

World Language Press

Turkmenistan and Orange meet

By L.B.

Recently, I interviewed Lilyia Sokolova, an exchange student from Turkmenistan. She is staying with my family here in Orange.

What is your full name?
Liliya Valeriyevna Sokolova

Where is Turkmenistan located? Where in Turkmenistan do you live?
It is in the Southern part of Central Asia, between Iran and the Caspian Sea. I live in the capital of my country, Ashgabat.



Liliya Sokolova, exchange student from Turkmenistan.

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I have fallen in love with the United States. It is an

amazing country with a lot of freedoms and a diverse population.

What is school like in Turkmenistan? Is it different from Mahar?

My school is a Turkmen/Turkish girls high school which specializes in languages. We have eight different classes everyday and our lunch lasts for 1 hour. We have biology, chemistry, physics and math each day. We don't have any after school activities like sports. Mahar is really different, that is why I had some difficulties adjusting.

Are vacations different?

We have a lot of vacation time. Our school year is divided in four quarters and after each quarter we have a 1 week vacation, not including holidays. We also have summer vacation, which is three months.

What languages do you speak?

I speak my native language Russian, my country's language Turkmen, Turkish, and English.

What do you do for fun in Turkmenistan?

Weekends I go play tennis. We have 1 small "mall" which has table tennis, bowling, billiards, video games, and restaurants. It is the only place in the capital we can go to entertain ourselves. [The "mall" also has a grocery store much like Hannaford and there's a store like Wal*Mart.]

When can people legally drive?

You can get your license at 16 and drive with a parent, but you can't drive by yourself until you are an adult at age 18.

What is the drinking age in Turkmenistan?

Legally it is 18, but you can
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"Ding,ding,ding! Does not compute!"

R. Raymond

"We're here for duty, not for beauty."

A. Mexcur

"Where did I put that? Oh, duh!"

L. Seymour

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