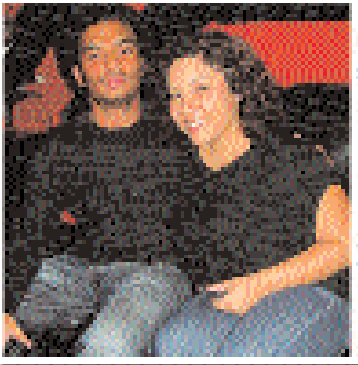


# Grammy - his goal!



The 52nd Annual GRAMMY Awards ended last month, with Beyonce taking top honours.

No Sri Lankan has ever been nominated. And, I believe, none would even dream of getting the nod for a nomination - in any category!

But...yes, it's a different scene where Sri Lankan-born Ruwanga 'Ru' Samath is concerned.

He resides with his parents, Renuka and Tuan Samath, in the States - in Los Angeles, California.

What makes Ruwanga stand out from most Sri Lankans, involved in the music industry, is that this guy is the CEO of

Bird Call Productions, situated in Hollywood.

Ruwanga is a reputed producer/composer in that part of the world and has completed productions for several major artistes, including Beyonce, Britney Spears, Kelly Rowland, and Flo Rida.

The year 2009 was very eventful for this extremely talented guy.

SESAC hosted the First Annual Music & Gaming Entertainment Seminar at ZUNE LA in Los Angeles, and a packed crowd gathered to hear an elite panel, which included Ruwanga, discuss the latest in gaming innovations.

A party followed, featuring celebrity participants as Marques

Houston matching their skills on the Xbox.

Ruwanga, who celebrated his 25th birthday on January 29th, has now set his mind on the Grammys and is working towards finding his way into the nomination list.

As a producer/composer, working with the big names in the international scene, his goal could become a reality in the not too distant future.

Our pictures show Ru chilling out with his pals in the music scene.



# Members' day

The members of the Moratuwa Arts Forum will take a break from their busy schedule of artistic activities, to relax in a mood of fellowship and camaraderie, when they embark on a day's outing.

On Saturday, February 13th (2010), they would all gather at the residence, in Panadura, of one of the members for a fun-filled session of activities.

The membership will indulge in an informal atmosphere of fun and games,



which would include music and softball cricket, among other activities.

The current president of the Moratuwa Arts Forum, Clinton Fernando, secretary Chanaka Perera, and the committee, comprising Lankika Perera, Jagath Devapriya, Lucky Dev, Nalaka Soysa, Mala Bharathi and Dilshan, are busy working out an itinerary that would ensure the success of this event.



# "YES SUPERSTAR" After Party

Yes, it's happening on February 13th at the Buba Beach Club...a Valentine's Day party with a difference. It's going to be a night of absolute fun and entertainment... it does not matter if you're in a relationship or just single. Just be there at 9.00 pm, and prepare yourselves to be 'blown away' with amazing prizes and surprises.

## After Dark



is the Shine - dance/lounge at Maitland Crescent.

If you have loved someone secretly, then Valentine's Day is the perfect occasion to bare your heart and let that special someone know how special they really are. While there are millions of time-tested ways to proclaim your

The theme of the night is RED, GREEN or BLUE - GREEN: Single, and ready to mingle. BLUE: Undecided, just there to have a good time. RED: In a relationship.

The soul spinning DJs for the night will be Yazz, Ranga, Heshan, Rachith, Dishan and Shiran.

CLOUD NO: 09  
The action starts at 9.00 pm on Saturday, February 13th, and the venue

love to one and other, at Cloud NO: 9 the countdown commences to the most romantic date in your diary - Valentine's Day.

You will be entertained with the grooviest tunes of the time and you would also have the option of requesting the song of your choice.

Competitions will include tequila for the ladies, and sexy surprises right throughout the night.

DJs Mash, Romano, Sushan and Dext will be the love doctors for the night

# The Glam Scene



Sherry Asmone



# Magical evening at the Galadari

The Galadari Hotel is offering guests everything they need to create a magical evening together this Valentine's Day.

On Sunday, February 14th, 2010, the hotel is offering three special promotions that are bound to give guests a romance-filled day.

Lovebirds can enjoy the Valentine's Day Package, "Romantic Valentine's Treat". This package comes from the hotel's Café 64 Pastry Shop where a Valentine Cake, a Perfect Rose and a Valentine Card will be wrapped up together to make your perfect Valentine package ready to go...

You could even surprise her with an unexpected night of romance and seduction at the California Grill Rooftop Restaurant - undoubtedly the most Romantic Restaurant in the city. The night includes a welcome champagne cocktail, a fabulous dinner, a rose for your lady, and scrumptious hand made 'Galadari' Chocolates for the guy.

There's also the Buffet Dinner for two at the Coffee Shop, inclusive of a complimentary Lovers Punch.

Hey, that's not all. The Galadari Hotel is offering senior citizens a 25% discount this Valentine's Day.

These three promotions will be held on Sunday, February 14th.

By the way, you need to check out "Love Knot" at the hotel's Margarita Blue this Saturday, February 13th where you and that special someone could groove to the sounds of Aquarius. Fun items will include selection of the Valentine Queen, Valentine Couple and the Sexiest Dressed Lady of the night.

# Create the Perfect Valentine's Day

The majority of men act like robots, purchasing flowers and chocolate for their sweethearts because that is what everyone else is doing.

Many people celebrate the day out of obligation rather than celebration.

Come on, be different and your sweetie will definitely appreciate your romantic efforts.

Get a Valentine's Day Card Before you do anything else, choose a free eCard to send your sweetheart automatically on Valentine's Day. If your partner isn't big on using email, then you need grab a card from the stores and either post it or give it yourself on February 14th.

## Make Your Gift Special

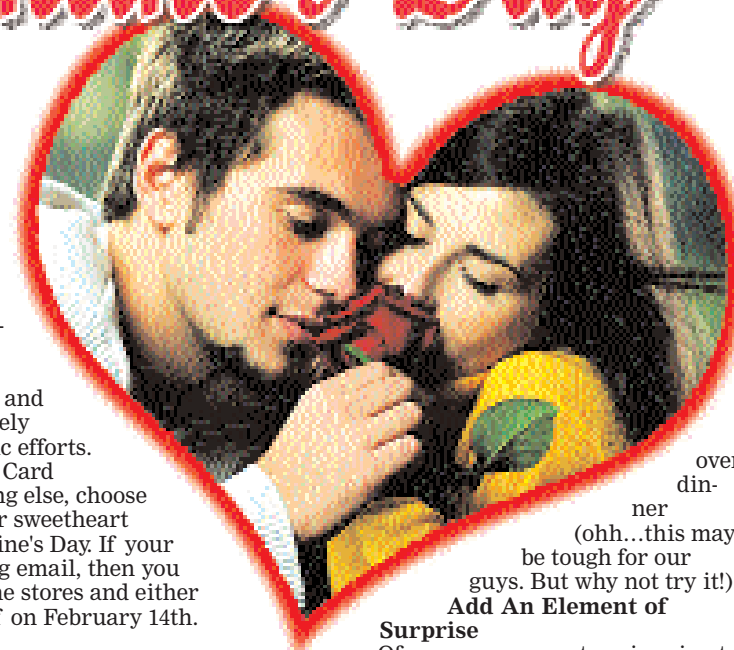
Everyone does flowers and chocolate on Valentines Day, which may be appropriate for your partner's gift, depending on what they like and appreciate. But why not make your Valentine's gift a bit more unusual, special and memorable? Some ideas:

- ♥ A dinner for two at home, with food from your favourite restaurant, and then bring out those flowers and chocolates.
- ♥ Surprise your loved one with tickets to a movie on Valentine's Day, and then make it to a night spot for some dancing and dinner.
- ♥ Why do just plain chocolate when you can provide your partner with a gift basket.
- ♥ Maybe even pamper her with an aromatherapy gift voucher

## Plan For An Experience

Any die-hard romantic will tell you a gift is crucial when planning the perfect Valentine's Day, but there is more to success on this occasion than merely choosing the right present. Plan for an experience as well and you'll have created a duo-whammy of romantic bliss that won't be forgotten anytime soon. Some suggestions:

- ♥ A walk along the beach hand-in-hand, or a moonlight stroll to stargaze.
- ♥ A night cuddled up on the couch watching romantic movies.
- ♥ Memorize a famous love poem to recite



over dinner (ohh...this may be tough for our guys. But why not try it!).  
Add An Element of Surprise

Of course your partner is going to know that you have something planned for Valentine's Day - and that's okay. Let them in on a portion of the day's planned activities so they can ensure they have an appropriate outfit to wear. But many relationship experts agree that a surprise here and there ensures a relationship full of passion and affection, so don't tell your sweetheart every little detail quite yet. Some suggestions:

- ♥ If you haven't said it as yet, say 'I love you' the moment you meet up with your partner for your Valentine's Day outing. Or maybe first thing in the morning when you call to wish her.
- ♥ Call a radio station and dedicate a song on the air; or
- ♥ Plan a romantic getaway and share the news over dinner.

## Focus On Your Partner

Just because you love Valentine's Day doesn't mean your partner does, and by taking into account his or her preferences for the holiday, you'll be making the day special in its own way. Therefore, if your loved one isn't into the occasion, don't make them sit through a night of candlelight and soft music. Try thinking of some creative ways to be romantic with your partner, and you'll create the perfect Valentine's Day for both of you.