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What Does Valentine's Day Mean?

With the passage of time, Valentine's Day has become one of the most important dates, making February the month of love. When this date approaches, we can see different shops and restaurants decorated with this theme. Valentine's Day is a day known throughout the world, and each country has different traditions for it. Some people send letters, flowers or chocolates, but no matter the gift, the most important thing is to show love.

However, it is necessary to take a moment and ask, "What is the true meaning of love?" When we talk about love, what kind of love are we talking about? The answer is different for each person. But one thing I want to say is that for a long time, society, television, and music have taught us about the importance of love as a couple, but they have forgotten to teach us about self-love.

Self-love is perhaps the most important pillar of love because if we love and take care of ourselves, it is much more likely that we can transmit this love to our partner and friends.

Finally, I want to invite readers to question how to give and receive love, be aware of what we do, and start creating healthy emotional relationships based on respect and self-love.

In the words of Simone de Beauvoir, "Self-knowledge is no guarantee of happiness, but it is on the side of happiness and can supply the courage to fight for it,"

by Adriana Sofia Parra

BIRTH CONTROL IS ALSO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MEN

For a long time, women have been the ones who use birth control methods, assuming all the secondary effects. But now we have good news!

Indian researchers have successfully completed a clinical trial on an injectable male contraceptive. This birth control method, which lasts for approximately 13 years, will consist of a shot preceded by a dose of local anesthesia.

Why is this good news? Because of this new method, now people have the opportunity to share the responsibility in regard to birth control. Also, men should be more responsible. Women might now be able to leave behind traditional methods of birth control, and all the bad side effects.

In my opinion, this news helps to take another step on the path of equality, giving men and women the same opportunities and responsibilities. Although there is still much to work for, such as the wage gap, gender discrimination, and the allocation of care for elderly women, it is still an important first step in fighting inequality.

Finally, I'd like to say that this method does not replace the condom or prevent the diseases that can become STIs.

by New Girl in L.A.



CONFIDENCE

In my opinion, confidence is believing in your values and abilities, and trusting yourself. People with confidence look good. It can even lead to success in life. I usually have confidence, but sometimes I don't.

How can we get it? Most people think that we can get it with a lot of practice. I agree. However, some people believe that they are beautiful since they were born, which makes them confident. I hope everyone can think like that. I think everyone has confidence inside. Everyone should know that anybody is accepted and they're beautiful. It makes everyone have confidence.

by Ozora Makimoto



THE MOST POPULAR SPORT IN BRAZIL

Soccer is the most popular sport in Brazil. Everywhere you go in Brazil, there is someone with a team jersey or someone cheering for some team. Many Brazilian boys dream of becoming a soccer player, and most parents support it.

Brazilian teams participate for 6 championships during one season (the season starts in January and finishes in December). The most important championships in Brazil are the Brazilian championship, Libertadores, and the World club. The Brazilian championship consists of 20 teams. They are all from Brazil and all the teams play with each other. There are 38 rounds, with 10 games per round, and the team that finishes first is the champion! Libertadores consists of 32 teams. All the top teams in South America and the champion of Libertadores participate in the World Cup. The World Cup consists of the champions of the 6 continents. The last Brazilian team champion of World Cup is Corinthians. They won in 2012. Corinthians is the most famous club in Brazil.

There are 662 teams in Brazil, 28,000 soccer players and 789 stadiums (big and small).

Soccer is very important for Brazilian people; it brings a spirit of joy to a large part of the nation. Even though they are going through a little difficulty with politics, football is always a happy event for the population.



by Felipe Munhoz

MY BODY, MY ART

I'm going to talk about tattoos. As you can see, I have a lot of tattoos. First of all, I really love this and I think it's beautiful art. I don't really like to get a tattoo when it's just because the drawing is nice. I mean if I get a tattoo, it's because it makes sense to me; it's because of a reason or something happened in my life.

The majority of my tattoos mean something. I like to mark on my body what's happened in my life or what's important to me.

Even if sometimes it's difficult to wear tattoos because of the people's eyes, in my country it's not so bad to have a lot of tattoos, but some people are not used to seeing that, so they look at you like you are so weird. However, in America I feel good with my tattoos because people don't care about that.

by Julie Loperetti

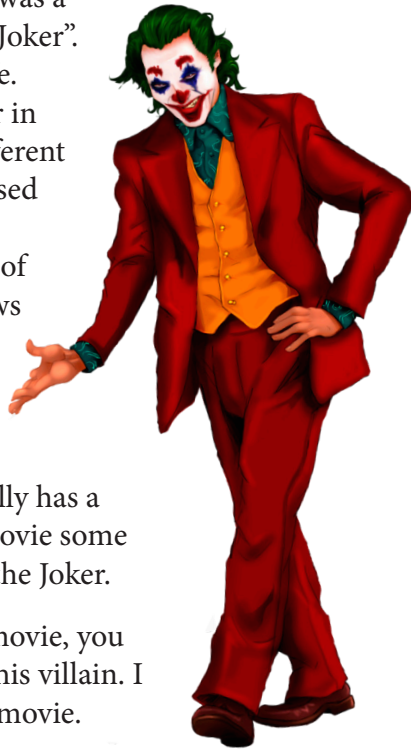


THE BEST VILLAIN

Last year, there was a movie that was a big hit all over the world; it was “Joker”. This movie is about the Joker’s life. Joaquin Phoenix played the Joker in this movie. His portrayal was different from past Jokers because he focused on showing part of the Joker’s sadness. Most people have heard of the Joker. However, nobody knows how he became the Joker, and this movie explains it. Before this film, the Joker was just a villain. He committed many crimes. This film shows he actually has a sad past, so after watching this movie some spectators felt real sympathy for the Joker.

In conclusion, if you watch this movie, you will change your opinion about this villain. I really recommend watching this movie.

by Saya Takamatsu



THE BRAZILIAN TASTE

I love Brazilian cuisine. It’s my favorite! Even though I love to go to different countries, I miss the cuisine from my home country. My favorite food is barbecue. I like eating it with rice and beans. I’ve tried several Brazilian restaurants in Los Angeles, but the food’s taste is different than the restaurants in Brazil. Even if they are run by Brazilians, the flavors are not the same.

I love the United States and I’m excited about living the American dream, although I think the local food is not good at all. I’m trying to figure how I can solve this problem. I’m considering doing a cooking course online to try making Brazilian food, unless my girlfriend decides to cook for me, because she is Brazilian and also a good cook.

by Renan Souza

OZORA’S PARTY

You don’t know Ozora? How is that possible?! Going to LA and not meeting Ozora is like going to Paris and not seeing the Eiffel Tower. Ok, if you have never seen Ozora before, I have good news!

This guy- he is the best. He will throw a big party with drinks like Japanese sake, and invite a lot of celebrities such as Justin Bieber, Jennifer Lopez, and Teacher Linda (my ESL teacher from MLI).

Now I’m going to talk about the food. A chef will cook all the dishes that you can imagine.

Sushi? Barbecue? Pasta? You are in the right place!

There will be a cake with 50 layers, and each layer will be a different flavor- from white chocolate to Beyoncé’s hairspray. It’ll be awesome!

How can you get an invitation to this amazing experience? I will tell you. Send a message to Ozora and ask if you can go. If he says yes, I will be proud of you. For sure you can go; it will be difficult, but not more difficult than learning English!

Finally, the address! 7080 Hollywood Blvd #314, Los Angeles, CA 90028
The dress code: like going to the Oscars.

I hope you are invited. And don’t forget your wristband to enter. See you there!

XOXO

Gossip Girl

