



Features



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Spring-O-Scopes

by Nikillya Clark

♈ Taurus 4-21 to 5-21

You know that guy or girl you've been eyeing for months? If you ask him or her to go dancing or to a movie, he or she will say yes. So don't wait around. You and your buds will turn your house into party central at the end of the month. It'll be the last big blowout of the spring.

♊ Gemini 5-22 to 6-21

Pack your bathing suit. A trip to the water is on the calendar. This is one of your more social months. Your friend's brother looks like a good romantic prospect. Be careful who you talk to on the internet. Your folks may not approve of some of your chat-room chums. Don't fight with friends about money.

♋ Cancer 6-22 to 7-23

This month you'll discover that you have a cool new talent. Whether it's a Michael Jordan jump shot or an uncanny ability to make extra cash, it will definitely add a spark to the final weeks of school. Toward the end of May, you'll get the urge to spend sometime alone.

♍ Virgo 8-24 to 9-23

If you don't give your boy or girlfriend some breathing room, he or she will begin to feel suffocated, and he may end up cutting you loose. Your paycheck will bring a smile. However, keep the hope alive this month because school may be a little rough.

♌ Libra 9-24 to 10-23

Romance will be linked to good times this month. You'll meet up with someone flirty at a party, a game, or a concert. You'll have the time of your life! Whether you try a new do or buy a trendy outfit, you'll look and feel GREAT.

♏ Scorpio 10-24 to 11-22

If you're still aching over a past heartbreak, it's time to chill. Once you do, you'll meet a sensitive person who will help you make a complete

recovery by the end of the month.

♐ Sagittarius 11-23 to 12-21

Your normal carefree attitude may turn intense and obsessive. Don't be surprised if your friends say, "What's up with you?" A younger brother or sister may hit you up for a loan, but in the mean time you may need the money yourself.

♑ Capricorn 12-22 to 1-20

Cap girls have known for awhile now that something isn't right, whether it's with that guy or girl, that friend, or that family member. Talking things out could help, but just waiting things out might solve your problems faster.

♒ Aquarius 1-21 to 2-19

This month someone will challenge you to take a risk. But before you dive right in, think about the consequences. Thinking it out will pay off. Meanwhile, a certain someone will soon hint at asking you out. Be ready to say yes!

♓ Pisces 2-20 to 3-20

This is a good month for you girls and boys to swim alone and rediscover how interesting you are while you get over that former crush. Around the middle of the month, you may have a little misunderstanding with someone, but your sensitivity will keep you smooth things over.

♈ Aries 3-21 to 4-20

Tired of going solo? Take heart! A killer-looking guy will come to your rescue by asking you out. Don't blow it by playing hard to get. Stop being so ambitious for once, and you'll need a break, so max out the last days of spring by relaxing.

♉ Taurus 4-21 to 5-21

Bull girls will learn this month that trying harder can't always make things better. But you'll be happy to know that midmonth you'll finally start feeling like people are actually listening to you. Remember: catching too much sun may lead to a bad summer.

What the Dilly Yo?

by Ben Lisk

What the dilly yo? It's art from the underground and it involves bringing in the rucas. I am referring to the hip/hop industry that keeps it real. True hip/hop is the purist way to put the struggles of everyday life into words or phrases. This particular style avoids the Boyz II Men scene and shows no love to wanna be's that sweat their style. Some influences to the hip/hop era



Vonnell, Wallace, and Michael work the mike.

are Busta Bust, Master P, A tribe called Quest, Onyx, and Method Man and the entire Wu-Tang clan. These are not the only lyrical expressionists out there; we have some at AHS. These students are Michael Gould, Darian "Face" Drye, Vonnell Little, Wallace Andrews, and Jermaine Carson. Junoir Michael Gould states, "I keep it all real and it's how I relate to who I am. Rap comes from the heart, not from the mind." Face quotes, "I just like to grab the mic and kick the illest rhymes I see possible." From a different angle, Vonnell Little states, "I prefer the name Eclipse when I grip the mic. I know all of us create dope rhymes, but it get the phattest when freestyling comes along!" The statement "freestyle" refers to unrehearsed rapping. You just flow. Whatever comes to your mind, you just spit it out. No written lyrics, no memorized songs, just the mic and the rapper on the scene. All rappers support the hip/hop scene, and I think it is chill to see all these young rappers get together and just lay down some rhymes. Whether or not you are with the hip/hop scene, you must do one thing, and that is respect it. Because like Michael Gould stated, "Rapping does come from the heart and is a way for people to express themselves".

I'VE GOT THA BLUES

by Ben Lisk

School is winding down and AHS seniors are putting on a frown. That's what my school paper said and at that moment lots of thoughts popped into my head. I thought to myself, "My time here is through," and thought again, "What now to do? Should I strive further in school or just scrownge around Albemarle and just think I am cool? Should I pack up and head to the beach where it is hot, or just settle down in Sky-City parking lot? Should I find me a babe and swing, or just work 24/7 at Burger King?" All these thoughts made me sad, so I could not help to think about all my chill times at AHS I have had. I realize that I have another year to make memories, but I asked some seniors, who have only a few days left as high school students, some of their memories.

Bo Andrew: The wolf

Jennifer Byrd: Cheerleading and Mr. Moran's classes

Misty Caudle: The lunch table talks with all my best friends.

David Coble: Friday night football games

Jodie Dennis: Walking in the doors as a proud freshman and out the door as a proud graduate.

Tiffanie Eudy: Good times with friends and meeting the love of my life.

Stephen Freshly: Winning the conference soccer championship.

Justin Kimrey: Camping trips!

Le-Quan Robinson: Being the smallest and slowest jv football player my freshman year.

SUMMER STUDIES

by Beverly Poplin

Though most students here at AHS can't wait for the bell to ring on June 5, others will continue their studies throughout the summer. This spring, Governor's School and Summer Ventures nominees went through trials and tribulation auditioning, writing essays, collecting recommendations, and filling out complicated forms. For three of our students, the hard work paid off.

Melisa Bates will be attending Governor's School for mathamatics, as will Trevor Szolics. Governor's School is the oldest statewide summer residential program for academically gifted high school students in North Carolina.

These students well deserve the credit. Also, Catherine Nance, a sophomore student, will be attending the Summer Ventures program at UNC at Wilmington. She will be studying Marine Biol-



Bates



Szolics



Nance

ogy with one hundred other juniors and seniors throughout the state. We'd like to give a big congratulations to all of these students on their well deserved honors! Way to go!

Lights! Camera! Action!

by Mandi Hathcock and Beverly Poplin

Lights! Camera! Action! AHS has its very own star in the spotlight. Melissa Fair, an advanced drama student for the second year, has made her way to the Uwharrie Players stage. Starring in the production *Harvey* this spring, Melissa impressed many of the audience with her acting abilities. As a key character in the play, she portrayed the role of Nurse Kelly. Mr. Moran was extremely proud of her performance. He said, "Melissa is definitely one of the most talented actresses I've ever had in my classes." Melissa's natural ability to act has helped her to catch the eyes of many people in our community. She says that she hopes to be in another Uwharrie performance very soon. Though the work on *Harvey* was stressing and trying at time, she thinks it was definitely worth it. Long hours were spent rehearsing lines, learning blocking, and building the set. She also kept up her schoolwork during these strenuous weeks.

Maybe one day we'll see Melissa on the big screen, but until then she's slowly making her way to the top. She said she hopes to become a household name one day. So, be on the lookout for this forthcoming star! Good luck Melissa!



Melissa is on her way!