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Solving the Elusive Kiss-tery

By Michael Shi
Copy Editor

Disclaimer: Michael Shi is the most qualified person to write this article.

It's that time of year again. Everywhere you look, your eyes are assailed with the sentiment of Valentine's Day. People are spending inordinate sums of money on Candy Grams, couples are whispering even more confessions of undying love than usual and the latest issue of the school newspaper is a lovely shade of pink. Pheromones drift through the air like fairy dust, and hormones course through the veins of your peers like liquid emotion.

Even you are afflicted. Normally, you wouldn't have dared to send another message after the dreaded "seen" popped up three hours ago, but you tenaciously asked her out on chat yet again, with two winky faces this time. It's obvious she's just playing hard to get—she hasn't even blocked you yet!

Don't worry, dear reader, if you haven't achieved this level of romantic prowess. Whether you're Forever Alone, Okay Face, Socially Awkward Penguin or some horrendous combination, things will always get better. One day, you'll look back at your high-school self and laugh—"I didn't even know how to kiss back then!" But that inexperience changes now. Brace yourself, because what follows is a complete guide to the art of kissing (or, as one Tumblr user eloquently stated, face-batting), written by an experienced expert. And not a moment too soon, because recent studies have shown that 99.999% of teenagers have had their first kiss, which means that you're the only one left.

As a reminder, when I write "kissing," I don't mean expressions of friendship or familial affection. I'm talking about the real thing: the beautiful, exhilarating, dopamine-inducing statement of true love. True love is hard to define, but a poignant example is the bond between Romeo and Juliet (although having first met three days ago and starting a small war is nei-

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Behind the Wheel Driving Test: Stay Calm and Focused

By Michael Tobin
Web Editor

Note: This is the second part of a two part article about passing the DMV's Behind the Wheel exam.

In the previous issue of the *Wildcat Tribune*, I gave an overview of the DMV's behind-the-wheel exam, and focused on the first part of the test: the Pre-Drive Checklist.

This article will let you know what to expect for the actual driving portion of the test, and examine the dreaded "critical driving errors" and "maneuver errors" you will want to avoid. To get your license, you must have zero critical errors and fewer than 16 maneuver errors.

During the behind the wheel test, the examiner will direct you to drive on both business and residential streets around the DMV. In general, the examiner will look to see how well you maneuver the car. He will determine your score on how well you maintain proper speed, check for traffic, obey traffic signals and signs, brake, yield

and use your turn signals. In addition, at intersections, the examiner will determine how well you decelerate and if you come to a complete stop when required. He will also look to see if you avoid unnecessary stopping. Driving instructors say one of the most common maneuver errors is failing to check for traffic—which is required throughout the test—including when entering all the intersections, making lane changes, making turns and leaving and returning to the DMV lot. It is actually an error that many drivers get marked down on more than once in the "Maneuvers" section of the score sheet. While you may believe that your great peripheral vision allows you to check for traffic without moving your head left or right, the examiner might not agree. Remember, you have to convince the examiner that you are checking for traffic throughout the test, so make sure the examiner can see some head movement.

As for the turns, you want to make sure your turns are not too wide, too short, too fast or too slow, and that you turn into the correct lane. (I was surprised to hear



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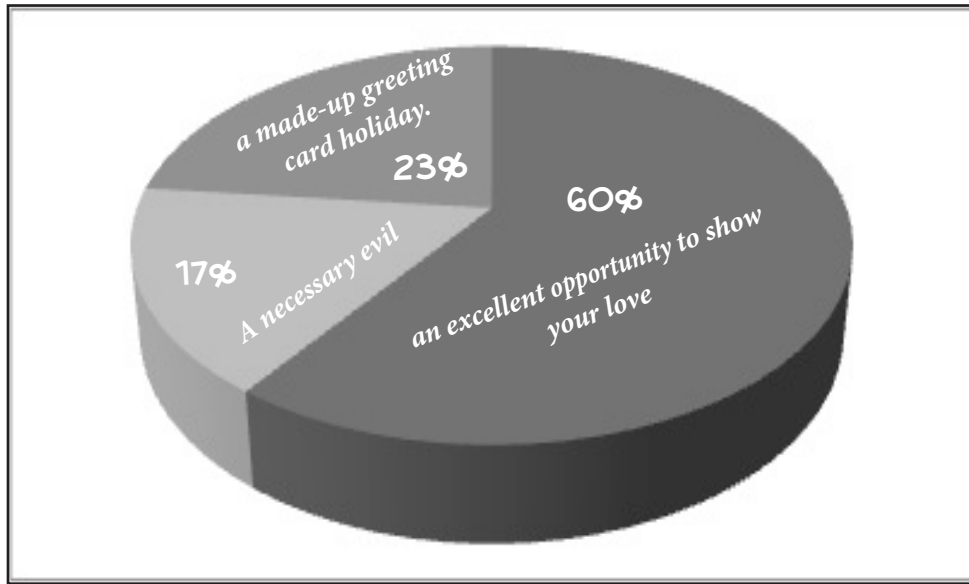
Hands on the wheel, everyone.

that one of my neighbor's relatives failed the test when she made a left turn onto Hopyard near the DMV too slowly.) Finally, you will be tested on the backing up maneuver (my least favorite part), where you will have to back the car up several car lengths while keeping the car parallel to the curb. This test is typically performed along a quiet residential street. You cannot hit the curb or veer into the street.

Speaking about hitting things, there are 8 critical errors you must avoid to pass this

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POLL: Valentine's Day is...



NEXT POLL: Which universe would you most like to live in?

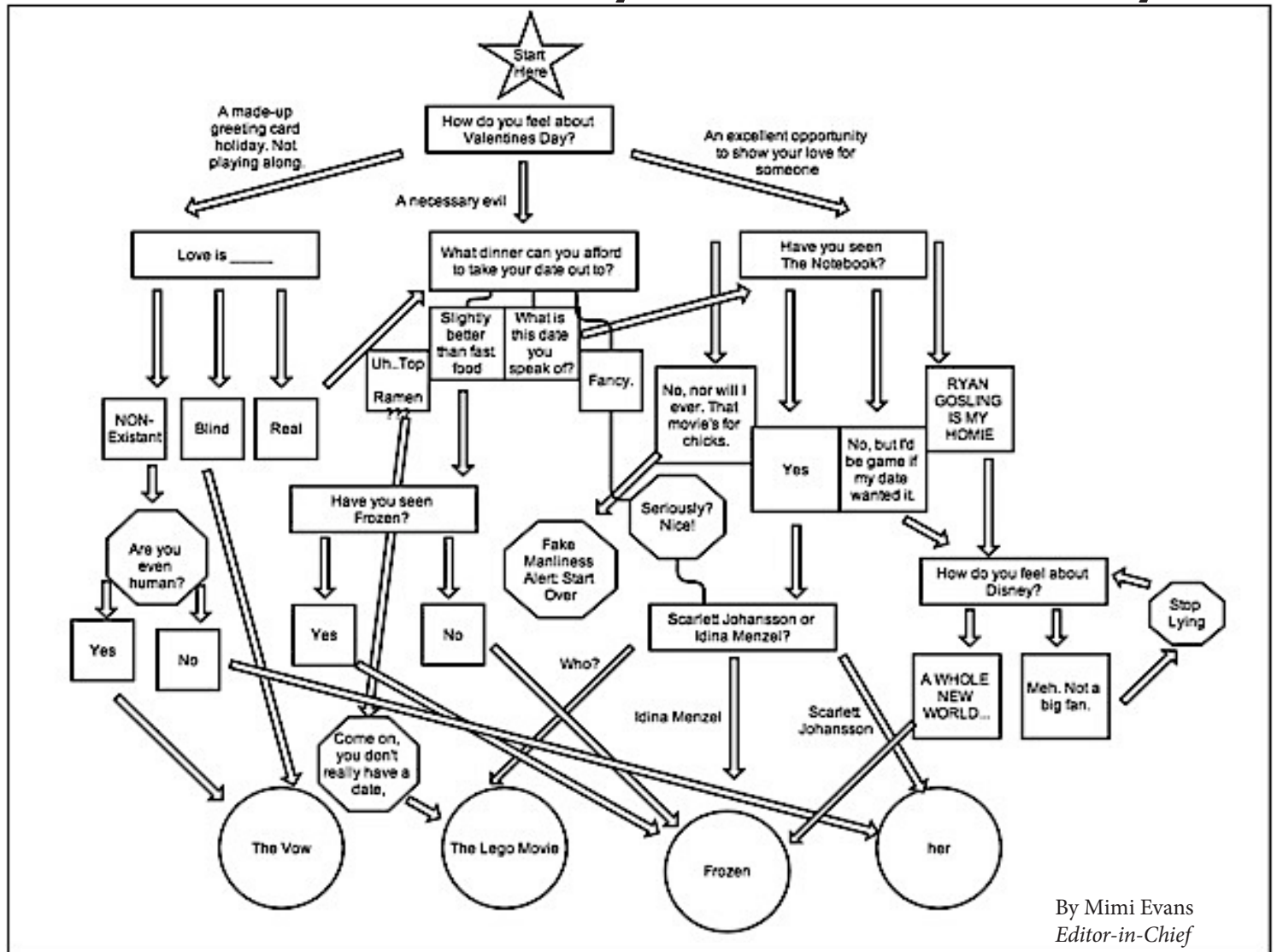
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Which Valentine's Day movie is best for you?



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Review: "Fault in Our Stars" Falters After High Expectations

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RATING: ★★☆☆

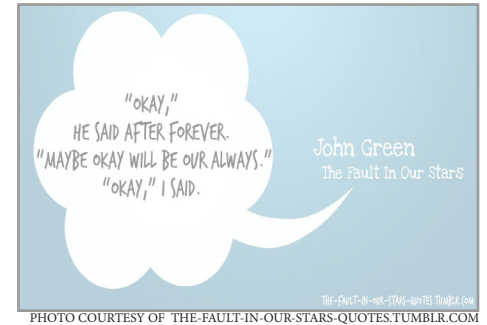
With an average of 4.5 stars for starred reviews on both Goodreads and Barnes and Noble, as well as over 7,700 5-star reviews on Amazon.com, John Green's *The Fault in Our Stars* is definitely a novel many people are curious about. I, apparently, was one of them when I first picked up a copy of the bestselling novel and flipped through its first pages.

The Fault in Our Stars is narrated by a 16-year old terminally ill girl, Hazel Grace Lancaster. She is depressed and dying from all sorts of cancer in her failing lungs, so when her mother forces her to go to a weekly support group, she meets her love interest: the "gorgeous plot twist" Augustus Waters.

Augustus, also 16, has lost his leg from cancer. His word usage and conversation reveal that he's practically at the same intellectual level as Hazel (which is pretty

high). He's hot and mysterious at first and Hazel becomes fast friends with him—one could reason because of "love at first sight". Through countless text messages and phone calls with each other about Hazel's (and eventually Augustus') favorite book, *An Imperial Affliction*, they spend more time together and get to know each other's stories and personalities. Of course, as expected, the two end up falling in love—only the difference from a clichéd love story is that both are cancer patients, and both can relate to each other through the pain and consequences of being said cancer patients.

Although many people find this book "impossible to put down," according to reviews on Amazon.com, I took quite a while to finish it and didn't find it as riveting and moving. In fact, in more than one scene, the story lacked action or any twists to keep the reader (namely, me) excited; suddenly other novels filled with more action and less romance seemed much more tempting. Call me out for being shallow and getting bored when Green is in the middle of developing his



characters with a vast amount of vocabulary (consisting of dysmorphia, nihilism and eponymous), but there's only a certain amount of dictionary-flipping that I can take.

Despite the way Green tries to express the two young lovers as teens, they certainly don't sound very teenager-like. Sure, Hazel and Augustus' conversations are often romantic, touching and emotional, discussing deep subjects about their favorite book and how it ties into their lives. Yet sometimes I find such topics too deep for any 16-year old to chat about off the top of their heads. Ha-

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Someday

By Veronica Liow
A&E Editor

Someday, I will meet you
Whether it be through working on that stupid assigned group project
Or through you spilling coffee on my favorite t-shirt.

Someday, I will talk to you until 4 in the morning
And we will play a game
Of who can last the longest without passing out.

Someday, I will realize that you are a necessity to my life, to the essence of my being
Like the wolf needs the moon to guide it through the night
Or like an alcoholic needs his vodka as it burns his throat and numbs the heart ache.

Someday, I will go on dates with you
Cooking \$1 ramen because we're too cheap to drive out
Or laughing at my constant gutter-balls and failure to knock down a single pin.

Someday, I will embrace you like a surfer welcomes the ocean's waves
And our hands will fit together perfectly like a silver lock and a golden key
And your heartbeat will become my favorite music track as I lay my head on your chest.

Someday, I will meet you
And this will happen.
We will happen.

But today is not that day.

Bored at home,
avoiding homework,
nothing on TV?

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RECYCLE ME!



"HEY YOU!"

HEY YOU, BP, how about that motions quiz ;).

HEY YOU, Hey you! All of you! If you find a lost DVHS blue string bag while walking home TURN IT IN... It is really missed, you know, the one with the PE clothes, running outfit and training shoes. Thanks. -KJ

HEY YOU, TG, have I told you recently that you are an amazing person?

HEY YOU, Ms. McCombs, you're awesome! Hang in there!

HEY YOU, Hey Wildcat Tribune, You guys do a great job with this! Thank You!

HEY YOU, Mission Harushi.

HEY YOU, Hey SY, you're awesome <3.

HEY YOU, CP, you're gorgeous :)

HEY YOU, Doctor Who fans! Anybody else ship Matt Smith and Karen Gillan? SMILLIAN FTW.

HEY YOU, SM, be mine:).

HEY YOU, Be prepared for a terrific surprise this week! You know who you are. :)

HEY YOU, Happy Valentine's Day to you! You're a wonderful person.

HEY YOU, MKT, I promised you a Rose Garden. Yeah.

HEY YOU, YEAH YOU, I'M WATCHIN YOU -Dat random guy

HEY YOU, My date for Valentines Day is Frank Underwood <3.

HEY YOU, guys, I broke up with my girlfriend....GG.. no.

HEY YOU, Perhaps the poetic muse (hey, you!) finally ought to be cognizant of his brainchild. If Man should love himself who is defined through his work, and his work was solely derived from tangible inspiration, then the Aristotelian syllogism suggests he loves the inspiration, too.

HEY YOU, Veronica rocks!! and rolls....LOVE YOU VERVER!!

HEY YOU, Mimi, you're a beautiful person with a great taste in shoes and I can't wait for our birthday tea celebration in June :).

HEY YOU, No one is going to follow that guy on Twitter.

HEY YOU, I can't wait for tea, either. They'd go great with some girl scout cookies ;).

HEY YOU, YS stop BSing everything.

HEY YOU, Aparna YOU ARE THE CUTEST INDIAN SOPHOMORE IN THE SCHOOL. WHY WON'T YOU NOTICE ME—AN INDIAN JUNIOR?

HEY YOU, Ms. Sakkis, thank you so much for your kind words about the Tribune. You

Got something to say to someone? Too shy to say it to their face?

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For more "HEY YOU"S check www.thewildcattribune.com.

brighten my day!

HEY YOU, DC you are my one and only love.

HEY YOU, WY, will you be my Valentine?

HEY YOU, chocolate, you are my one and only love.

HEY YOU, Stop posting 'forever alone' on FB.

HEY YOU, Ms. Cincotta: 2 random variables were talking in a bar. They thought they were being discrete, but I heard their chatter continuously.

HEY YOU, Hey you, R.B., we're dating, but you just don't know it.

HEY YOU, Ms. Byron, I'm SO looking forward to next year!

DRIVING TEST

behind the wheel test:

- 1) Intervention by the examiner
- 2) Strike an object/curb
- 3) Disobey traffic signs or signals
- 4) Disobey safety personnel or safety vehicles
- 5) Dangerous maneuver
- 6) Speed (too fast or too slow)
- 7) Auxiliary equipment use
- 8) Lane violation

The *Wildcat Tribune* talked to several licensed DVHS students about their behind-the-wheel test experience. Specifically, we asked the following three questions: 1) What part of the behind the wheel test did you fear the most? 2) What was your biggest mistake? and 3) What advice would you give someone who is about to take this test?

Junior Syed Razzaque replied: "I feared the right turn you have to make after exiting the DMV at the start of your test. My biggest mistake was going 40 in a residential zone. My advice is to compliment your examiner."

Junior Scott Olvera answered, "I feared the driving test with all the little laws and regulations you had to follow in order to pass. But as long as you practice and get in the habit of obeying them, you should be fine. The worst mistake I made was stopping a little bit in the crosswalk because I came upon a yellow light and couldn't run it, or else I would've run over some pedestrians (don't think the instructor would have liked that.) So I had no choice but to stop on the line and get marked down for it. No matter how much you are ready for the test, you will be nervous. It will hap-

pen and the only thing you can do to overcome the nervousness is practice everything, from lane changes to checking over your shoulder. If you practice everything you learned, you will do fine. And to answer any question on

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whether the test is hard or not, all you do during the test is drive around the streets and that's it. Simple as that."

Finally, junior Connor Riano revealed, "My biggest fear was that I would hit the curb on the way out of the DMV and automatically fail my test. I don't remember making any big mistakes. I only committed a few minor errors. I think the most important thing you can do is to stay calm. Being nervous causes you to make mistakes. Be sure to practice, get familiar with the area around the DMV and be confident. Good luck!"

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Gifts for Your Bae: Advice for Valentine's Day to Guarantee Love

By Ifedunni Segun-Abugan
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Do you have a boyfriend or girlfriend? Are you clueless as to what to get him or her for Valentine's Day?

It's okay—you are not alone; it happens to everyone, though for some much sooner than others.

In any case, here's a guide of do's and don'ts that will help you if you're feeling absolutely clueless as to what to get your love for this holiday.

DO:

1. A teddy bear: Very cliché, but also very cuddly and shows that you're somewhat sensitive... kinda...in a way. Anyway, girls love it.



2. Anything that involves candy (unless she has braces, yikes!): Don't you want to sugar things up a bit? Anything high in fructose and artificial flavors is sure to keep her upbeat and perky for the whole day.

3. Decorations for her locker: I personally don't know what it is with us girls and that inner burst of joy we get whenever we show up to school in the morning and find confetti all over and inside of our lockers. I guess it's just the thought that someone took time out of their day to surprise you.

4. Reservations to a nice dinner: Another cliché, but you won't go wrong with a dinner for two at the Cheesecake Factory. Or even Chipotle. It's the thought that counts!



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DON'T:

1. Something you made in art class: What an awesome way to say 'tacky' and "I couldn't find anything so I just made this." Things like that never go well.



2. A bag of chips from Safeway: There's nothing special or romantic about getting Funyuns from a store that you already visit every day before and after school.

3. A gift card: I know you want to. It may seem like the only way out. But DON'T do it. Valentine's Day is specifically for you to do something funky, cute and out-of-the-ordinary. Gift cards are for your math teacher before Christmas break.

4. Anything waaay over your budget: You don't have to buy an 18-carat diamond ring. Not only is it way too forward, but it's too expensive and might cause embarrassment from your special someone about not giving you something just as awesome.

Valentine's Day Data

Happy Valentine's Day!

Statistics show that around Valentine's Day...

- 61.8% of consumers celebrate Valentine's Day
- 180 million cards will be exchanged
- Of those cards, 85% of them are bought by women
- 73% of men buy flowers
- 14% of women buy and send themselves flowers

What is the most popular gift?
(Reminder: Multiple gifts can be given)

1. Cards (52.1%)
2. Candy (47.5%)
3. Dining Out (34.6%)
4. Flowers (34.3%)
5. Jewelry (17.3%)

Just in case those fun facts didn't fill up your heart enough:

- The "World's Greatest Lover," Casanova, ate chocolate to make himself more "manly."
- In the 1800's, physicians told patients to eat chocolate to treat their heartbreak.
- 53% of women would end their relationship if they didn't get anything on Valentine's Day.

Sources:

- Bonus trivia from: <http://www.sheknows.com/holidays-and-seasons/articles/807655/fun-facts-about-valentine-s-day>
- All stats from: <http://www.statisticbrain.com/valentines-day-statistics/>

STARS

zel and Augustus produce a myriad of deep and puzzling philosophies, among these the famously quoted: "some infinities are bigger than other infinities" (Green 189) and "My thoughts are stars I cannot fathom into constellations" (311). Personally, I don't think I've ever heard of any sophomore utter anything as philosophical as that. Maybe being

terminally ill makes you 10 years wiser.

Otherwise, the book is touching and very well-written. Immersed in philosophy and artistry, it gives readers insight into how cancerous teenagers are just like normal teenagers in romance and humor. The setting is beautiful, the diction stunning and the plot just interesting enough

to carry you to the ironic end twist that has brought many readers to tears. The characters are strong and inspiring icons: Hazel struggles to simply breathe every day, yet she maintains a dry comical humor, keeping her head high, while Augustus desires to live life to the fullest, refusing to let anything get in the way, not even the effects of his previous

cancer battle.

All the way to the end, *The Fault in Our Stars* is ultimately about two young lovers: charming, intriguing Augustus Waters and intellectual, witty Hazel Grace Lancaster, who claims, "As he read, I fell in love the way you fall asleep: slowly, and then all at once" (125).

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KISS-TERY

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ther required nor recommended).

There are only three kinds of kissing: French, American and Uzbekistanian. French kissing (what I will soon be teaching you) is most popular in America; American kissing (which is an expression of both love and freedom) is most popular in France; Uzbekistanian kissing (which is the weirdest thing I have ever seen) is prevalent in the rest of the globe. French kissing is a refined and elegant practice that may take years to master, but the rewards are completely worth it.

Sophomore Dhroovaa Khannan describes the experience as “being hit by a radioactive train full of serotonin slushies,” while freshman Sameer Z believes it feels like “taking a cold shower outside when it’s raining during a meteor shower.” The two of them are the only correspondents in this article because coincidentally they have the highest kiss-counts in the western hemisphere. Personally, I find that the feeling of kissing can be most easily compared to eating a granola bar or achieving nirvana, but to each his own,

right?

And now, without further ado, the moment you have been waiting for. I will now reveal how to kiss, in easy-to-follow steps that even freshmen can understand.

0. This is the preparation step. You must choose a victim, preferably a close platonic friend or your best friend’s significant other. Avoid strangers—after all, no one ever says “strangers with benefits.” Once you have a target, gaze deeply into his/her/its eyes, making sure to stare past the retina and into the optic nerves. Once the optic nerves are visible, smile and lick your lips, tasting the flavored chapstick you applied five minutes ago (studies show that vanilla, strawberry and detergent work best) and pucker up.

1. Lean in close, caress your target’s earlobes, and maintain intimate eye contact.

2. Kiss.

Deceptively simple, isn’t it? Those two steps (zero plus two equals two, duh) are all you need to know to become an excellent kisser. And once you have achieved

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that status, there’s nothing you can’t do. Kissing is a life-long life skill that will last you your entire life. Is your boss going to fire you? Kiss your boss. Are you in prison for identity

theft? Kiss the guard. Did your significant other find out that you were cheating on them? Sorry. All in all, I hope you realize the impact this article will have on the rest of your life and the lives of your descendants. Feel free to express your eternal gratitude with a gift, donation or simple “thank you!” You can usually find me behind the 4000 building, doing what I do best—kissing somebody.

DAPPER AND CHARLEY By Amy Cu and Eunice Chan



HEY YOU!

Yes, you, who secretly reads this newspaper and dreams, “What would it be like to see my name in print?”

Yes, you who secretly dreams, “I wish my photos would appear next to the lead article.”

Yes, both of you, who wistfully dream, “If only there was a journalism/newspaper class next year!”

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