



## Go ahead, Greene my Day!



Maurice Greene and the US Gymnastics Team

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## The Secret of Success in the Allotment Sector

The Allotment Sector, by general consent of the Chefs de Mission, has successfully accomplished the difficult task of accommodation for the Olympic Village housing to the country missions. Good organisation, systematic work and the dedication of the team that worked together in this sector produced great results.

Ms Anna Prinianaki, Head of the Sector, spoke to the Pulse about how this team of people was able to carry out this significant task: the smooth accommodation of missions in the Olympic Village. Ms Prinianaki



The Allotment Sector Team: Giorgos Papakonstantinou, Giannis Banagos, Maria Chronopoulou, Maritina Arantzoglou, Anna Prinianaki

told us, "The aim was for all needs of the missions to be fulfilled and all wishes to be granted, having as a rule that all countries are equal and deserve the same treatment." This proved to be the secret of success that left the large, as well as the smaller missions completely satisfied.

The planning, as Ms Prinianaki explained to us, began early on, when the size of the missions was not yet known. So, based on the Sydney Olympic Games numbers, they began to build the rooms bearing in mind the wishes of the missions and projecting the Olympic Spirit. Basic principle of the whole planning was that all athletes must enjoy the same comforts in order to be able to feel good and dedicate themselves entirely to the games that await them. As a result, with the many hours of organised and systematic work, the Allotment Sector 'dream team' succeeded in booking 78% of the Olympic Village housing long before the athletes arrived. This is what made the Chefs de Mission realise how serious a work was done and how differently ATHENS 2004 acted in matters of accommodation. According to Ms Prinianaki: "We asked for the designs and

plans of offices, quarters and storage rooms in order to be able to properly design the preliminary layout. Our work was based upon humanist ideals - the aim of our work was client satisfaction" she said. "In order to please everyone, we have left approximately 700 beds empty inside the rooms, so that each mission, even the smallest one, will have accommodation!

Speaking of 700 beds is like speaking of a hotel. But we are glad we decided to do this. We will do the same for the Paralympic Games; we will organise everything in the best possible way so that everyone is satisfied". For the first time in the history of the Paralympic Games athletes will stay in the Olympic Village free of charge.

The Allotment Sector Team has been working with enthusiasm, joy, and a smile, with passion and method, to project the Olympic Spirit and Greek hospitality! It has reached its initial goal - and is now looking forward to the Paralympic Games.

Zoe Sylvia Oikonomou

## New Zealand's Greek Community Sent "Patrida" to Athens

Separated by thousands of kilometers Greece and New Zealand came a little closer yesterday, after a meeting in the Olympic Village



Patrida will be installed in the Hellenic Olympic Committee

between the countries' Chiefs de Mission, a ceremony watched by athletes from both delegations with Maori songs and speeches as background.

In a symbolic gesture Greek Chef de Mission Yiannis Papadogiannakis received from the New Zealand delegation

the donation of a 1,70 metre tall, 250 kilograms sculpture representing the Olympic spirit and the bonds between the two countries. The meeting took place in the Kiwis' office of the Olympic Village. The sculpture, "Patrida" (motherland in Greek), has been delivered by New Zealand's Greek community to the Pacific island's team to be installed outside the New Zealand residences in the Olympic Village during the Olympiad and "inspire" the New Zealand athletes as Olympians.

"We are very touched, very proud. The New Zealand Olympic Committee has donated this wonderful gift", said Papadogiannakis.

"This is sealing a friendship of years", he added. "New Zealand soldiers came in 1941 to fight for freedom and liberty in Greece, something that we will never forget."

New Zealand Chef de Mission David Currie also emphasized the "strong links" between the two countries. "It was given to us by the Greek community to show their support and to help athletes and we put it here outside our mission", he said. "This is very import for us."

The sculpture was designed by the New Zealand-Greek artist Maria (Yiannoutsos) Heath and was worked in Oamaru stone, typical from the small town of Oamaru in New Zealand's South Island, by the New Zealand sculptor Bruce Winter. It will be installed in the Hellenic Olympic Committee's headquarters entrance after the Olympic Games.



Greece and New Zealand Chief de Mission in the Olympic Village

Sabino Ahumada



### Edvin Marton Visits the Olympic Village

Edvin Marton is one of Hungary's best-known musicians - a violinist and a composer who studied in Moscow and New York and who has brought new life to Hungarian music. He is a classical virtuoso with an innovative style that captivates the listener. "I have always been interested in playing my own music", he told us. "This doesn't mean, of course, that I wouldn't play Mozart or Vivaldi, but in the 21st century, I simply find it more stimulating to play my music mingled with electronic sounds". Marton's music has its own special character, maybe because he is to some extent influenced by the Moscow and New York Schools.

The Hungarian violinist has come a long way. He has worked with great names in music such as Brian Adams and Phil Collins. He has composed music specially for the routine of the Hungarian skater Evgeny Plushenko; and for the first time in the history of skating, the music has been played by a performer on ice as the athlete executed the routine. Edvin is very popular back home and also abroad. He plays a Stradivarius worth \$3 million.

What drew Marton to the Olympic Village? He loves sport. This is why composing music for Evgeny Plushenko's routine brought out

the best in him. He showed his love of sport at a very early age when he one day told his mother he wanted to be a football player. But he ended up as a successful musician, trying to combine music and sport, and this was why the winning Hungarian crew asked him to write them an anthem. We were able to get a flavour of this piece of music and we can honestly say that the product of this col-



Edvin Marton posing with the Hungarian crew

laboration is going to be nothing short of extraordinary. On this occasion, Edvin visited the Olympic Village to speak with rowers. He seemed to enjoy his afternoon walk in the Village and said he would love to play music there. During his walk in the Village, he had the chance to speak with many athletes and congratulate them on their achievements, manifesting his enthusiasm and love for them.

We need only thank Edvin for his lovely company and hope we have the opportunity to see [!] the Olympic Village resound with his music!

Zoi-Silvia Oikonomou

### Athletes' Laundry Secrets



Athletes are the centre of attention at the Games, so that inevitably applies to their gear too, especially with their uniforms and accessories being so eye-catching. But have you ever wondered where all that clothing goes after being used and how it returns to the athletes ready to be worn again?

The answer lies in the Personal Clothing laundry Services, the section responsible for cleaning and delivering the athletes clothes. This being the Olympic Village, we are talking about a laundry unit of 200 washing machines and tumble dryers and an area large enough for the sorting-out of the daily wash, which is no less than two tons of clothes. The staff at the laundry services works on a three-shift roster, in order to cover the needs of the athletes in the most efficient way. Things were quite hectic to begin with, not only because of the workload, but also because, at first, there were problems in the application of the electronic system for sorting out clothes. But, thanks to the staff's efficiency, all problems were overcome very quickly. Such was the improvement in services, that the athletes themselves gave their congratulations.

Now, if you are wondering about secrets that may be hiding in the athlete's laundry baskets, do not expect us to reveal them. All we can tell you is that the staff at the laundry services confessed to us that they have often been surprised by the items of clothing they find in those baskets. Let us reassure the Olympic Village residents of our discretion by inverting the Greek proverb about exposing secrets: we are not going to wash their dirty linen in public.

Kostas Alexandropoulos



### Letters to the Editor

#### There's no Fire...

I feel really secure in this Village. Besides policemen and the military, one more team has arrived to make sure of your safety. They are the firemen - 42 of them, in three rosters of eight, ensure fire prevention 24 hours a day. All the shifts relay one another and are organised in the same way.

This morning, your favourite little mouse met a team numbering 13. Some patrol the Village on foot, others by car, others are on sentinel duty, and one patrol quarters the entire Village in a jeep. They are at all times on alert to stop the least fire hazard. They also offer first aid. For example they came to the assistance of an athlete from the French delegation after she had been stranded in a lift. They reminded me that all the buildings have fire-detecting devices and extinguishers, all of the latest squeak. We finished our conversation over an iced coffee. I can tell you, on mouse's honour, that this extremely likeable team is really watching out for you, dear athletes!

Mylo, the mousela souris



Always ready

### Read some messages sent to the editor via our online pages:

Dear editor,  
Congradulations to the ESETeams.  
You have been professional, good sports and caring of your horses. I am proud of you.  
We all are proud to be Americans.

**Brennan Barbara**  
**United States of America**

Dear editor,  
I just wanted to send a congratulatory message to all you wonderful athletes competing at the Games and to add my personal feelings of pride to be an Australian and share with all Australians in wishing you a wonderful life journey. Good on you team Australia you did us proud. Ozzie Ozzie Ozzie Oy Oy Oy !!!

**Dallis Carrol**  
**Australia**

Dear editor,  
Just a quick note to Alyson Annan - letting her know she still is and always will be my greatest inspiration and a true champ. Good Luck Mate!

**Tiarra LeLievre**  
**Australia**

Dear editor,  
I was very impressed he Swedish Volleyball team. Job well done, KRB.

**MaryAnn Miss**  
**United States of America**

Dear editor,

Thanks for this website where I am able to keep up to date with the happenings of the Athens 2004 Olympic Village. I myself, was a volunteer at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Village and this website has brought back some lovely memories of the games 4 years ago. Thanks for a great website,

**Yvonne Bartolovic**  
**Australia**

Dear editor,  
The article you wrote about your experience in our office is really good but compared to the hospitality we get from this great Nation not only in the Olympic Village but wherever we go, is something unique. We enjoy the feeling of being among our friends and relatives which you and this great nation have sucessfully managed to extend it to every body. On behalf of our delegation, we wish to thank you and look forward to come to this wonderful country again.

**Bahrain Delegation Chef de Mission**

Congratulations to Sarah Ulmer from the Davies family in Nelson, especially Joeline, one of your biggest fans. She has a huge smile on her face to match yours. Well done Sarah, you did it!  
Good luck for your points race.

**Wendy Davies**  
**New Zealand**

Dear editor,  
Please could you transmit this message to the French athlete Corinne RAUX who took part in the Women's Marathon race, from her first coach. Corinne, you know nothing is impossible, Gaelle and I are with you.

**Looc Rapinel**  
**France**

Dear editor,  
My sincere congratulations to all the Greek athletes and volunteers for their persistence in all their efforts. Thank you for the moving moments you have given us and the deep satisfaction at being Greek!!! Many thanks.

**Mina Kollia**  
**Greece**

Vcs an toda sorte deste mundo!!!!!!  
Valeu Daiane, Jardel, Scheid,Guga, Ana Paula, Gustavo B., enfim a todos muito obrigado por serem brasileiros.Volei(s), Futebol, Hand, estamos aqui roendo as unhas, vamos bola para frente!!!! Beijis re Mauricio, Giovane, segunda vai!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
Quero estar ai para ver isso.

**Gagliardi Renata**  
**Brazil**



## People

### Question of the Day

“What has been the defining moment of this Olympic Games for you?”



**Georgios Afroudakis**  
Water Polo  
Greece

“I think my defining moment is yet to come – hopefully it will be achieving a semi-final

berth.”



**Anli Koetze**  
Athlete  
South Africa

“The defining moment for me was to take part in my event (field hockey) here and realize that some incredibly small things can make such a big difference.”



**Robert Blum**  
Badminton  
England

“Watching the English badminton team enter the finals of the event. It gives me belief that we

can win even against the traditional Asian superpowers.”



**Robin Bourne-Taylor**  
Rowing  
Great Britain

“Seeing one of my best friends win a silver medal. It was like I had achieved it myself. It

was just so emotional and touching because the team was underestimated by many and the medal was unexpected. It was a true testament to that fact that with hard work anything is possible and to never underestimate what can be achieved.”



**Damian Grundy**  
Cycling Coach  
Australia

“Watching the Australian team win three gold medals yesterday. Now the onus is on us to repeat their feat or

better it.”



**Nada Mali**  
Canoe – Slalom  
Slovenia

“The day I competed. I completely messed up by missing the gate but it was defining because it

has made me stronger and now I have my sights firmly set upon the European Championships next year, which are in Slovenia. It has taught me to never give up and now I am even more determined to succeed.”



**Melina Hamilton**  
Athlete  
New Zealand

“The opening ceremony definitely had a huge effect on me. I can’t say whether it changed

me as a person or not but it definitely moved me.”



**Oliver Dziubak**  
Athlete  
Australia

“The opening Ceremony without doubt. Standing there with so many athletes from so many different

countries I truly experienced what it was like to have a world without boundaries. There was no race, religion, colour: it was just us. All of us were equal under one roof and united by sport..”



**Caroline Bartasek and Tina Morgan**  
Taekwondo  
Australia

“Just watching all the Australian athletes compete. It’s all been very inspiring and I’m drawing

strength and inspiration from their efforts for when I compete. The other defining moment was the opening ceremony. It just hit me when I was in the stadium that I’m actually at the Olympics and that I’ve worked so hard to get here, and now – the time has arrived. It just shows what you can actually achieve if you try hard enough.”



## People

### Employee of the Day

#### A Chemist in the Olympic Village



**Stavros Doukakis**  
Logistics  
Greece

What's a chemist doing in the Olympic Village - and one in Logistics and Support Services at that? One thing is for sure: he isn't carrying out any experiments. After all, the responsibility of such a diversified Department doesn't leave much room for experimentation! That's the responsibility resting on the shoulders of Stavros Doukakis, the Deputy Venue Logistics Manager.

In brief, Mr Doukakis' work mainly involves supplying all areas of the Olympic Village. Nevertheless, it is most directly related to responsibilities such

as storage and distribution of equipment supplies. After the run-up to the official opening of the Olympic Games, when Mr Doukakis was responsible for receiving, allocating and taking stock of all equipment inside the Village, the main workload is now again reverting to the Logistics and Support Services Department as we near the end of the Games. "Our first priority now is to organise departures, which have started already and will peak on 29 and 30 August", he tells us.

"What will stay with me from my participation in the Athens

Olympic Games is first of all the joy of participation. I will also remember the complexity of the job, the daily workload, and the two mobile phone batteries I was using up each day!" Mr Doukakis' work for the Games ends in late September, after the Paralympic Games. "Despite my more than ten years of experience on the job at an equivalent post, the experience of the Olympic Games is by far the best", he said with a smile.

Haroula Zahopoulou

### Volunteers of the Day

#### Konstantinos and Ioanna Moraitis



**Konstantinos and Ioanna Moraitis**  
Greece

So what if they have two names? Volunteers Konstantinos and Ioanna Moraitis have been one body and one soul for the last 44 years. Whoever has passed through one of the gates of the Olympic Village, even once, cannot have failed to notice them. They are always together and always with a broad smile, ready to carry out the obligatory control of accreditation cards which they have

been asked to do by the Operations Centre.

Ioanna, born and bred in England, went to Rhodes on holiday in 1962 and visited the local tourist police while seeking some information. In the end, apart from getting her desired information, this initiative also led to her taking up permanent residence in Greece because that was where she met Konstantinos. They decided to get married just a week after meeting, knowing they were going to spend the rest of their life together. They moved to Konstantinos's birthplace, Amarynthos in Evia; Ioanna launched her English tutorial school; and Konstantinos began his own greenhouse. Now retired, he still grows with his own hands all the fruits and vegetables that go into the family kitchen.

Free of obligations and wanting to feel the satisfaction of giving with no reward in exchange, they decided to come to Athens

to become part of the great celebration of the Olympic Games. Imbued with philosophy and the myths, the couple is convinced that 'noble competition' has its practical application in the endeavours of everyone's daily lives, in every society, large or small.

The most significant effect on them of their stay at the Olympic Village is the hope generated by the sight of people from all over the earth, who, if they share some goal in common, live together in harmony and peace without hatred and ill feeling.

The most important memory they will take away with them is of all those eyes of human beings, of different colours, ages, cultures, backgrounds or positions, full of joy and gratitude and hope.



## Features

### Country Links



#### Sometimes the Oldest is the Best

The valleys of **Andorra** have a rich history, but one that is not well documented. An ancient Greek historian, Polybius, who lived during the 1st century B.C. provides the first account of people living in the area. Through his description of the Carthaginian General Hannibal's crossing through the Ebro River and Pyrenees Mountains, Polybius mentions the existence of a tribe referred to as the Andosini, the predecessors of the present-day Andorrans. In support of Polybius' account, archaeologists have uncovered numerous artefacts dating back to the Neolithic period (5000-8000 years ago), which provide further evidence that the country has been home to countless generations of people.

John Grant



#### The Cook, The Baker and the Greek

Approximately 300 hundred years ago, English pilgrims who were seeking religious freedom arrived on the shores of the **Bahamas** and called their new-found land Eleuthera, which means freedom in Greek. The connection between the Bahamas and Greece lies deeper than just a name though. Greeks have been residing in the Bahamas since around 1840 when settlers arrived from the Greek island of Kalymnos to become sponge fishermen. However, a fungus among the sea sponge led the Greeks to change their career aspirations and as a result they entered the catering business, primarily becoming bakers and restaurateurs. Today the 400 Greeks who call the Bahamas their home have branched out and now work in other occupations as well.

John Grant

## Features

### IOC Message

#### Influencing Youth

As a successful athlete returning home from the Olympic Games, many of you will find your time is suddenly in high demand. Family, friends, and possibly sponsors will all want a piece of you and your schedule. Life for a while is a whirlwind; quite a change from the everyday routines of training. It can be fun and exhilarating, and sometimes even a bit daunting. Enjoy your well deserved rewards, and relish in your accomplishments.

Generally, you will begin to feel there is not enough time in the day, and scheduling your priorities will take on an entirely new level of discipline.

Many athletes mention that upon returning home they feel that time seems to just whiz by. As you begin to map out what you will be doing with the rest of your life, slow down and take a bit of time to reflect on what you want to achieve with your new-found celebrity status. You are now an Olympian. You have achieved the pinnacle of athletic competition, and it is something that will forever change you for the rest of your life.

The vast majority of world-class Olympians will begin the journey of returning back into normal society after the Games. But each should stop and answer the question, "What do you want your individual legacy to be?" Being a world-class athlete is an amazing achievement, and one that you should be very proud of. There are many ways in which you can be a positive influence within society, and many of them have to do with you using your status and influ-

ence to mold the young people in society.

There are many ways of making a contribution to society and the youth. Coaching, counseling, public speaking are just a few. There are many ways to engage youth, at all stages of an athletes career. You can do this by allowing yourself to be accessible to tell stories of your experiences and aligning yourselves with positive organizations which promote youth and sport. National Olympic Committees, Sports Federations, and youth sport organizations can present opportunities where you can 'give back' to youth. Other athletes have found success by visiting schools, sports clubs, developing their own programme or working with sponsors to develop youth sports related programmes.

Youngsters put Olympians on a pedestal, and consequently will hold you as an athlete to a very high standard. With this higher level of status as an Olympian comes a higher level of responsibility. Is it easy. Definitely not. Is it wanted? Not always. But does it enable you to have a platform to have children hanging on your every word? Most definitely.

Not all of us welcome the increased notoriety that comes with becoming an Olympian and a role model. You are the one who decides how you will be remembered.

Best of luck in your future decisions. And once again you should use your new found celebrity well!



## Features

### Word of the Day

#### Είσοδος - "Eisodos" - Access

One of your routine habits can prove personally beneficial - just like buying a ticket for getting about, being there and being served. Now is your chance to participate in the anguish, effort and success of athletes with a ticket for an Olympic Games event. It is your access to the competition!

## Venue of the Day

### Schinias Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre



The Schinias Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre is located roughly 40 km from the centre of Athens. The entire venue team is on the job daily from 14 to 28 August. If you are the morning type you should rush to watch the Canoe/Kayak Flatwater Racing competition which is under way. Bring along a hat, sunglasses and suntan lotion; board Olympic line Z20 to the Olympic Rowing and Canoeing Centre and come to enjoy a special morning next to the beach at Schinias.



The venue's 1240 sq km belong to the Schinias National Park and, under the aegis of the EU's Natura programme, is home to more than 350 plant and 120 avian species. The installation of a cutting edge fire detection and fire extinguishing system in the pine and conifer woods (Greece currently has three cone pine ecosystems: on the island of Skiathos, in Achaia and at Schinias) is a major tool for protecting the area. The Makaria spring is located there and a continuous flow of sweet water from the Rowing centre lake system to the habitat is already having a positive effect in restoring the area's ecosystems.



Environmental awareness and sporting activity harmoniously coexist in a very beautiful venue that offered plenty of excitement to spectators with the bronze medal won by Vasilis Polymeros and Nikos Skiathitis - Greece's first Rowing medal in history.

### Quote of the Day

I am not visiting as a member of the political leadership but as a sport fan. I've been going to the stadiums and cheering the athletes with a sense of pride. For the first time I feel that the heart of the host country is beating to the same crazy tempo of the Olympic Games!

**Fotini Papadopoulou**  
First Lady of the Republic of Cyprus





## Village Views



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Two small visitors to the Olympic Village

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In the Olympic Village pool



## What's On

Today 26 August 2004 the Village Celebrates

### Birthdays

Georgia Afksediadou	NOC ASST
George Kapelas	NOC DRIVER
Virginia Kechri	VIL ACCOMODATION SERVICES ASST
Vasiliki Laiou	RTC SERVICE DESK ASST
Ioanna Leodiou	VIL RESIDENT CENTRE STAFF
Stavroula Mathiopoloulou	NOC ASST
Sonia Sotiria Metheniti	NOC DRIVER
Aglaia Nikas	NOC ASST
Braian Nikopoulos	ACR VEN ASST
Natalia Panourgia	NOC ASST
Athanasios Farmakis	VIL VOC ASST

### IOC Athletes' Commission Elections

**Congratulations! 5780 of you have voted.**  
**The results will be announced at 2:00 o'clock at the Amphitheatre.**

### 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).

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!

### Library

Do you know every how often the Olympic Games were organised in antiquity? Do you happen to know when the Olympic Anthem and Olympic Flag were instituted? If so, rush to the Library! A quiz awaits you there with questions about the Olympic Games, prepared for you by the Volunteer and Paid Staff.

It is a mind game that is renewed every 5 days and only requires your reserve of knowledge. Don't fret if some of the answers elude you. More than 2,000 books are available to answer any of your queries. And don't think that education is the only thing you will take with you: the award for the winner is an audio CD with relaxing music - a necessity for athletes interested in getting rid of the stress brought on by the Games.

### Street Performers

<b>Thursday</b> CHIPOLATAS	<b>26/8/2004</b>	<b>19.00 - 19.50</b> BRITISH JOGGLING GROUP
<b>Friday</b> CHIPOLATAS	<b>27/8/2004</b>	<b>19.00 - 19.50</b> BRITISH JOGGLING GROUP
<b>Saturday</b> fundastick	<b>28/8/2004</b>	<b>19.00 - 19.40</b> GREEK JOGGLING GROUP

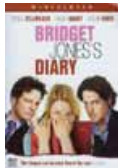


### Enquiries

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, 26 August	BRIDGET JONES'S DIARY	22:00
	Bridget Jones's diary is a hilarious comedy from the makers of "Notting Hill" and "Four Weddings and A funeral" On New Year's Day, hung over and still single, Bridget Jones - a 30 - something London girl - decides to get a grip on her life and start a diary: "Resolution number one: obviously, will lose twenty pounds. Number two: will find nice sensible boyfriend and not continue to from romantic attachments to peeing-toms, megalomaniacs, emotional f*ck-wits or perverts". But it's not that easy for Bridget; choosing between bona-fide-sex-god-with-big-car Daniel Cleaver and aloof -looking-but-thoughtful-sensitive-man Mark Darcy... Starring Renee Zellweger (Jerry Maguire; Me, Myself and Irene) as Bridget, Hugh Grant (Notting Hill; Four Weddings And A Funeral) as Daniel Cleaver and Colin Firth (Pride And Prejudice; Fever Pitch) as Mark Darcy, "Bridget Jones's Diary", based on Helen Feilding's wildly popular bestseller is the must-see comedy of the year.	
Friday, 27 August	HOLLYWOOD HOMICIDE	22:00
	Joe Gallivan and Kasey Kaldeen are two unconventional L.A. homicide detectives who also have completely different jobs: the former is a realtor while the latter is a yoga teacher and aspiring actor! When the members of a popular rap band are viciously slain on stage, the investigation leads the two to Sartain, the chairman of a recognised recording brand. Rumour has it he organised the deaths of other artists who wanted to break their contracts.	
Saturday, 28 August	CHARLIE'S ANGELS	22:00
	Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu are Charlie's Angels- a trio of elite private investigators who, with the latest in high- tech gadgets, martial arts techniques and a vast array of disguises, unleash their state - of- the- art skills on land, sea and air. Their goal, to track down a kidnapped billionaire -to- be and keep his top- secret voice- identification software out of lethal hands. Aided by their faithful lieutenant Bosley (Bill Murray), and under the sure hand of their suave playboy boss, notorious for his clever ways of avoiding face- to-face meetings, the girls must foil an elaborate murder- revenge plot that could destroy individual privacy and corporate security worldwide. Adventure has never been more beautiful!	

## About the Pulse

Dear reader,

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. It is only provided in English. If you live 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 our open air cinema. Located north of the Village. 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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