that too: as he said, with a broad grin, the family is completely understanding and supportive, because everyone's contribution to the 2004 Olympic Games is so important.

Zoe-Sylvia Oikonomou

### Country Links



#### Columbus of Chios?

It has been said, it is indeed mentioned in Greek history school books, that the great explorer Christopher Columbus had been to the Greek island of Chios "according to documented reports, Christopher Columbus grew up and was influenced by Byzantine geographers and cartographers, which helped him achieve the discovery of the New World". It is a fact that the name Christo-

foros Kolomvos exists on the island (probably originating from the admiration elicited by the historic personage) which leads some people to the conclusion that the seaman might have been a Chiot!

Sifis Kapakis



## Features

### IOC Message

#### Old Friends Rejoin The Olympic Family

Afghanistan did not participate at the Sydney Olympic Games, due to the suspension of its National Olympic Committee by the International Olympic Committee in 1999. The reason for this suspension revolved around the draconian rules enforced by the Taliban regime in a country that excluded women from sport and made the practice of sport by men practically illegal. In Sydney 2000, the Iraqi delegation had dwindled to a mere three athletes compared to the 56 strong team that was sent twenty years earlier to participate in the Moscow Olympic Games.

Since the Sydney Olympic Games the world has changed; the Taliban are no longer in power in Kabul and Iraq has undergone a monumental political and social transformation. The IOC had an objective to help reconstruction of the sports structures in both Afghanistan and Iraq and ensure the preparation of their teams for the Athens Olympic Games.

Since 2003, Olympic Solidarity, a department of the IOC, has worked very closely with both NOCs to put in place a strategy to train and qualify the Afghan and Iraqi athletes for Athens in the best possible conditions. The main obstacle in both cases was the severe lack of exposure of these ath-

letes to international competitions and their training environments in their home countries. Olympic Solidarity found that the talent existed but the means to develop it through high level coaching and competitions were blatantly absent.

In the case of Afghanistan, Olympic Solidari-



ty organized, with the help of the NOC of the Islamic Republic of Iran, an eight-month training camp in Tehran for 10 Afghan athletes and 4 coaches in athletics, wrestling, boxing and taekwondo. The athletes trained with the national teams of Iran and were finally able to enjoy a stable period during which they could concentrate on their sport. Bashermal Sultani, an Afghan boxer who won a bronze medal at the Asian Championships and has, for the first time, been able to train and compete in his

favourite sport without having to wear a beard that was obligatory under the Taliban regime, said of his experience: "I am very happy because after living under the Taliban regime and after the war, it is the first time in my life that I can practice boxing in good conditions. In Iran, I can concentrate on my next objective and dream: to participate in the Athens Olympic Games under the Afghan flag."

The dramatic situation of the war in Iraq and the subsequent need of reconstruction of the whole country mobilized the Olympic movement. Iraqi athletes in swimming, athletics, archery, boxing, wrestling, taekwondo, weightlifting and football have been offered the opportunity by Olympic Solidarity to train in conjunction with the national teams of the following NOCs in preparation for Athens: Canada, Egypt, Germany, Great Britain, Japan, Romania and the United

States of America. The President of the NOC of Iraq, Dr Ahmed Al-Samarrai commented: "Where there is sport you can find the unity of all the Iraqi people, whatever their colour, or religion or ethnicity - and then you start to break the ice. When the Iraqi flag is there in Athens, the civilised world will be delighted to see Iraq is back again in the shape of democracy and freedom."

### Word of the Day

#### Αλληλογραφία - "Allilografia" - Correspondence

Dear Parents,  
Sorry to say we won't be returning home this summer, because this year's summer we're going where the Olympic Games are being held ... in Greece! So please forward all mail to us here at the Olympic Village.  
Much Love,  
Phevos & Athena

### Quote of the Day

"These Olympic Games for us in Saint Kitts & Nevis are a unique moment in history"

Hon. Dr. Denzil L. Douglas  
Prime Minister of Saint Kitts & Nevis



## Venue of the Day

### Olympic Canoe / Kayak Slalom Centre

Earth, water, and wood - these are three main elements of the Olympic Canoe/Kayak Slalom Centre at Helliniko. These past few days, other - human - elements have been added - the countless spectators who tinge the stands with colour and us with priceless pleasure because we are able to share this wonderful venue with them.



July 2003



17 March 2004



11 June 2004

As the workforce, we have got to know each other very well, so when we meet at the end of the day to have the standard meetings for reports we hardly need words to express our satisfaction with ourselves. Just a look or a smile, and it is enough to describe the good results of the day, for the outcome of the day is fortunately good, as a rule.

We are after all working for our very own Games, the 2004 Olympic Games, and we give it all we've got so the Games shall go flawlessly

## Village Views



CHIPOLATAS street theatre team with Athena and Phevos

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## What's On

### Today 19 August 2004 the Village Celebrates

#### Birthdays

Eleni Andreadaki	VIL LAUNDRY SRVS STAFF
Margarita Theodorou	VIL VOC ASST
Amalia Kalothanasi	VIL ACCOMODATION SERVICES ASST
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Viktoria Mitselou	VENUE ACR MGMNT
Sofia Mplathra	VIL SP PROJ & GAMES INTEG ASST
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Irini Stamouli	ACR VEN ASST
Achileas Trouvas	SIC TRAINING OFFICE ASST
Elina Tsioulaki	VIL SP PROJ & GAMES INTEG
Katharina Gloeckler	TPT VENUE ASST
Rodrigo Brazil	TPT VENUE ASST
Richard Charles Ssekyeru	RELIGIOUS REPRESENTATIVE

### Street Performers

<b>Friday</b>	<b>20/8/2004</b>	<b>19.00 - 19.50</b>
CHIPOLATAS	BRITISH JOGGLING GROUP	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>21/8/2004</b>	<b>19.00 - 19.50</b>
CHIPOLATAS	BRITISH JOGGLING GROUP	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22/8/2004</b>	<b>19.00 - 19.50</b>
CHIPOLATAS	BRITISH JOGGLING GROUP	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>24/8/2004</b>	<b>19.00 - 19.40</b>
fundastick	GREEK JOGGLING GROUP	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25/8/2004</b>	<b>19.00 - 19.50</b>
CHIPOLATAS	BRITISH JOGGLING GROUP	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26/8/2004</b>	<b>19.00 - 19.50</b>
CHIPOLATAS	BRITISH JOGGLING GROUP	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>27/8/2004</b>	<b>19.00 - 19.50</b>
CHIPOLATAS	BRITISH JOGGLING GROUP	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28/8/2004</b>	<b>19.00 - 19.40</b>
fundastick	GREEK JOGGLING GROUP	

### 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

Tuesday 17/8 - Thursday 19/8  
Friday 20 & Saturday 21/8

Petros Floorfiller  
Andreas Acratos

Progressive House  
Progressive House, R & B, Mainstream

### Enquiries

If you want to be informed about the schedule and results of the Games, weather forecasts and transport itineraries, all you need to do is call 210-373 2004.



## What's On

### Cinema

Thursday, 19 August

**MAID IN MANHATTAN**

**22:00**



Marisa Ventura, a young unwed mother from the Bronx, works hard as a maid at a luxury Manhattan hotel, looking for a better life for herself and her 10-year-old son. By way of a devilish coincidence a charming rising-star politician hotel guest falls in love with her, believing she is a socialite. When the truth is uncovered their mutual love must overcome many obstacles...

The best version of the Cinderella tale yet!

Friday, 20 August

**SNATCH**

**22:00**

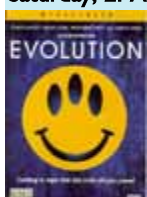


Guy Ritchie, Writer/ Director of "Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels", delivers another awe- inspiring directional masterpiece, snatch- an edgy and hilarious film about a diamond heist gone wrong, a colorful irish gypsy turned prize fighter... and a very temperamental dog. In the heart of gangland, two novice unlicensed boxing promoters, Turkish (Jason Statham) and Tommy (Stephen Graham) get roped into organising a rigged bare- knuckle fight with local kingpin villain and fellow boxing promoter, Brick Top (Alan Ford). But all goes wrong when wildcard Irish gypsy boxer, One Punch Mickey O'Neil (Brat Pitt). Starts playing by his own rules and the duo find themselves heading for a whole lot of trouble...Meanwhile Franky Four Fingers (Benicio Del Toro) and his stolen 86 carat diamond have gone missing in London. Head honcho Avi (Dennis Farina) hires local legend, Bullet Tooth Tony (Vinnie Jones) to find them, launching everyone into a spiral of double- crossing vendettas and events, most of them illegal...

Saturday, 21 August

**EVOLUTION**

**22:00**



College teachers Ira Kane (Duchovny) and Harry Block (Jones) are inadvertently called to the site of a meteorite crash where they discover a variety of single-celled alien life forms. Government scientist Allison Reed (Moore) gets involved and goes ahead to head with the local scientific duo. But when the alien cells begin evolving at an alarming rate, they find themselves playing on the same team. It's Darwin's biggest nightmare and survival of the fittest in the funniest, wildest comedy of the year.

Monday, 22 August

**JOAN OF ARC**

**22:00**



In 1429 a teenage girl from a remote French village stood before her King with a message she claimed came from God; that she would defeat the world's greatest army and liberate her country from its political and religious turmoil. As this small voice in the heart of a simple girl grew stronger, rulers empowered to fight and her country inspired to believe.

Following her mission to reclaim God's diminished kingdom -through her amazing victories until her violent and untimely death- the life of Joan of Arc is explored in this startling epic.

## 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 neighborhoods 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](http://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'

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