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# Talking Points



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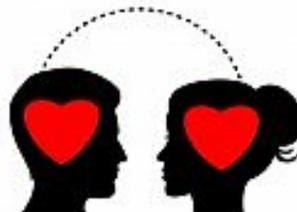
*"Love is a friendship set to music"*  
--E. Joseph Cossman

## LOVE



"Love is a smoke made with the fume of sighs. Being purged, a fire sparkling in lovers' eyes. Being vexed, a sea nourished with lovers' tears. What is it else? A madness most discreet, a choking gall and a preserving sweet."

*William Shakespeare*



## When romance doesn't fade---

For most married couples, romance & passion fade after years of familiarity, but new research has found that a few fortunate souls remain wildly infatuated with each other even after decades of marriage. Until Stony Brook University researchers examined the brains of those who claimed undying passion for their mates, most researchers didn't believe them. "It was always chalked up to self-deception or trying to make a good impression," social psychologist Arthur Aron tells *Newsday*. But Aron & his team confirmed through MRI studies of the brains of freakishly loving couples that they respond to each other the same way that people who've just fallen in love do. Researchers say these lovebirds may be more common than you'd think. In a phone survey of people in long-term relationships, up to 35 percent reported that the emotional intensity they felt toward their partners had not diminished over the years.

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**Kissing is like drinking salted water**  
**You drink, and your thirst increases**  
*Chinese Proverb*

**A kiss makes the heart young again**  
**And wipes out the years**  
*Unknown*

## Best Way to Court a Woman

Early in a relationship, the best way for a man to woo a woman is to treat her to an expensive night out, a new study says. Researchers at University College London set up a game in which men could offer various kinds of gifts to impress women, ranging from extravagant offerings such as jewelry & furs to a night out at the theatre and a high-priced restaurant to cheap baubles & \$5 bouquets. Expensive presents put women on the defensive, because they felt pressured to accept them and thus became wary of the man's true intentions. Lavish presents, the study found, have another major disadvantage: They leave men vulnerable to being suckered by gold diggers who have no interest in them. Not surprisingly, cheap gifts were the least effective of all, suggesting to women that the man had little serious interest. Kicking out the jams on a pricey night on the town, though, scored big points. .....confidential intelligence briefings

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