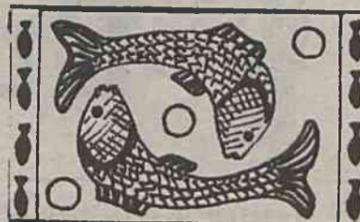




Features

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Flowerscopes

by Jennifer Lowder

Taurus (April 21-May 21)-As the seasons change, so will your love life. Be aware of ex-lovers wanting to come back into your life.

Gemini (May 22-June 21)-You are starting to slack off on your grades. Try not to focus on the summer or graduation too much or you might not make it out of here.

Cancer (June 22-July 23)-Through the past couple of weeks your life has become a complete disaster. Look for a sign to change things in your life. Before too long, things will look up.

Leo (July 24-Aug. 23)-Your love life seems to be a big complete maze. Don't get lost trying to figure out what to do. The answers you wait for will eventually come to you.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)-Lately you have been sitting around trying to think of things to do. Try getting a job to earn extra money. That way you will have an excuse to get out of the house.

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)-Love is not in the air for you this month. You should focus more of your time towards your job and your friends. Look forward to a summer romance.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)-You are starting to make a drastic change in your life. Do not be

scared to make these changes because things will work out for the best. Make the most of the time you have left.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)-At the moment everything seems to be going great for you. Before too long things will take a sudden change for the worst. Do not depend on your friends for support.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)-You and your best friend are having problems at this point in your life. If you are true friends, then you will eventually work things out. Do not worry; things will work out for the best.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)-You are starting to realize that sometimes life is not what it always seems to be. Stop taking things for granted and realize the important things in life.

Pisces (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)-Finding true friends seems to be a problem for you. You should just try to be yourself and you will naturally gain friends.

Aries (Mar. 21-April 20)-With school coming to an end, you are slowly becoming in touch with your inner self. Over the summer look for a true friend, which may work out as a great start to a great relationship.

Gifts for the Graduate

by Katie Mabry

Do you have a senior friend, sister, or brother? With graduation around the corner you might be wondering what to get the graduating person. Here are some ideas below that are good for parents or friends to give.

Car- This would be a very nice gift to receive from parents, even though it is quite expensive. If you are one of the lucky ones, enjoy this luxury of not depending on other people for rides.

Laptop computer- If you are a friend, it's still out of the price range. In college a computer would be a very helpful device to save all your work, to do papers, and play games on in class. This is also a very useful device if you get on the internet because then you can write home and inform your family on your grades. Just think you can't get yelled at; only written to!

Travel kit- This is good for students in dorms for the many trips to and from the bathroom. This is also not very expensive, so friends, you can afford it.

Luggage- This gift can be multipurpose. Luggage can be used for storage in the small dorms and in the future, traveling.

Clothes- Even though fashions come and go, it's nice to have new clothes anytime.

Checking account- This one might sound old and unpopular, but it could be very useful. With a checking account, you won't have to go to the bank every time you need money. Another advantage of a checking account is that your parents can forward money to you.

Collage of pictures of good times- Friends, this

could be a good gift because you can put great memories together without great damage to your pocket book.

Writing paper- This one is also not expensive. It also reminds your friends to write to you while he or she is away.

Money- Everybody likes this one. Having money to spend anyway you like is always great.



Will Joines is wondering how much money it is going to cost him.

Academic Recognition

by Mary Nance

At the end of every school year, selected seniors are rewarded for their academic accomplishments at the Academic Awards Banquet. Those students who qualify to attend are North Carolina Scholars, President's Award for Educational Excellence winners, or National Honor Society members. To be a North Carolina Scholar, a student must have maintained a 3.0 GPA throughout his four years of high school and have taken selected courses specified by the State Board of Education. Moreover, to be a Presidential Excellence recipient, a student must have made a 620 or over on either the verbal or mathematics portion of the SAT and have a 3.5 or better GPA.

I believe that this banquet is very important as it recognizes students' achievements. In high school, many students do well academically but not athletically, so they are not known to their peers as excellers. However, by being invited to and recognized at a function like the Academic Awards Banquet, students can be known as achievers. These students must study hard and spend much time out of class to be a part of either the North Carolina Scholars Program or to be a President's Excellence recipient. If you know someone who has excelled academically, give them a pat on the back because they have really worked hard to be where they are today!

Styling at the Beach

by Allison Hudson

If you want to look stylish on the beach this year, listen up. Finding the perfect bathing suit is very difficult. You want a bathing suit that will flatter your body style. Some girls dig two piece bathing suits while others like to kick back in a one piece. Department stores have already got their summer swim suit line in and they are selling like crazy. The problem of buying from a department store is that everyone buys from them. The last thing you want to do is be caught on the beach with another girl's swim suit on, especially if she has a better body than you. You might want to check out Donna Karen's new line, Calvin Klein, Victoria's Secret, or some of the hottest catalogs.

There are a few things that you can purchase to accent your bathing suit. A cute skimpy cover-up is always good. This is for running back and forth to the motel room. Matching sandals look great also. These are to protect your feet from the sand spurs. You also must have a matching tote bag and hat. You have got to take your water bottle, sun screen and tanning oil, your romance novel, sweat rag, lemon quench money, and Evian water mister in something. So, why not be stylish in doing it? To top off your fashionable beach attire, don't forget the sunglasses. The Sunglass Hut has the greatest shades by Ray Ban,

Donna Karen, Guess, Stussy, Oakley and Gargoles. So, before you hit the beach this year find a bathing suit that flatters your body, and go from there. Good luck on shopping, and if you do a good job on making yourself look outrageous on the beach, who knows, you might pick up a cutie.



Emily N. is ready to hit the beach in style.

Beach Bound

by Allison Hudson

May 31st is not far away, and this means that beach time is not far away either. Beach graduation can be the most exciting time of a teenager's high school years. It is a whole week of lying in the sun, cruising the strip, meeting lots of people, and going to Mother Fletcher's. At Myrtle Beach the excitement is unlimited. This week is a time to be away from Albemarle and experience pure freedom! It is also a time to be with your graduating class before you venture off to college or work. In the halls of Albemarle High you can hear everyone talking about the big beach plans that they have. I went around and asked what everyone was looking forward to most, and here is what they had to say...
DeShanne Lilly- I'll be busy spending time with my man Big Poppa.

LoLita Jackson- I'm gonna to chill with my friends, and pick up some honeys.
Teshika Edwards- I'll be babysitting Brico the whole time.
Dustin Poplin- I'll advise everyone to stop drinking.
Whit Parker and Brent Whitley- We are going to organize a beach clean-up committee, offer rides to the impaired, and PROTECT ourselves.
Jason Hedrick- I've got to pick up my next shipment.
Grant Hopkins- I'm going to stay inside because the sand scares me.
John Brooks- I'm not going because I don't want to fall into the devil's plan.
Gresham Wilham- I'll be playing an intense game of coed twister.