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February 2011

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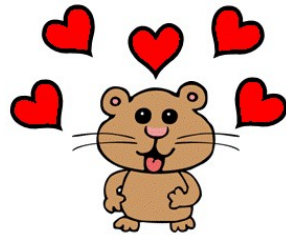
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Hello friends,  
are you in love? So go and buy a nice present for your  
darling, because the Valentine's Day is coming. Be happy  
and don't forget: All you need is love!

Your Hamster



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## Saint Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is an annual commemoration held on February 14 celebrating love and affection between intimate companions. The day is named after one or more early Christian martyrs named Valentine and was established by Pope Gelasius I in 500 AD.



It was deleted from the Roman calendar of saints in 1969 by Pope Paul VI, but its religious observance is still permitted. It is traditionally a day on which lovers express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "*valentines*").

The day first became associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished.

Modern Valentine's Day symbols include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.

### Chaucer's love birds

The first recorded association of Valentine's Day with romantic love is in *Parlement of Foules* (1382) by Geoffrey Chaucer, Chaucer wrote:

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*For this was on seynt Volantynys day  
Whan euery bryd comyth there to chese his make.*

This poem was written to honour the first anniversary of the engagement of King Richard II of England to Anne of Bohemia. A treaty providing for a marriage was signed on May 2, 1381. Readers have uncritically assumed that Chaucer was referring to February 14 as Valentine's Day; however, mid-February is an unlikely time for birds to be mating in England.

## Modern Times

In 1797, a British publisher issued *The Young Man's Valentine Writer*, which contained scores of suggested sentimental verses for the young lover unable to compose his own. Printers had already begun producing a limited number of cards with verses and sketches, called "mechanical valentines," and a reduction in postal rates in the next century ushered in the less personal but easier practice of mailing Valentines. That, in turn, made it possible for the first time to exchange cards anonymously, which is taken as the reason for the sudden appearance of racy verse in an era otherwise prudishly Victorian.

Paper Valentines became so popular in England in the early 19th century that they were assembled in factories. Fancy Valentines were made with real lace and ribbons, with paper lace introduced in the mid-19th century.

The rise of Internet popularity at the turn of the millennium is creating new traditions. Millions of people use, every year, digital means of creating and sending

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Valentine's Day greeting messages such as e-cards, love coupons or printable greeting cards. An estimated 15 million e-valentines were sent in 2010.

## Valentine 's Day in the world

While sending cards, flowers, chocolates and other gifts is traditional in the UK, Valentine's Day has various regional customs. In **Norfolk**, a character called 'Jack' Valentine knocks on the rear door of houses leaving sweets and presents for children. Although he was leaving treats, many children were scared of this mystical person.

In **Finland** Valentine's Day is called *Ystävänäpäivä* which translates into "Friend's day". As the name indicates, this day is more about remembering all your friends, not only your loved ones.

In **Romania**, the traditional holiday for lovers is Dragobete, which is celebrated on February 24. It is named after a character from Romanian folklore who was supposed to be the son of Baba Dochia.



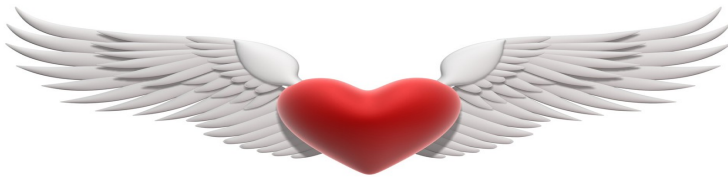
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In some **Latin American** countries Valentine's Day is known as "Día del Amor y la Amistad" (Day of Love and Friendship). For example Mexico, Costa Rica, and Ecuador, as well others. Although it is similar to the United States' version in many ways, it is also common to see people do "acts of appreciation" for their friends.

Thanks to a concentrated marketing effort, Valentine's Day is celebrated in some Asian countries with Singaporeans, Chinese and South Koreans spending the most money on Valentine's gifts.

In **Egypt**, Egyptians celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14, and the indigenous *Eid el-Hob el-Masri* (Egyptian Love Day) on November 4, to buy gifts, and flowers for their lovers. It has been recorded on the February 14th, 2006 flower movement in the country, worth six million pounds, formed a gain of 10 per-cent of the total annual sale of flowers.



*Evi*

## How the famous celebrate Valentine's Day

Singer Tereza Kerndlová (22) never forgets to celebrate Valentine's Day. But this year she is going to work. She usually spends Valentine's Day with her boyfriend and they have dinner together. They always give each other small gifts such as a box of chocolates. They spent their first Valentine's Day in a restaurant at a table decorated with roses.


Actor Jiří Mádl (22) doesn't celebrate Valentine's Day because he doesn't have anybody with whom he would celebrate this holiday. Jirka believes in love at first sight.

Musician Václav Bárta (28) doesn't have a girlfriend. He avoids the feast of St. Valentine. It is an American holiday, which he doesn't celebrate, but if he finds a lady of his heart, he would buy her a rose. He just doesn't show love on Valentine's Day, but throughout the year.

Presenter Eva Aichmajerová (30) doesn't celebrate Valentine's Day. Her ex-boyfriend wanted to surprise her with dinner. He prepared candles, a cake and some food. But he forgot the dog, which was alone in the apartment. When they returned home, the food was gone. The dog ate it.

*Jani*

## 10 reasons to celebrate Valentine's Day

- 1) This year's February is the month with the highest number of cloudy days. Lack of sunlight leads to depression. Every celebration is useful.
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- 2) Valentine's Day comes from the Anglo-Saxon countries. We have adopted many holidays, so why not this?
  - 3) The say it is kitsch. Yes, it is. So what?
  - 4) We buy Valentine's gifts to help traders, who are in crisis.
  - 5) Valentine's Day makes us spend a lot of money, but a small gift doesn't do us any harm. Those ones who buy their second wives a Porsche and mink coats live on another planet.
  - 6) A lot of people say, 'Why should I buy my wife a flower just because of Valentine's Day? Why not to buy her a flower throughout the year? Most of them are people who NEVER buy a flower.
  - 7) This year's Valentine's Day is on Sunday. We have a day off. We can get together for lunch or

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dinner. Valentine's Day is a good opportunity to leave our stereotype.

- 8) We can celebrate Valentine's Day at home. Instead of an ordinary dinner, we can treat ourselves with something special. Why not to experience the life style of a celebrity and have caviar with champagne?

- 9) We can get up 20 minutes early and prepare for

our

or

in

- 10)



girlfriend  
boyfriend  
breakfast  
bed.

Love is the  
answer,  
John  
Lennon  
once said.  
And to  
celebrate  
love is just  
great!

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*Jani*

## Valentine's dishes

### Valentine cake

#### **Ingredients :**

5 egg yolks  
10 dkg of sugar  
5 egg whites  
2 spoon of cocoa  
butter for greasing  
coconut  
red marzipan  
white coating material



#### **Method :**

Rub the egg yolks with sugar, add cocoa and egg whites. Mix all lightly and pour into a mold. Bake 5 minutes sharp. Let it cool and decorate according to your imagination. You can crush cake by apricot jam and then you can crush it by white coating material. Cut out the marzipan heart and put it on the cake.

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## Chocolate covered strawberries

Strawberries are considered very erotic fruit. Vitamins which are contained in strawberries stimulate sexual appetite. Try our simple recipe.

### **Ingredients :**

strawberries, dark and white chocolate icing, chopped nuts

Melt both chocolate in a water bath. Dip parts of the strawberries into chocolate and then coat them with the nuts.



*Denisa*

## Music

### Ultimate Love Songs: Vision Of Love

Would you like to give a CD with love songs to your dearest one on Valentine's Day? Then here's a CD called Ultimate Love Songs: Vision Of Love. A collection of love songs by artists from 80's, such as Marvin Gaye, Willie Nelson or Harold Mervin & the Blue



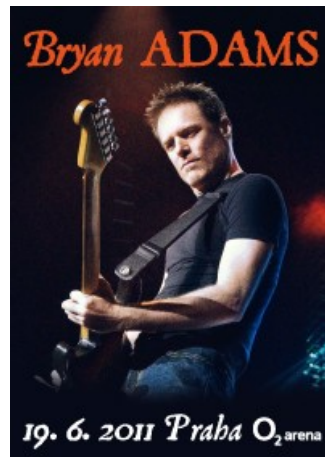
Notes. The collection includes hits like Total Eclipse Of My Heart, Time After Time or Eternal Flame. You can get it on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) for \$19.98

### Concert tips

**Bryan Adams:** 19. June 2011, 20:00, O2 Arena, Prague

Tickets price: Standing at stage 1,290 Kč, Standing 990 Kč, 1<sup>st</sup> floor sitting 1.490 and 1.290 Kč, O2 floor – 4<sup>th</sup> floor 1.090 Kč

One of the most popular rock singers is coming back to Czech Republic after 5 years. It will be his 3<sup>rd</sup> concert in our country.



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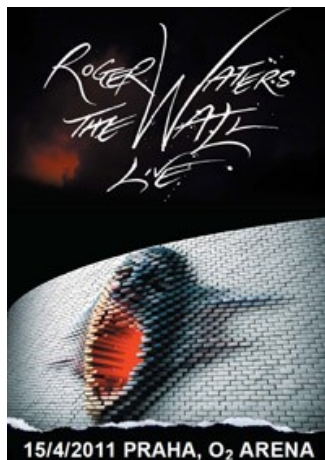
An owner of hits like Have You Ever Really Loved A Woman, (Everything I Do) I Do It For You, Please Forgive Me or Run To You will make his stop in Prague with his tour for his last album Bare Bones from 2010.

## **Roger Waters – The Wall**

**Live:** 15. and 16. April 2011, 20:00, O2 Arena, Prague

Tickets price: Standing at stage 2,490 Kč, Standing 1,790 Kč, 1<sup>st</sup> floor sitting 2,990 and 2,690 Kč, O2 floor - 4<sup>th</sup> floor 1,690 Kč, Wheelchair (ZTP/P) guide 1,690 Kč + 1 Kč.

Roger Waters, a member of one of the most important rock bands Pink Floyd, is coming to Prague with his project The Wall. The Wall is one of the most famous and successful albums by Pink Floyd and Roger is going to perform songs from that masterpiece in Prague with his special show, including a 73 meters long and 11 meters high wall, which will be built during the show and destroyed at the end.



More info about both concerts at [www.o2arena.cz](http://www.o2arena.cz), where you can also pre-order tickets.

*Zdenda*

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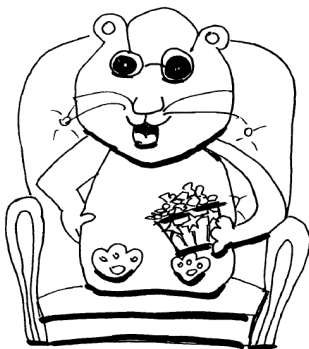
## The world of movie

### ONDINE

It's about Syracuse a fisherman who lives alone, he loves his daughter Annie she's about 10 and she has bad kidneys. One day he catches a young woman to his net. She speaks weirdly and she is called Ondine, and she wants nobody to see her. He puts her in to his grandmother's cottage. Annie discovers Ondine's mystery and believes that she's a selkie, a mythical



seal turned human while is on land. Syracuse was an alcoholic, but he stops doing this for his daughter. Is Ondine really a selkie and Annie will be cured? There is an accident with Annie's mother and her lover. There is another mysterious man who is selkie's husband. Watch the movie and you will see. 😊



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## LOVE ACTUALLY

The characters are falling in love, falling out of love, some of them are with the right people, some are with the wrong people, some are looking for an affair, some are experiencing unhappiness. Love begins and love ends. Everybody flirts and has a chat with other people. Age is irrelevant. The only thing that matters is love, romantic love and brotherly love. In this movie, love is one big entangled thing. Most of the movie is filmed in London, during Christmas and the characters all ended up at Heathrow airport. But the question is, if they are happy or unhappy? Satisfied or dissatisfied? In love or without love. 😊



*Miša*

## February horoscope 2011



(Dec. 22- Jan. 20)

The positions of the planets bring you greater confidence in communication. Now you can become more communicative and persuasive, people listen to your opinion. Now it is possible to take a certain risk in some situations but the risk should be reasonable.



(Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)

You are able to solve most of your financial and material problems during this month. Use your intuition and past experience when making decisions in this sphere. Now you are able to see new perspectives, and you are also ready to reinforce your relationships.



(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Calm your mind and take a few gentle breaths. The planets encourage you to listen to your inner self and throw logic out the door. It's time to follow instincts;

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stay too set in your ways and you could miss out on a rare opportunity.

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(Mar. 21- Apr. 20)

The pursuit of happiness can be difficult. But it shouldn't stop you having fun. You are ready to take wilder risks in romance and flirtation. But you must remain feet on the ground and don't truckle to feel of thrill free-fall.



(Apr. 21- May 21)

Actual location of planets put pressure on career matters. Stop worry about tomorrow - all that matters is what you do today. Work within your limits. You have to maintain a healthy balance between work, friends and love.



(May 22-June 21)

The second month of the year can bring you serious changes in your life, but only if you really ambition to do it. You will have a lot of pleasant communication. You have an opportunity to flirt and romantic rendezvous will be more frequent.

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(June 21 – July 22)

At the beginning of the month it will not look good with love, but at the end of February you will find somebody nice and your romantic time will come.



(July 23 – Aug. 22)

In the middle of the month your love thirst comes. You will think about your life in another country with another man. Your boyfriend will be jealous.



(Aug. 23- Sep. 22)

Firstly, you will find somebody new then you will fall in love.

Then you will feel uncertainty in some moments.



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(Sep. 23 – Oct. 22)

This month you won't have any good time to find real love. You will see everything in black colour. In the middle of the month your love will be better.



(Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)

Firstly, you will feel a bit uncertain. You will think, whether anybody likes you. However, it will last only till the middle of the month. Then somebody new comes.



(Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)

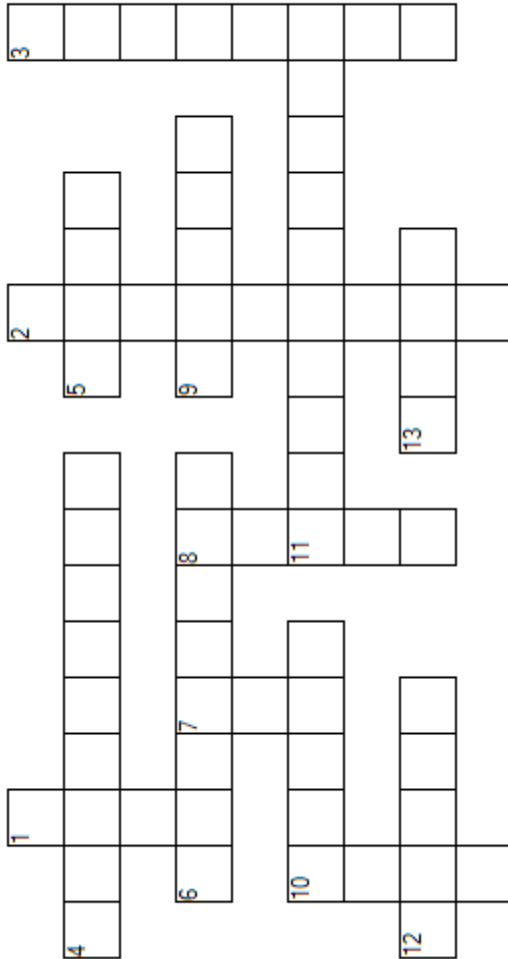
At the beginning somebody can cause problems, but it won't be so bad. In the middle of the month everything will change and lonely ones will have a chance in love.

*Janča a Pavli*

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## Crossword



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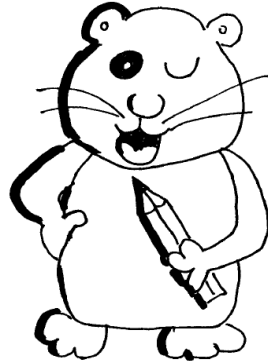
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## Across:

4. Candy associated with the holiday
5. Pledging your love
6. The month of love
9. Shape associated with this holiday
10. Something given in a heart shaped box
11. Term of endearment
12. Another important component of a lasting relationship – beside love
13. Rhymes with ink

## Down:

1. Feeling that Valentine's Day celebrates
2. Name of the holiday
3. Something based on subjective emotional feelings
7. Rhymes with fed
8. Flowers associated with this holiday
10. Something you might give on this holiday



*Marta*

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## Love Quotes



One word frees us of all the weight and pain of life: that word is love.

- Sophocles

I love you not only for what you are, but for what I am when I am with you. I love you not only for what you have made of yourself, but for what you are making of me. I love you for the part of me that you bring out.

- Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Most of what we take as being important is not material, whether it's music or feelings or love. They're things we can't really see or touch. They're not material, but they're vitally important to us.

- Judy Collins

Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead. The consciousness of loving and being loved brings a warmth and richness to life that nothing else can bring.

- Oscar Wilde

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The one thing we can never get enough of is love. And the one thing we can never give enough of is love.

- Henry Miller

Neither a lofty degree of intelligence nor imagination nor both together go to the making of genius. Love, love, love, that is the soul of genius.

- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.

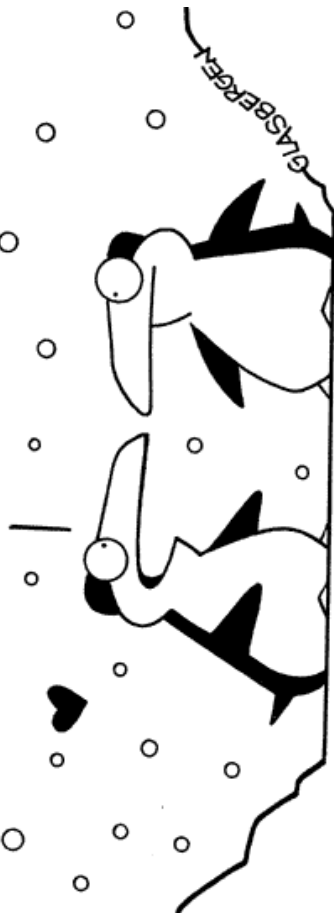
- Mother Teresa

I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge - myth is more potent than history - dreams are more powerful than facts - hope always triumphs over experience - laughter is the cure for grief - love is stronger than death.

- Robert Fulghum

*Marcela*

OH SHIRLEY, I AM SO HOT FOR YOU!  
MY HEART IS ON FIRE AND I'M  
BURNING WITH DESIRE!



The Real Reason The Ice Caps Are Melting.