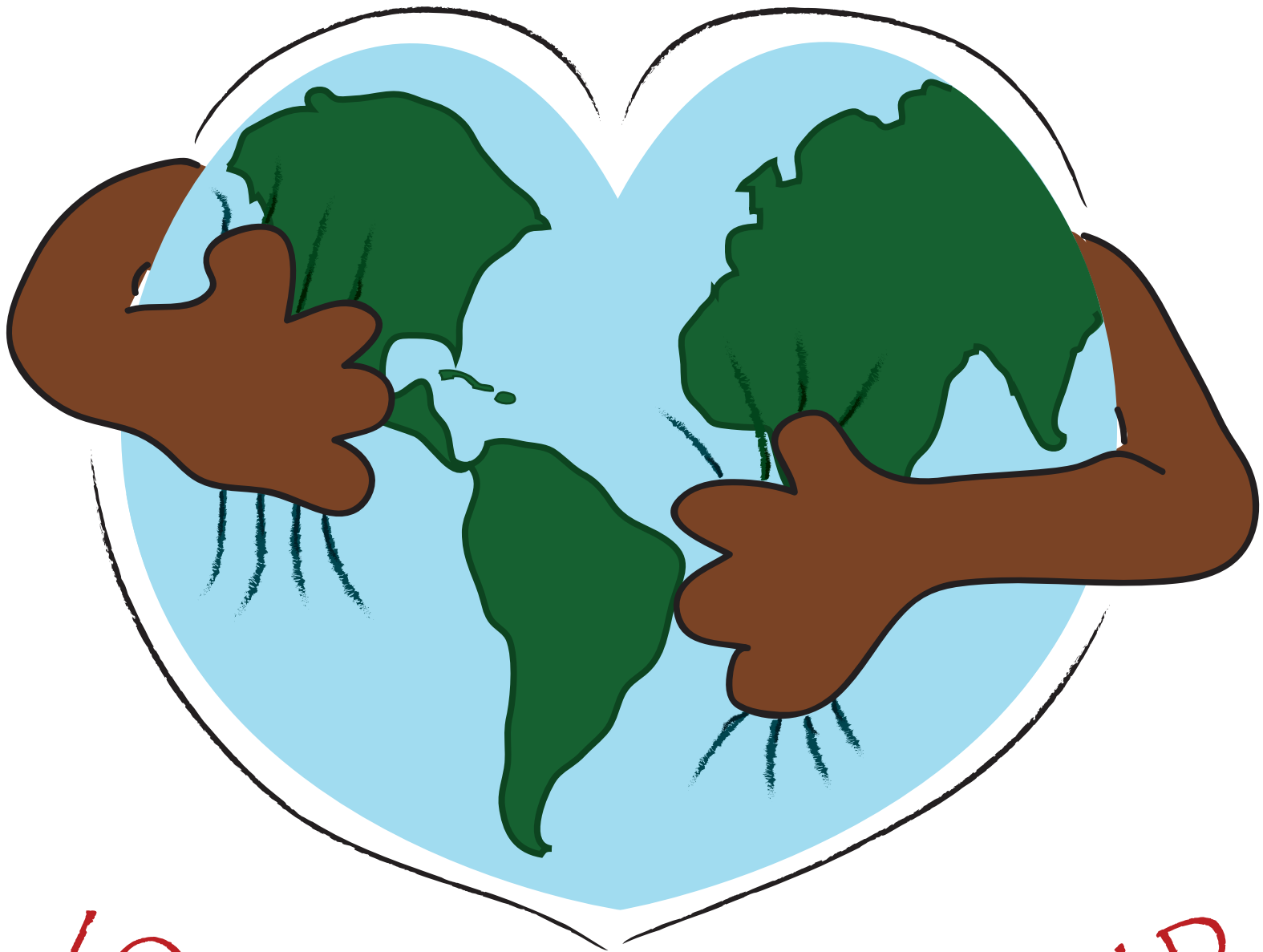


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LOVE AROUND THE WORLD

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Love. This simple word has always been at the center of many debates. The majority of people will say that it represents a unique life experience in relation to a particular person or group of people. Some say that it represents an ideal or a utopia. Others could say it is a material or spiritual reality, perhaps even an aspiration, or a goal in or beyond life. Even with so many contrasting opinions, love can be seen as an attribute inherently human. If love is so crucial, let's pose a question: how do we, as humans, express it? This debate, as old as our own world, is still very much alive today. Global Talk does not seek to settle this question, but only to show it. The current issue is centered upon the theme of love and romantic relationships. It is not the love you all have heard on the radio or seen on TV. It is the love expressed in specific cultural and linguistic practices that are unique to all modern civilizations around the world. This issue represents a new Global Talk. It is mostly extraordinary because it features four new sections bringing the total count to 14: Chinese, Dutch, Farsi, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Scandinavian, Slavonic, Spanish, Swahili, Turkish, and Around the World (featuring Filipino, Portuguese, and Thai). As always you will find new vocabulary, relevant news and information about different cultures around the world and thought-provoking articles written in diverse languages by students of all levels. Each section is distinct, but nevertheless complementary to the other.

Enjoy your reading and have a Happy Valentine's Day.

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NEWS: Lunar New Year of the Pig, Chinese Customs by Jaclyn Toh

农历新年的传统习俗很多，

从年除夕至元宵节，每年都有必须遵守的习俗仍有不少被保留下来。大年初一，一家大小口吉祥话语。小辈会给长辈拜年，而已婚者天，不能扫地，否则把好运都会扫掉。这天门拜年，也会穿新衣新鞋。新加坡华人在拜着两个年柑作为贺礼。两个年柑象征着“大吉

Sunday, February 17 2007 marks the beginning of the lunar calendar, and is also known as the Chinese New Year. It is a time where the Chinese celebrate with family and friends, and also a time filled with tradition and customs. Amongst these are taking time on the first day of the New Year to visit the homes of friends and family. On this day, it is customary for children and the unmarried to visit elders and to pay respects whilst receiving red packets as a sign of good luck and prosperity. Cleaning is also traditionally forbidden during this day as it is believed to wash away the good luck and blessings that descend upon the house. In Singapore, it is also customary to present two mandarins in an intricate red paper bag to friends to share the blessings of the New Year.

Chihsi: The Chinese Valentine's by Scully Chiu

每年的農曆七月七日是中国的情人節，事。傳說中天上玉皇大帝有七個女兒，最聰明可愛、手藝又巧。天上皇宮中的設計與製作。玉皇大帝有一群牛，由一責管理。牛郎與織女兩人一見鍾情，情至荒廢了原本的工作。玉皇大帝看情況不妙，便下旨叫喜鵲告面即可。沒想到喜鵲傳錯話，讓牛郎與而把工作完全拋在腦後。玉皇大帝大怒，判他們每年只能見一次。農曆七月七日的晚上可以得見。那一天喜橋，讓他們兩人踩在他們的肩膀上相會。年僅能見一次面，當然有說不完的衷曲、道不盡的悲情，於是

On the evening of the double seventh (the seventh day of the seventh month of the lunar calendar), look carefully at the sky and you will, weather permitting, see the Cowherd and the Weaving Maid appear closer together than at any other time of the year. The Chinese believe these stars are lovers. A legend tells how the Weaving Maid, the seventh daughter of the Jade Emperor, fell in love with a cowherd. However, they were overindulgent in their love and forgot their farming and weaving duties respectively, thus angering the Jade Emperor. He exiled and separated them on opposite banks of the Silver River (Milky Way), allowing them to meet only once a year on Chihsi, the night of the double seventh, on a bridge formed by magpies. It often rains on this night at the time the two lovers meet on the magpie bridge. The raindrops are believed to be the tears of the two lovers, weeping at the prospect of having to part ways once again.

Romance Vocabulary by Kate Young

1) I love you.

我愛你。
wǒ ài nǐ

2) Will you marry me?

你願意嫁給我嗎？
nǐ yuàn yì jià gěi wǒ ma

3) We are not a match

我覺得我們並不適合。
Wǒ jué de wǒ mén bìng bù shì hé

4) Let's just be friends.

我覺得我們還是當朋友比較好。
wǒ jué de wǒ mén hái shì dāng péng you bǐ jiào hǎo

5) I cannot live without you.

我不能沒有你。
wǒ bù néng méi yǒu nǐ



DUTCH Section #2 – februari 2007



Love Conquers All! (At least in the Netherlands it does!)

This issue of Global Talk is about relationships and love in the different countries around the world. Unfortunately the Dutch customs, regarding to dating, valentines day and love are fairly similar to the American customs. That's why I decided to tell you about the love in our royal house (often referred to as the orange house).

In 1813 the Netherlands officially became a monarchy, with Willem I as the first king. From 1890-on women have ruled the Netherlands. We have had four generations of queens up till now. However, the next successor to the throne will be a man again, his name; *Willem Alexander*. In 2001 the prince got engaged to the Argentinean Maxima Zorreguieta. This raised a very controversial discussion in the Netherlands, while Maxima's father Jorge Zorreguieta, was part of the Argentinean government during Fidela's dictatorship. But as the title of this column assumes, in the Netherlands love conquers all and in 2002 prince Willem Alexander and Maxima got married. They had a beautiful wedding in Amsterdam and afterwards drove off in the traditional golden carriage.

The two princesses



The prince and his wife kissing at the balcony after the ceremony.



In December 2003 their first child, the beautiful princess Catharina-Amalia was born, followed in 2005 by her little sister, princess Alexia. The Fairytale continues.

Interesting Dutch facts

- Due to problems relating to drug abuse some neighborhoods in Amsterdam have been given a (marijuana) smoking-prohibition.
- In the future wealthy prisoners in the Netherlands might be obliged to contribute to their stay in prison.
- The Euro, currency in 12 European countries (Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Greece, Finland, Luxembourg, Austria, France, Belgium, Italy, Portugal and Spain) exists exactly 5 years on January 1, 2007.



Learn to express your feelings in Dutch!!

1. Will you marry me?

Wil je met me trouwen?
(Literally: Want you with me marry?)

2. Let's just be friends.

Laten we gewoon vrienden zijn.
(Literally: Let's us just friends be)

3. I love you

Ik hou van je
(Literally: I love from you)



4. We are not a match

We passen niet bij elkaar
(Literally: we fit not with each other)

5. I cannot live without you!

Ik kan niet zonder jou leven!
(Literally: I can not without you live!)

Hier een kleine update betreffende de Nederlandse politiek. In de komende weken hopen de leiders van de drie waarschijnlijk toekomstige coalitiepartijen CDA, PvdA en ChristenUnie tot een akkoord te komen aangaande een nieuw kabinet. Het nieuwe kabinet wil o.a. investeren in het onderwijs, achterstandwijken, het milieu en de ouderenzorg. Ook wil het nieuwe kabinet sterk gaan bezuinigen op het ambtenarenapparaat door 10.000 abtenaren te ontslaan waarmee waarschijnlijk 750 miljoen euro kan worden bespaard. Hoogstwaarschijnlijk wordt Balkenende wederom de premier, Wouter Bos (PvdA) minister van Financiën, Maxime Verhagen (VVD) minister van Buitenlandse zaken en Ahmed Aboutaleb (PvdA) minister van Sociale Zaken en Onderwijs.

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Persian Mysticism

Love Tradition



Persian mysticism, or the Persian love tradition, is a traditional interpretation of existence, life and love in Iran. It relies on revelatory and heart-felt principles and bases in its reasoning. In fact, Perso-Islamic Sufism is the practical aspect of Persian Mysticism.

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Music in News

A Gift of Love [Hediyeye eshgh] by Deepak Chopra introduces a new genre of mystical-spiritual roots where destiny and 'mohabat' or love combine into a sensual, seductive melody.



Sources: www.ketab.com
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An Expression of Love :

The Iranian Wedding

The ceremony takes place in a specially decorated room with flowers and a beautiful and elaborately decorated spread on the floor called *Sofreh-ye Aghd*. *Sofreh-ye Aghd* is set on the floor facing east, the direction of sunrise [light]. When the bride and groom are seated at the head of *Sofreh-ye Aghd* they will be facing "The Light". Below are some symbolic elements layed upon this setting:

Mirror = "Aayeneh-ye Bakht"

The mirror and two candelabras are symbols of light and fire, two very important elements in the Zoroastrian culture. Once the bride sits beside the bridegroom she removes her veil and the first thing that the bridegroom sees in the mirror should be the reflection of his wife-to-be.



Sofreh-ye Aghd.
Courtesy of static.flickr.com

A tray of seven multi-colored herbs and spices = "Sini-ye Aatel-O-Baatel" to guard the couple and their lives together against the evil eye, witchcraft and to drive away evil spirits. This tray consists of seven elements in seven colors, including
A] Salt "Namak" [to blind the evil eye]
B] Nigella Seeds "Raziyaneh"
C] Black Tea "Chaay"
D] Frankincense "Kondor" (to burn the evil spirits)
Basket of decorated eggs & nuts = Fertility
Bowl of gold coins = To promote prosperity
Cup of Honey = Sweetening life. After couple weds they dip a pinky inside, feeding honey to each.
The Koran = God's blessing for the couple.
Specially Baked/Decorated Flatbread = "Noon-e Sangak" with blessing *Mobaarak-Baad* written in calligraphy on it. = Prosperity for the feasts and for the couple's life thereafter.

<http://jorge.paulodesigns.com/wedding/ceremony.html>

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Vocabulary



1. **I love you**

دوست دارم !

Dusit daræm

2. **Will you marry me?**

با من ازدواج می کنی ؟

Bah man ezdevage mikoni?

* * *

3. **We are not a match.**

Ma ba ham joor neestem

4. **Let's just be friends**

Bezâr faghat ba ham doost bashim

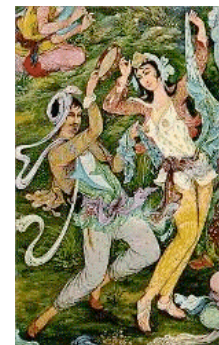
5. **I cannot live without you**

Man bedooneh toh nemitoonam
zendegi konam

6. **I am so lucky to have you in my life**

خیلی خوش شانسم
که تو تو زندگی منی

*Kaylee khosh sha:nsæm keh to tu:
zendegi ye mæni*





RENCH Section (Fevrier 2007)

PARLONS AMOUR

Par Dorsaf Naoui

“Rien n est plus plaisant que de recevoir un message qui touche le Coeur, qui fait sourer et qui fair plaisir “. L’ amour, ce mot magnifique qui a fondu des coeurs et affaiblit des hommes et des femmes. Ce mal indispensable est tres demande et meme desire pour une relation equilibree, fascinante et heureuse. Que ce soit entre amis, parents ou couple, on a tous besoin d aimer et d etre aime. En effet, des artistes, ecrivains et poetes ont ete inspire par le theme de l amour et ont ecrit des histories et des poemes qui seront gravees dans notre memoire a jamais. Qui est ce qui ne connait ps le grand amour de Romeo et Juliette, Kais et Laila (dans l histoire arabe)

....
 Neanmoins, pour certains, lamour signifie l ame soeur, se fondre dans les yeux de sa bien-aimee et voyager dans un monde magnifique plein de sentiments dans un ciel clair et etoile . Pour cela, partout dans le monde, les gens declarent leur amour de manieres differentes . Le 14 fevrier est considere comme le jour de la Saint Valentin. Ce jour est maintenant celebre dans de nombreux pays comme la fete des amoureux . Les gens en profitent pour echanger descadeaux, des mots doux et tenders ainsi que de belles roses rouges.



LET'S TALK LOVE!

By Dorsaf Naoui

Nothing is better than receiving a message which touches the heart and makes us smile. Love, this magnificent word had melted hearts and weakened men and women.. This indispensable and soft pain is very desired for a balanced happy and fascinating relationship. Friends or couples, we all need to love and be loved. Indeed, artists, painters and writers have always been inspired by love and wrote stories and poems which we can never forget. Who doesn't know the big love of Romeo to Juliet or the romantic story of Kais and Laila (in the Arabic history) However, for some, love means soulmate and it means traveling in a fabulous world , full of feelings and fly in a clear mooned sky. Wherever you go in the world, people express their love in different ways. The 14th of February represents Valentine's day, the lovers' day. People around the world exchange sweet and nice words, gifts and also beautiful red roses.



Did You Know...

Many consider Paris the most romantic city in the world?

VOCABULAIRE

I love you :
Je t' aime

What are your plans for tonight?:
Tu fais quoi ce soir ?

Lets be good friends.:
Soyons de bons amis.

You are my girl.:
Tu es ma petite amie.

You are my man.:
Tu es mon homme.

You are my destiny, I can't live without you.:
Tu es mon destin. Je ne peux pas vivre sans toi.

I like you and I want to be with you.:
Tu me plais et je veux etre avec toi.

rose and giftbox:

<http://www.friendshipgestures.com/Gift%20Encl%20Holiday/1225GEH013%20Rose%20w%20Present.gif>

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Karneval!!!



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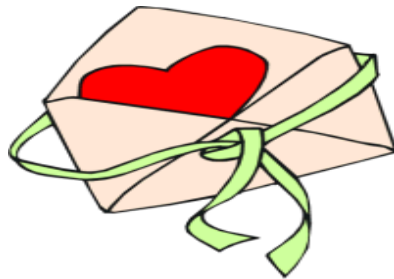
It's a festival that has many names. In some places it is called *Fasching*, in others it is called *Fastnacht* or *Fassenet*. In some places, including New Orleans, it is called *Mardi Gras*. But in Köln (Cologne) the party is known as *Karneval*.

Karneval is traditionally seen as a chance for people to go wild and let their hair down before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. During this time, people dress up in crazy costumes and party hearty, and many consider it to be the German version of Halloween.

In a nutshell, for 3 months Germans party like it's 1999, but then stop just in time to repent. It's not a bad gig if you think about it.



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Valentinstag? Seit Wann?

Erst nach dem 2. Weltkrieg gewann der Valentinstag auch in Deutschland an Bedeutung. 1950 wurde in Nürnberg der erste Valentinsball veranstaltet, seit diesem Tag ist der Valentinstag offiziell eingeführt und Verliebte machen sich kleine Geschenke wie zum Beispiel Blumen - vor allem Rosen -, Schokolade und auch Parfum.

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A German Love Poem

Ich habe dich geliebt

Ich habe dich geliebt
und liebe dich noch!
Und fiele die Welt zusammen,
aus ihren Trümmern stiegen
noch hervor
meiner Liebe Flammen.

(Heinrich Heine)



Ich liebe dich

- I love you .

Willst du mich heiraten?

- Will you marry me?

Ohne dich kann ich nicht leben

- I can't live without you.

Wir passen nicht zusammen

- We aren't a good match.

Wir haben aus Liebe geheiratet

- We married for love.

Du bist ein echter Schatz

- You are a real sweetheart.

Schön, dass es dich gibt

- It's wonderful that you're around.

Ohne dich ist alles doof!

- Without you everything's pointless!
(stupid/silly)

A Little Trivia



Did you know that in Germany saying "Ich liebe dich" (I love you) is considered by many Germans to come on too strong? Instead, many say "Ich habe dich lieb", which in a roundabout way means the same. Now you know!



<http://www.kaleidoshop.de/produktkatalog/produktgrafiken/buch-ich-hab-dich-lieb.jpg>



TALIAN Section (numero 3-inverno 2007)

<p>La Rosa Rossa</p> <p>La rosa rossa La rosa rossa Così bella Così tranquilla</p> <p>La rosa rossa La rosa rossa Una ragazza Una scultura</p> <p>La rosa rossa La rosa rossa Così incerta Una possibilità</p> <p>La rosa rossa La rosa rossa Così intelligente Così felice</p> <p>La rosa rossa La rosa rossa Così elegante Così attraente</p> <p>~David Johnson</p>	<p>Valentine's Day in History </p> <p>Valentine's Day was originally celebrated as a Spring Festival in Italy. The celebration would be held outside with young people gathering in ornamental gardens to listen to music and poetry readings. Later, they would wander off with their Valentine into the gardens. In Turin, it was traditional for engaged couples to announce their engagement on this day. These practices have steadily decreased over the year although Valentine's Day is still celebrated in Italy today.</p> <p>~Sherry Dickerson</p> <p>Adapted from http://www.stvalentinesday.org/valentines-day-in-italy.html</p>	<p>VOCABULARY</p> <p>I love you. -Ti amo!</p> <p>Will you marry me? -Vuoi sposarmi?</p> <p>We're not a match. -Non siamo fatti l'uno per l'altro.</p> <p>Let's just be friends. -Restiamo soltanto amici.</p> <p>I can't live without you. -Non posso vivere senza di te.</p>
<p>La Tradizione Italiana</p> <p>Nei biglietti che si dovrebbero dare con i regali troviamo cose tipo: <i>Alla ragazza del mio cuore....</i> Consideriamo che per San Valentino, c'è sempre un regalo od un pensiero ad accompagnare queste frasi dolci (troppo dolci che si possono definire "sdolcinate"). Tra i regali che vanno per la maggiore, troviamo biancheria intima o cioccolatini del tipo Baci Perugina. C'è poi chi si butta sull'intellettuale e fa un pensiero utile come un libro o un cd.</p> <p>~Giulio Bonacucina</p>	<p>Il Mio Tesoro</p> <p><i>Come il vino, la sua faccia brilla E la sua personalità m'illumina I capelli sono belli come un tesoro La sua intelligenza è come l'oro</i></p> <p>~Patrick Callero</p> 	<p>Non Dichiarato</p> <p>Ma dove sono le parole ingarbugliate nell'aria... ...sono silenziose</p> <p>Dov'è la voce familiare senza le parole, gli occhi, cantano,</p> <p>Dov'è l'ammiratore della musica mia?</p> <p>~Alexis Smith</p>
<p>Il Mio Amore</p> <p><i>Il mio amore È caldo come il sole È bello come un fiore È fortunato come un cavallo di gara Ed è contento come un bambino È il mio amore</i></p> <p>~Nicoletta Marchesi</p>	<p>L'amore</p> <p>Cos'è l'amore? Un sorriso che arresta il tempo Risate che scaldano l'anima Occhi come luce del sole</p> <p>Com'è amore? Bello ma spaventoso Lento ma spontaneo Eterno e vivo</p> <p>Dov'è l'amore? Nel cuore Nell'anima Nella vita</p> <p>~Zachary Tigert</p>	<p>SERATA ITALIANA</p> <p>AT TRACKTOWN PIZZA Thursdays 7-8 p.m. Join us and practice Italian!</p>



負け犬 (Makeinu)

Single women in Japan who are nearing 30 are in a rush—Not because of running late for their train to go to work, nor purchasing a trendy outfit a popular artist designed. They are rushing to get married.

Makeinu in Japanese literally means “loser dogs.” The new term refers to women who are unmarried after turning 30. It was first coined by an essayist, Jyunko Sakai, in 2003. She wrote a book called “*Makeinu no Toboe (Loser Dog’s Howls)*.” She herself was 37 when she wrote this best-selling book. Being over 30, single without children—she admitted that she was a *makeinu*, and said that no matter how well *makeinu* presented their “happy lives,” it’s just facade. The writer encouraged them to accept their lonely lives.

Makeinu was among the top 10 of “The Word 2004” award, which honors the most popular words of the year in Japan. It is an example of social construction of gender through the creation of words. *Makeinu* implanted a thought that those women are “left over,” and that no men will “pick them up.”

Compared to the past, Japanese society has become more equal for men and women. More women are working, thus getting married later. The Ministry of Health reported in 2005 the mean ages of first marriage were 29.8 for men and 28 for women. Those numbers were 28.2 and 25.5 in 1985, when some college juniors and seniors were born. Yet, people’s thoughts haven’t changed. The stereotypes of the gender roles are ingrained in our minds.

Winter is the time when people especially become aware of love. When couples are kissing under a Christmas tree with beautiful lights, or when one is making heart-shaped chocolates for someone special the day before Valentine’s Day (In Japan, traditionally, girls give chocolates to boys.), some might be wondering what *makeinu* are doing.

Maiko Nakai



Japanese Market Strategy on Valentine's Day

Just like Christmas, a group of forward-thinking Japanese people long ago decided to assimilate the lovely western culture of Valentine's Day in Japanese tradition. Except that historically, Japan has tendency of copying and mixing with Japanese culture to create a new version of the other culture's "product".

In Japan, Valentine's Day is closely related to marketing. Valentine's Day in Japan, unlike the U.S., is not all about romance. There is a tradition called *Giri-Choco*, literally translated "obligated chocolate". But what does that mean!? Japanese businesses decided that there is a potential market profit in creating this idea of giving socially-obligatory chocolates to men, regardless of romantic feelings. In office spaces, the obligated chocolate tradition is vivid. A week before Feb. 14th is the day when working females at offices go buy tons of the obligated chocolates at malls. Malls are filled with a range of chocolates with varying prices packaged nicely in red and pink. You decide how much you want to spend for the person you feel obligated to gift. Is the boss worth a \$3 heart shaped chocolate or \$20 fancy lovely Godiva chocolate?

On the day of Feb.14th supervisors, managers, and CEO's offices are full of lovely fancy chocolates, whereas male coworkers may only get the cheapest \$3 heart shaped chocolates.

Another marketing strategy Japanese created in the name of the Valentine's Day is called *White Day*. *White Day* is on March 14th, a month after Valentine's Day. It is designed for men to give back to women in return for the chocolates they received on the Valentine's Day. One month after the Valentine's Day, mall is full of white chocolates with varying prices.

Valentine's Day is a day of marketing in Japan, not to mention for those who are in love, it is a day of romance just as in U.S. culture.

Takae Nagamiya

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バレンタイン：ロマンチックな夜を演出 神奈川・宮ヶ瀬湖

ハートのイルミネーションに包まれた神奈川県清川村の宮ヶ瀬湖畔で、恋人たちのロマンチックな夜を演出する「宮ヶ瀬2007バレンタインウィーク」が開かれている。幅約100メートルの巨大ハートのイルミネーションをはじめ、オブジェなどの合計は約120個。試行錯誤を重ねてイルミネーションの数を年々増やしている。点灯は午後5時から9時まで。今月14日まで行われ、バレンタインデー当日には午後6時から400個のチョコレート在先着順にプレゼントする。【兵藤公治】



単語(Vocabulary)

I love you.

大好き。
(Dai-suki.)

Will you marry me?

結婚して下さい。
(Kekkon shite kudasai.)

We are not a match.

私たち合わない。
(Watashi-tachi awanai.)

Let's just be friends.

友達でいよう。
(Tomodachi de iyou.)

I cannot live without you.

あなた/君がいないとだめ。
(Anata/Kimi ga inai to dame.)

Любовь в России

Dating guide to Russia
By: Elena Golovchanskaya

Dating in Russia is pretty much the same as everywhere else - it is a lot of fun! However, there are some peculiarities. One of my American friends, an independent expert in dating Russian guys, noticed the gentlemen's way of doing things in Russia: opening the door, holding her coat, letting her walk in first. This also includes calling, asking the girl out, fixing all the details, paying for everything during the date, zipping up the coat, walking her home or at least organizing a taxi. As she put it, in Russia you still feel the strengths of social roles; guys are expected to be attentive to details and to act first. She was surprised when even within the group of friends guys paid for all the girls. Some women will insist on paying for their own meal or for the entire date, if so, she will express this desire vocally but, to be honest, this happens rarely.

Some good places for first dates are nice cafes and restaurants, and also people like culture, so it is a great idea to invite your girlfriend to the theater, a museum or a movie. If it is nice outside you always can take a walk, but remember that women in Russia wear high heels. So make sure you are not walking long distances making her suffer in silence.

Romance is never out of fashion. So just use your imagination and remember that respect and sincerity are valued in all countries.

I love you - Я тебя люблю (Ya tib-ya lyu-blyu)

Will you marry me? - Ты выйдешь за меня замуж? (to a girl), (Ty vyidesh' za menya zamuzh?) Ты на мне женишься? (Ti na mn-ye zhen-ish-sya?) (to a guy)

We are not a match - Мы не пара. (My ne para)

Let's just be friends - Давай будем просто друзьями (Da-vai bud-em pro-sta druz'yami)

I can't live without you - Я не могу без тебя жить (Ya ne ma-goo bez teb-ya zhit')

By: Elena Golovchanskaya



Любовь интернациональна.
Писатель - Диана Маркослян

Как и в Америке в России парень дарит девушке цветы когда он приглашаем её на свидание. Потом они могут пойти в кафе или в ресторан и пообедать. Русские обычно выходят замуж после окончания университета. Когда парень хочет жениться он дарит девушке кольцо и они назначают день свадьбы. Свадьба большой праздник для всей семьи. Это очень красивое торжество с народными традициями!

Terms of Endearment Ласкательные имени

By: Calvin Hall

The Russian language has no shortage of terms for endearment. Some of them can sound rather silly, but they work well. Russian men usually refer to their wives and girlfriends by the diminutive form of their names. For example, Natalya's husband can refer to her as Natashenka, while Elena's husband can call her Lenchka and Nadezhda's boyfriend can call her Nadyusha. Other terms of endearment can be my dear (дорогая моя: doroga-ya mo-ya; милая: meel-aya mo-ya), my sweetheart (любимая моя: lyu-bee-ma-ya mo-ya), and my joy (радость моя: ra-dost mo-ya).

Animal names are also popular ways for addressing wives and girlfriends. Some popular words are little fish (рыбонька: ree-ban-ka), little bunny (зайчик: zai-cheek), or little dove (голубка: ga-loob-ka).

There are no Russian words for boyfriend and girlfriend that have the same meaning that the English words have. Instead, men usually introduce girlfriends as my girl (моя девушка: mo-ya dye-voosh-ka) and women introduce boyfriends as my friend (мой друг: moy drook).



CANDINAVIAN Section

(Vinter 2007)

**DIT ANSIGT by Pia Tafdrup
from Hvid Feber (1986)**

Jeg skriver til dig
for selv at blive levende

dit ansigt
lyser stadig, dine øjne

alt skal jeg finde
bag farven grøn

dit ansigt
lyser, dets linjer er skarpe

alt hvad jeg vil give dig er ingenting
andet end alt hvad jeg har

hvad jeg har lovet dig er større end
ilden
men jeg holder mit løfte

jeg skriver
for at forstå

hvorfor lyser dit ansigt
når du ikke er her

hvorfor høres din stemme overalt
som dråber af gnistrende regn ned ad
ryggen

hvorfor er jeg alene
med ordene og papiret, en smerte i tolv
toner

jeg er bange
fordi jeg slet ikke er bange

jeg går ved siden af mig selv
ned gennem gaden

ud og ind
af verden

virkeligheden er her
bare ikke du

kun ordene
der binder os sammen

jeg tager imod dig
dit ansigt lyser.

-<http://www1.gyldendal.dk/Gyldendal/forfatterskabelon01.nsf/forsideTafdrup?OpenForm>



Roskilde Lovers

Museum copy of
a small amulet
found near Maglehoj,
Roskilde, Denmark
Germanic Iron Age
-www.urweg.com



"Freyja & Svipdag" (1911) John Bauer
from Our Fathers' Godsaga by Viktor Rydberg
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Freyja, the Norse Goddess of Love

Presiding over love, beauty, sex, physical attraction, and fertility, as well as magic, prophecies, wealth, death, and war, Freyja (also: Freja, Freia, Freya, Friia, Frija, Frøya, Fröa, and borrowed into Finnish, Reija) was an important goddess to the pre-Christian Norse peoples. Like love itself, she possessed transformative qualities that allowed shapeshifting of self and other. In her feather cloak, she can transform into a soaring bird, and when challenged with war she transforms her lover, Ottar, into a fierce boar on whom she rides into battle.

Etymologically related to the words for "love" and "free," Freyja is most greatly a symbol of love, lust, and fertility. In her amber necklace, the Brisingamen, she is the most beautiful, most enchanting figure known, able to captivate both human and god alike. And although a wildly fierce warrior still, Freyja, like lovers on today's *Valentinsdag*, enjoyed flowers and beautiful music.

Freyja reappears today in the modern imagination, not least of which in the contemporary Icelandic dark comedy/drama film *Mávahlátur*, or "The Seagull's Laughter," in which the central character's name and persona referentially recall the ancient Norse goddess of love, and in which landscapes and human emotions, such as love, seem magical and remind of mythic feeling.

Courtesy of Bryar Lindberg

**In Danish!
På dansk!**

I love you
Jeg elsker dig.

Will you marry me?
Vil du gifte dig med mig?

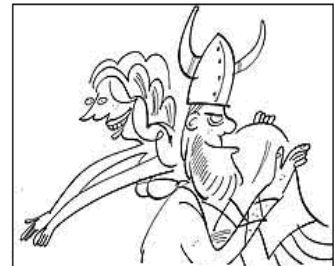
We are not a match.
Vi passer ikke sammen.

Let's just be friends
Lad os være venner.

I cannot live without you.
Jeg kan ikke leve uden dig.

Courtesy of Jimmi Nielsen

**In Finnish!
Suomeksi!**



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I Love You!
Minä rakastaan sinua!

Will you marry me?
Mennäänkö naimisiin?

We are not a match!
Me emme ole hyvä pari!

Lets just be friends.
Ollaan vain ystäviä.

I cannot live without you!
En voi asua ilman sinua!

Courtesy of Heidi Copley

Nyhed

Denmark since the 1970's has been a model country for those seeking alternate energy. A recent report by Fox News says twenty percent of the energy consumed by Denmark is also produced within the country independently using wind turbines. Denmark also produces forty percent of the world's wind turbines today.

Dansk Nyhed



Den danske dronnings knæoperation gik godt Sidste uge havde Dronning Margrethe II hendes anden højre knæoperation. Dette er den femte knæoperation, hun har gennemgået siden 1992. Operationen var foretaget af knæekspert overlæge Anders Odgaard på Århus Universitetshospital. Hendes mand, Prins Henrik, besøgte hende bagefter. Dronningen er nødt til at træne knæet med hjælp af en fysioterapeut. Det vil vare et par måneder, før hun kan komme tilbage til et normalt liv. Cirka 4.000 danskere får operationen hvert år. Hvis man er interesseret i at læse mere om operationen, kig på websiden www.nyknae.dk.
Fra www.berlingske.dk

København Kærlighed

As Valentines Day is just around the corner, thoughts about solidifying a commitment to a significant other tends to move up on the "to do list." If one has a bit of extra money lying around, why not go to Copenhagen, one of the more romantic cities in Europe. There is plenty to do and many places to plant a kiss on your loved one's cheek.

Some of the cheapest things to do include taking a walk down Strøget, the pedestrian street filled with all of Europe's well-known brands as well as some Danish shops. Starting by the Copenhagen City Hall, various merchants offer jewelry and clothing; perfect timing to pick up a gift or two for your companion. Down about half way on Strøget is the Round Tower. Built as an astronomical observatory in the 17th century by King Christian IV, it allows the visitor to rise 126 feet above the street and offers some fantastic views of the city. This is a great location for latching lips and taking a couple of pictures for the frame on the desk.

Just a little farther lies Nyhavn (to the right). Colorful buildings line up against the harbor and live street musicians can be heard in the summer time. One can also catch a canal tour from here, which gives a nice introduction to Danish history and architecture.

One of the more expensive but worthwhile excursions is to Tivoli. During summer season, a concert series occurs bringing in some of the big European and Danish musicians to perform a free concert. It is a very exciting place and it is hard to imagine something like this right in

the middle of a major metropolitan area.



If you decide to go alone with the hopes of meeting an attractive Scandinavian to take home, be sure to check out www.one-derfulcopenhagen.com. Perhaps they are good match makers and one can find a relationship (we can only hope). Getting to Copenhagen is relatively easy. Tickets will run about \$750-round trip. Once there, one will notice that prices are a bit more expensive (\$1=5.75DKr) so be prepared with a thick wallet. A great site for planning your lovebird getaway is www.visitcopenhagen.com.
God fornøjelse i København!





SLAVONIC Section

(February 2007)

SPORT DOMINATES NEWS MEDIA IN POLAND

By *Weronika N. Budak*
Source: www.sport.interia.pl

Last days were unbelievable successful in terms of sports in Poland. The national handball team qualified to the World Champions Final (Germany, January/February 2007). The opponent turned out to be the host: Germany. Positive attitude among Polish players who easily



defeated Germany as the group rivals made the game really intense and exciting. Poland came back to the world top of representations after years of a break. The hot and great atmosphere in Kolon helped the German team won the final game against Poland 29:24. All Poles are proud of their players and a great level of skills they presented in front of millions of viewers and spectators. The silver medals proved that a lot of work repays very well.

Adam Malysz, the top of the world ski jumpers, came back to a great form. Malysz won three out of last four individual competitions and, at the age of 28, is told to be one of the most successful and gifted ski jumpers in the history. Every single ski jumping competition attracts about 9 million of Polish people in front of their TVs to cheer representatives of the nation and enjoy the show.

LOVE IN CENTRAL EUROPE

People in Central Europe are very romantic. You can see it on the streets, watch on the TV, find in the songs' lyrics and read in different kinds of literature.



www.buczek.info/grafika

Relationships are also very traditional. They follow the pattern: dating-relationship-engagement-marriage-children. Men give flowers to show women how much they love them. People express love in many ways, usually by holding their hands and kissing each other.

POLISH LOVE

W Polsce ludzie okazują sobie miłość poprzez rozmaite gesty. Mężczyźni z respektem podchodzą do kobiet . Często kupują im kwiaty i czekoladki. W Walentynki zdecydowana większość zakochanych par wybiera się do kina na romantyczny seans filmowy oraz do restauracji. Młodzi na pierwszą randkę udają się około piętnastego roku życia. Związki oparte są głównie na zaufaniu i lojalności. Ludzie zwykle mieszkają razem dopiero po ślubie. Wesela są bardzo tradycyjne. W polskiej literaturze jest wiele przykładów miłości i sposobów na wyrażenie jej. Z całą pewnością stanowi ona bardzo ważną część polskiej mentalności.

ESA meets every Monday at 7 p.m. in the Fishbowl (EMU).

VOCABULARY

- 1) I love you
- 2) Will you marry me?
- 3) We are not a match.
- 4) Let's just be friend.
- 5) I can't live without you.

Polish

- 1) Kocham Cię
- 2) Wyjdiesz za mnie?
- 3) Nie pasujemy do siebie.
- 4) Zostańmy przyjaciółmi.
- 5) Nie mogę żyć bez Ciebie.

Serbian

- 1) Volim te.
- 2) Hoćeš li se udati za mene?
- 3) Nismo jedno za drugo.
- 4) Želim da budemo samo prijatelji.
- 5) Ne mogu živjeti bez tebe.

Myslovitz "I'd like to die of love" A great Polish rock band lyrics

www.songs-lyrics.net

All the world has slipped out of my grasp

And as yet I can feel no regret
Tell me how you'd like to live
I'm alive and I think I want to live my life but...

If I had to and I could ever make my death-wish

It's not a secret and I know it well I'd like to die by your side
Breezes blow, I smell springtime and know that you easily accepted what I'd said

And if ever I could really choose how to do that it's not a secret and I know it well
I'd like to die of love.

In no armchair, in no dream, not in peace and not by day, not too easy, not in long years I'd like to die of love.
Not so painless, not in my home, not too quickly, not too young and not too happy, not with my dears I'd like to die of love.



PANISH Section

(febrero 2007)

NOTICIAS

Countries Join in Fight Against Transnational Drug Trafficking

Feb. 9, 2007 Lindsey Dombras

LOS ANGELES—Authorities from Mexico, Central America, Canada and the United States join for the first time to share information on drug gangs, says FBI's Steven Tidwell.

The three-day conference lead by L.A. Police Chief William Bratton began Wednesday as an effort to "enhance partnerships toward effectively combating transnational gangs," according the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's website.

"We've been all over the place for many, many years," Chief Bratton said. "This city, this county, this region of the country needs to show leadership."ⁱⁱ

Mexico aggressively started fighting against drug gangs and drug trafficking when President Felipe Calderón took office last December. ⁱⁱ Calderón sent 7,000 soldiers to the state of Michoacán where there have been drug related



Mexican President Felipe Calderón

beheadings and decapitations. In January, he sent over 3,000 soldiers and federal officers to fight drug wars in Tijuana, where over 300 killings have occurred.²

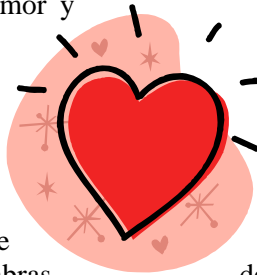
Just this week, seven police officers were killed when commandos, suspected to be working for drug smugglers, entered two police stations in Acapulco armed with machine guns.ⁱⁱⁱ This conference could not be timelier.

CULTURA

El amor y las relaciones

Por Sebastián Cisneros

Hablar de amor y relaciones puede ser un tema difícil de describir, no sólo por mi falta de arte con palabras de amor, pero más aún por la complejidad de estas dos palabras. Es más, el hecho de que sean tan subjetivas hace que tengan tal importancia en nuestras vidas.



El amor es hermoso porque no tiene frontera, idioma o forma, es constante y cualquiera persona con algo latiendo dentro de su pecho en los momentos más inesperados lo llega a vivir. Después de haber vivido en lugares culturalmente opuestos he observado cómo es que mostramos el amor. Momentos bellos como besos, abrazos y miradas parecen ser similares, pero es cuando observo la distancia entre las personas que me inquieto.

VOCABULARIO

- **I love you.** *Te quiero*
- **Will you marry me?** *¿Tú quieres casarte conmigo?*
- **We are not a match.** *¿No hacemos una buena pareja/ No somos compatibles.*
- **Let's just be friends.** *Seamos sólo amigos.*
- **I cannot live without you.** *No puedo vivir sin ti.*

En Latinoamérica parece existir un Tratado de Libre Cariño, las personas muestran sus sentimientos libremente, en voz alta y tocándose a cada momento como si fuéramos una escultura robada de un museo. En Eugene es un poco diferente, empezando con la falta del saludo de beso, lo cual respeto pero no me agrada y también me da nostalgia cuando no encuentro enamorados dando serenatas a sus anheladas. Aquí es lindo ver a mucha gente expresar sus sentimientos de otras maneras, no necesariamente en público o teatralmente pero sí con mucha sustancia. Los sentimientos como la sinceridad, el cuidado por otros, y hasta las canciones de hip-hop, a veces difíciles de comprender, aquí suelen tener mucho sentido y romance.

En sí, el amor y las relaciones aparentemente son similares a través del mundo, pero es en los pequeños detalles que uno puede encontrar nuevos destellos, y son estos mismos detalles los que nos hacen enamorar.

EVENTOS

Tertulia at UO

Spanish speakers of all levels meet Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 in The Buzz (located in the EMU) to practice speaking.



WAHILI Section

(February 2006)

Wauza nyama wala hasara ya mamilioni

Wafanyabiashara wa nyama katika Manispaa ya Arusha (UWANYAMA), wamepata hasara ya zaidi ya Shilingi milioni 50 baada ya kuthibitika na vifo vya watu wawili vilivyotokana na ugonjwa hatari wa Rift Valley. Pia taarifa hizo zimewasababisha watu zaidi ya 1,000 kukosa kazi katika mabucha ya wafanyabiashara wa nyama, kwa sababu wafanyabiashara hao wameamua kuacha au kubadilisha biashara hiyo na kuuza nyama ya kuku na samaki, ambayo kwa sasa ina wateja wengi kuliko ng`ombe na mbuzi.

Wanainchi wanangoja ugonjwa huo uondoke ili biashara iendelea kama kawaida.

Fresh meat business Loses millions

Meat businesses at the Arusha Meat traders have lost \$50,000 and two deaths due to the deadly Rift Valley Fever (RVF). The same news has left 1000 people jobless in Arusha's meat industry, due to employers choosing to sell more fish and poultry instead. Citizens are waiting for the disease to be contained before the public can have access to red meat.

Tanzanian Love

In Tanzanian culture, the boy is usually the one to make an advance on a girl, usually very direct, and their affair is generally kept secret since families generally only approve of formal dating which usually means marriage as an end product. So the two lovebirds can keep their affair going until they are ready for wedlock. The loves usually shower each other with gifts and verbal praises and love letters. Public affection is frowned up and is saved for the couple's private moments. If the relationship is unsuccessful, they usually break up in discretion and the chase for another girl starts the circle of love again.

Kenya: Farmland Under Utilised in Samburu District

More than 150,000 hectares of arable land in Samburu district is underutilized, a Ministry of Agricultural official has said.

Mr Wilson Chebos who is in charge of the district said farmers should increase investment in the agriculture sector, which he said, had been revived and was doing well.

Article is Courtesy of Kennedy Masibo And Jackline Moraa, The nation, Feb 9th 2007. Nairobi.

VOCABULARY

- 1) I love you.
- 2) Will you marry me?
- 3) We are not a match
- 4) Let's just be friends.
- 5) I cannot live without you.

Above transtlation in Swahili

- 1) *Nakupenda*
- 2) *Naomba mkono wako wa ndoa.*
- 2) *Nasi hatuendani.*
- 3) *Tuwe marafiki tuu.*
- 4) *Siwezi kuishi bila wewe.*



Heri ya siku ya wapendanao – Happy Valentines day.

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URKISH Section

(Şubat, 2007)

14 Şubat Sevgililer Günü



Türkiye'de son birkaç yıldır 14 Şubat Sevgililer Günü Amerika'da ve Avrupa ülkelerinde olduğu gibi kutlanıyor. Türkiye'de de sevgililer birbirine hediyeler alıyor. Özellikle çiçekler ve çikolatalar sevgiliye alınan hediyelerin başında geliyor. Dördüncü yüzyılda Roma'da yaşayan Valentinus adlı bir rahibin, iki genci yaşa rağmen gizlice evlendirmesi olayına adanan 14 Şubat tarihinin yaklaşmasıyla birçok ülkede olduğu gibi Türkiye'de de tüketim artıyor ve bu durum en fazla mağaza sahiplerinin ve çiçekçilerin yüzünü güldürüyor. Vitrinlerde aşkın simgesi kırmızı renkten dekorlar, kalpler ve balonlar yerlerini alıyor.

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Bride: Burcu Esmersoy

Marriage in Turkey

In the traditional Turkish family, marriage is still a family rather than a personal affair. Marriages are not conducted by the imam anymore as they were before the republic. By law, all marriages have to be civil. According to Turkish Cultural Foundation Official Web Site, approximately 40% of marriages are only civil, 50% are both civil and religious and 10% are only religious which means they are not legal. Polygamy is very rare and only in some villages with a rate of 3%.

It is legally forbidden to marry before the age of 15 for women and 17 for men. The average age for girls to marry is around 17-18. Early marriages are more frequent in rural areas. For young men in big cities the problems of receiving an education, military service and acquiring a job are among the reasons that delay marriage.



A Turkish Bride

Turkish Vocabulary

- 1) I love you.
Seni seviyorum.
- 2) Will you marry me?
Benimle evlenir misin?
- 3) We are not a match.
Birbirimiz için yaratılmamışız.
- 4) Let's just be friends.
Arkadaş olalım.
- 5) I cannot live without you.
Sensiz yaşayamam.

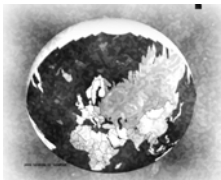
Cleopatra Beach

The legend relates that Cleopatra and Mark Anthony bathed in Sedir Island, Turkey after the Egyptian Queen visited her Roman lover at Tarsus, Turkey.



Cleopatra Beach, Turkey

Cleopatra refused to step on any land other than Egypt, so Mark Anthony imported Egyptian sands to Turkey so she could visit. Reportedly this variety of sand exists today only in Tunisia. Today, Cleopatra beach is a popular destination of day trippers during the summer.



Around the World

February 2007

Love is....., a Thai love song

by Tom Autobahn
Translated by Prasong Saihong

รักคือ คำ คำนี้
รักคือความอดทนทุกอย่าง
รักคือความจริงใจให้กัน
รักคือความเข้าใจ
รักคือการอภัย
อภัยทุกอย่าง อภัยให้กัน

Love is the word,
the following words:
Love is all
endurances,
Love is sincerity
Love is empathy
Love is
forgiveness...
to forgive all the
mistakes, and just
to forgive
each other

ดวงตะวัน
ที่ยังยืนคู่ฟ้า
ความรักจึงบังเกิดมา
ให้เป็นภาษาทางใจ
ให้ไว้เพื่อช่วยนำทาง
คูใจของเรา

Love is like the
sun, which is
constantly
being with the sky
Love originates to
be our language of
the heart
Love comes to lead
our way of life
...of love

รักคือเธอและฉัน
รักคือความผูกพันยิ่งใหญ่
จากใจของเรา
เพราะเราคู่กัน

Love is you...
you and me
Thus, love is a
great bondage
between you and me
And because of love,
there you and me,
To be side by side.



VOCABULARY

Learning Thai for Valentine Day

by Prasong Saihong

- 1) *I love you.* ฉันรักเธอ
Chan (I) Rak (Love) Thoe (You)
ฉัน Chan (I) รัก Rak (Love) เธอ Thoe (You)
- 2) *Will you marry me?*
Male: แต่งงานกับ ผม โหม ครับ
Thaeng Ngan Kap Phom Mai Khrap
แต่งงาน Thaeng Ngen (marry) กับ Kab (with)
ผม Phom (me) โหม ครับ Mai Khrap (?)
Female: แต่งงานกัน ฉัน โหมคะ (Note: Women rarely ask men to get married.)
แต่งงาน Thaeng Ngen (marry) กับ Kab (with)
ฉัน Chan (me) โหม Kha Mai Kha (?)

3) *We are not a match.* เราไม่ใช่เนื้อคู่กัน
Rao Mai Chai Nue Khu Kan
เรา Rao (We) ไม่ใช่ Mai Chai (are not)
เนื้อ คู่กัน Nue Khu Kan (a match)

4) *Let's just be friends.* มาเป็นเพื่อนกันเถอะ
Ma Pen Phuen Kan Thoe
. มาเป็น Ma Pen (Let's just be) เพื่อน Phuen
(friends) กันเถอะ Kan Thoe (together)

5) *I cannot live without you* นอยู่โดยขาดเธอไม่ได้
Chan Yoo Doi Khaad Thoe Mai Dai
ฉัน Chan (I) อยู่ Yoo (live) โดยขาด Doi Khaad
(without) เธอ Thoe (you) ไม่ได้ Mai Dai (no)

Learning Pilipino for Valentine Day

by Monica D. Ortiz

- 1) *I love you.*
Mahal kita (Ma-hal kih-ta)
- 2-*Will you marry me?*
Papakasalan mo ba ako?
(pa-pa-ka-sa-lan mo bah a-koh)
- 3-*We're not a match.*
Hindi tayo bagay
(heen-di ta-yo bah-gai)

PORTUGUESE

1. *I love you.*
Eu amo você.
2. *Will you marry me?*
Você quer se casar comigo?
3. *We are not a match.*
Nós não combinamos / Nós
somos muito diferentes.
4. *Let's just be friends.*
Vamos ser apenas amigos.
5. *I cannot live without you.*
Eu não posso viver sem
você.

Love in Brazil

People who are in love in Brazil have no problem to express their feelings for their beloved. Whether the relationship is between adolescents or adults, the behavior will be the same: kisses, hugs and holding hands. Any public place that a Brazilian person would be, they always would hold hands and kiss if there is an opportunity. This is a cultural behavior; therefore, do not be shocked if you have a girl or boyfriend from Brazil and they want to do all these things. To show affection and feelings are very natural in the Brazilian culture

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