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## Spring Beginnings

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With the snow clearing itself from the sidewalks and colorful flowers beginning to bloom, there is no doubt that spring is on its way. It is a time of birth,

renewal, and growth. To many people, spring is considered to be a time of new beginnings. This season is the perfect time to start something new, like a new hobby or new job. People can even choose this time to

change an aspect of themselves, like their attitude towards others or their study habits.

These changes can be made at any point throughout the year, of course, but people choose springtime because the meaning and symbolism of this season encourages them to make an effort to better themselves.

It is a great time to rid your life of negativity and toxic people, and consider making room for new friends as well. So when the greener grass begins to grow this March, think about what Spring really means to you.

*"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."*

- Anne Bradstreet

## See you in Rio!

### *UHS Prom 2017-18*

**Cassidy Couture**

*Staff Writer*

It might be early, but it's time to start thinking about Prom!

This year's theme, Carnivale, will transport you to a night in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with bright colors and high energy.

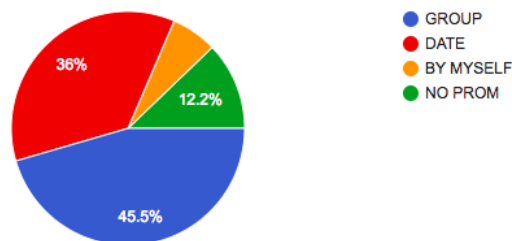
Being held for the first time ever in the Colonnades Club in Memorial Stadium on May 5th, this prom will be one to remember.

Even with this new venue, tickets are still only \$35 and the students get to choose the music.

Everyone from students to faculty are looking forward to this event, all of whom have a big impact in planning. However,

### WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO GO TO PROM ?

189 responses



according to English teacher Tim Broeker, "the students have the biggest impact when it comes to planning prom."

But planning prom, as it turns out, can be a very long process. Having to lock down a location at least a year in advance, junior class sponsor Felicia Tufano admits, "We knew we wanted prom to be at Memo-

rial Stadium, so we pestered the booking agent for almost two years so we could lock down the space we wanted!"

Prom is a much anticipated event, as it is a final farewell from the juniors to the seniors. Don't let the opportunity pass you by.

See you in Rio!

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## The Magic of Mississippi

### *Habitat for Humanity's fifth trip*

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2018 marks the five-year anniversary of the Habitat for Humanity trip to Tutwiler, Mississippi, led by co-sponsors Mark Foley and Laura Koritz, and a handful of students were lucky enough to be selected for a very special trip.

Being one of the lucky few, I was blessed with the opportunity to go to a 14-hour drive down south to Tutwiler, Mississippi, one of the poorest communities in the state. The Delta region in Mississippi has deep history and is known for devastating floods, the murder of Emmett Till, and more positively, the birthplace of the Blues.

Five years ago, Koritz and Foley came up with the idea to travel down to Mississippi because they had both done previous Habitat work there and wanted to bring that experience to high school students. They received approval at the time from interim principal Joe Wiemelt, but with the subsequent hiring of Matthew Stark in a permanent position, they had to seek

approval all over again.

And that is when the magic happened.

Melina Pakey-Rodriguez agrees that the experience was magical. Going for two years in a row she had a personal connection with the trip. Other veterans, Claire Lambeth, Eliseo Gonzalez-Kamekawa, Rodrigo Orrala, and Eleanor DAndria also have a special connection.

"The Magic of Mississippi is what I think is the best part of the trip," Rodriguez states. "School makes you worry so much about yourself and over-analyze everything. The trip helped me declutter my mind. I focused on using my hands. I focused on opening my heart to connect to people. It was all about helping and loving."

Lambeth primarily worked with the construction of the house and came to view it as more than just a shelter. "To just build at Mississippi, it's so different from building here. It felt like my child that I put so much hard work and dedication working and making."

Eleanor DAndria was impacted powerfully by the trip, as well. Other than just the house build, we also had the opportunity to volunteer our time to Bearden Elementary School. DAndria worked with a second grade class led by Ora Johnson whom DAndria describes as "...a powerful woman. Especially thinking of my elementary school,

Johnson reminded me of my fourth grade teacher. She really cares about her students."

DAndria was inspired by the love Johnson had for her students. Coming back to Urbana, she has decided to spearhead a drive to collect backpacks and school supplies to send back to the students at Bearden.

In general Mississippi made DAndria feel as though she can change something. "The trip made me pursue things I care about; we did something to mean something. High school makes you so caught up on what other people think of us; whether you're smarter than the person next to you. But going to the trip made me realize that other things are more important. Typically I would tell myself I don't have time for these kinds of projects but now I have to make time for this."

Next year, junior Alexandra Hentges will be the only returner on the trip, as everyone else is graduating this year. Hentges put upon herself the responsibility of trying to experience everything at the trip this year in order to be able to explain to next year's newcomers what to expect.

"Being in Mississippi without even knowing the environment, you can get emotionally invested," Hentges states. "Just waking up you're motivated to work. It's so exciting you can do it with people you didn't know much before but then you're growing closer with everyday."

Not only did the students get impacted drastically, the supervisors were emotionally invested.

Erin Harrington, another supervisor on the trip, places value in Urbana's deep connections to the South.

"My brother, when he was in high school, also had a Habitat club who brought them to Massachusetts during spring break. Urbana was different than my brother's experience because with him and his club, they just dumped themselves in a new environment, but we learned about Mississippi before coming down. Urbana has connections to the Delta. Urbana is on this line between Chicago; which then connects to Mississippi."

"There are students here that I've talked to who say their families were from Mississippi who used to be sharecroppers. Because of this I hope students like that choose one day to go on the Mississippi trip to broaden the connection; it's really meaningful. Because it's not charity; it's more like retribution."

If you're interested for next year, ask any of the Habitat people who went to the trip and they will be glad to share their unique experiences.

Foley states what he saw primarily unique about the trip this year, "open hearts have a better experience."

Amen.

# Flying Machine and Pizza M close after four years in Urbana

**Shauri Gonzalez**  
*Art and Entertainment Editor*

Flying Machine and Pizza M don't just share the same building, they also share menus and memories. Going four years strong, these restaurants were a great tribute to the growth of downtown Urbana, especially through First Fridays, a monthly event supporting local businesses and celebrating Urbana's art community, food, and live music and poetry. In addition to First Fridays, Pizza M also hosted Trivia Nights and Open Mic Nights. Clearly, these establishments brought our small town together.

Unfortunately, Urbana's beloved local coffee and pizza shop will be closing its Urbana doors on March 28th.

Luckily, the loss has been lessened, as both businesses will be relocating, though separately:

Pizza M will relocate their kitchen to the same building as Urbana brewery, 25 O'Clock at 208 West Griggs Street. With this move, Pizza M will create some grand upgrades, including a much-needed carry out/delivery system and larger restaurant seating, including outdoor patio seating.

The picture for Flying Machine is less uplifting, however. They will be combining with their sister location in Champaign, meaning a drive for Urbana locals. For those willing to make the trip, the combined effort, Flying Machine Avionics, can be found at 202 S 1st Street in Champaign.



Although the individual businesses will not be gone, this partnership will be missed by many. Make sure you say goodbye while you still can.

The next time you're looking for somewhere to go, try Flying Machine and Pizza M before it's too late order a pizza and a coffee, the best combination.

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# Renewing the Square

Olivia Miller  
Staff Writer



In January, Mayor Diane Marlin introduced her idea and plan to rehabilitate and re-envision the entire Lincoln Square Mall area.

In the past, the Lincoln Square Mall area was a hub of activity and creativity, but these days most of its draws are dwindling.

The Lincoln Square site is spread over 16 acres that sits practically in the center of the Urbana High School/Middle School campus, University of Illinois Campus, and Carle Hospital Campus. Having opened 54 years ago, and being one of the first enclosed malls in the US,

parts of it have been designated a historical landmarks.

The Art Coop, Spark Museum and Play Cafe, Common Ground Food Co-op, and events such as the Farmers Market and Read Across America still draw patrons.

And Mayor Marlin wants to create more.

Marlin hopes to create an area that “Benefits the community for the next 50 years.”

And it starts with the community.

Mayor Marlin wants to find out “What’s missing?” To do that she’s planning on holding many online and face-to-face opportunities for the community to get involved and “start thinking about what we need here.”

If you would like to create a place for the current generation to connect and enjoy together, you can get involved now by filling out a form on the City of Urbana website by clicking the “What’s in your Square?” link.

“It’s going to be your square,” says Mayor Marlin. “The sky’s the limit!”

## Preparations for the SAT and ACT *Juniors getting ready for the future*

Natosha Williams  
Staff Writer

It’s that time of the year when juniors have to prepare for the biggest exams of high school, the ACT (American College Test) and the SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test). These test scores help determine what college students will be accepted to. Although students can take the tests multiple times for a higher score, the pressure remains.

“I’m anxious. I mean, it’s only the biggest test of my life that determines my future!” says Miller Calhoun.

As the date approaches, some

students anticipate their feelings changing. Says Taylor Gully, “I am feeling okay right now but come to the end of March, I will be a little stressed because the test is in April.”

Despite the pressure some students feel prepared. “I feel like I’m ready for both the ACT and SAT tests. I’ve been studying at home and I feel like it’s just going to be another ISAT test,” says Simone Harmon .

Regardless of how they feel, most juniors seem to preparing in some way. Harmon does her work at home: “I study for the math part by practicing making my own math equations and I

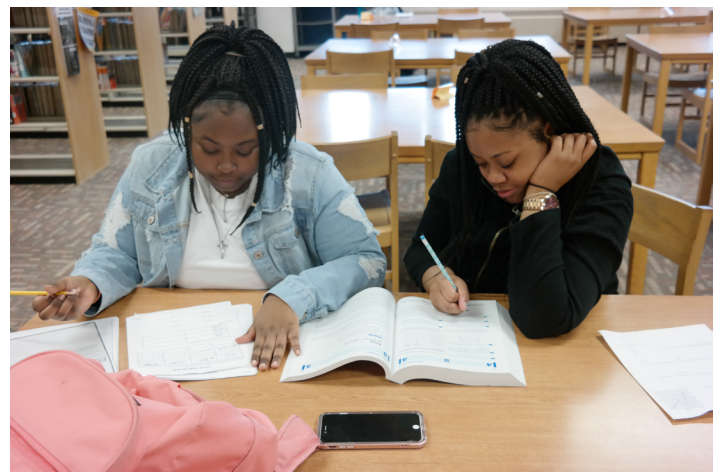
read a lot for my reading part.”

Others have opted for preparation classes. “I will be preparing for it by taking a SAT class that is held after school,” says Gully. Steven Thompson did the same: “I took a five- week ACT and SAT prep class to prepare me.” “As long as I study to the best

of my ability I think I will do fine,” says Gully.

Even though this is the biggest test of your high school career, just stay focused and the end the year with a bang.

Good luck, UHS Juniors!



Juniors Jada Brown-Gates and Jazmine Smith get a head start: Natosha Williams/UHS Echo

# UHS Spring Sports Preview 2018

Andrew Kowalski, Steven Thompson, Joey Wright

*Staff Writers*

## Girls Softball

A season of optimism and excitement is just around the corner for Urbana High School's softball team.

Entering the year with a roster full of returning players is always beneficial for a high school team, and indeed, the Tigers only had two players leave the program after last year's campaign.

Senior Lauren Matson, an infielder for the Tigers, sees this as an advantage. "One of the strengths of this year's team is that we have been working together for so long," says Matson. "We are much more experienced than we have been in the past, and we're ready to show everyone how good we can be."

One unique aspect of the softball team's season is their upcoming spring break trip to Disney World to play at ESPN's Wide World of Sports complex. Matson says the team has been fundraising for the trip for two years and is excited for a memorable week in Orlando.

Along with Matson, Senior Mercedes Williams and Junior Erin Wright enter the season as players to watch. Williams, an outfielder, led the team in home runs last season while also playing sound defense. Wright, a catcher and infielder, received a special mention from the News-Gazette in their 2017 All-Area softball rankings. She's known for being dangerous both at and behind the plate.

The Tigers open their season on March 12, hosting Fisher on their home field.

## Track and Field

The Urbana High Track & Field team is looking to make another strong showing at the State meet in Charleston this year.

The Tigers had state champions on both the girls and boys side last year. Tyler Carrell won the 2A Championship in Pole Vault while on the girls side Diamonasia Taylor won the High Jump championship. Overall, Urbana sent seven athletes to Charleston for State, a feat they hope to top this year.

The Urbana girls team is looking to build on the 6th place team finish at State last year, with a reasonable shot at finishing near the top of the meet. Mile Split USA currently ranks the Urbana girls as the 7th best 2A team in the state heading into the season.

On the male side, Tyler Carrell returns to repeat as 2A champion and many others look to qualify for State. Distance runners Justice Carter and Payton Borich (who barely missed state in the 800 meter dash last season) will look to qualify for state for the first time.

The Tigers will look to improve in the 4x200 meter and 4x100 meter relays, events they have traditionally excelled in. The sprinting team led by Christian Phillips are hoping to continue to improve this season.

You can catch both the Girls and Boys first meet in the Champaign Urbana at the U of I Armory during the 40th Annual Gene Armer Invitational meet. The meet takes place on Saturday, March 17th beginning at 9am.

## Girls Soccer

Entering the second season of coach David Dunlap's tenure at Urbana High School, the Tigers girls' soccer team is excited to begin their 2018 campaign.

Though the Tigers finished last season 3-14, the team doesn't expect that sort of season to become the new norm. Despite losing some key players from last year's team due to graduation, the Tigers still have plenty of veteran leadership, as well as new talent.

Senior Kailey McQueen is excited about the potential that comes with the new season. "Everyone is coming in with more motivation and better attitudes than previous years," she says. "My teammates and I have been in our pre-season since November, and everyone has made vast improvements physically in order to be in shape for the season. We've also been getting close to each other and becoming sort of a family in the process."

Notably, this season marks McQueen's return from a torn ACL that caused her to miss the entire season last spring.

"I'm excited to finally get back onto the field, and I'm also excited to play with all of the freshman and sophomores that I didn't get to play with last year."

The Tigers open their season on March 13 with a tilt against non-conference foe Judah Christian.

## Boys Baseball

Time is winding down until it's time for Urbana baseball. The Tigers are coming off a rough season last year with a record 1-21 overall, 1-13 in conference play. But that is expected to change this year with young, upcoming talent.

Returning varsity player, Jacob Welbes says, "This season, I'm looking forward to utilizing the team we have built over the past few years and finally having a strong base. We have been in the bottom half of the conference for far too long. It's time to use our resources and become a strong program."

Welbes believes the strength of this season's team is that "we have a lot of speed and a good pitching staff, which includes myself, Levi [Coffey], with the addition of Miller [Calhoun] and Alex [Poor] from JV coming up to help out and eat up some innings."






The Tigers hope these improvements will help the program become "the powerhouse we have been hoping for the past 12-13 years."

"I am excited for this year's team. With the talent that we have, we can win a lot of games and also make a name for ourselves," says junior Steven Thompson.

The Tigers open their season on March 12th hosting St. Thomas More at home.






# MLB Analysis

Miller Calhoun  
Staff Writer






<b>National League East</b>			
	W	L	GB
 Washington Nationals	95	67	-
 Atlanta Braves	84	78	11
 Philadelphia Phillies	76	86	19
 New York Mets	74	88	21
 Miami Marlins	57	105	38

This will be the ultimate heavyweight fight between the three-headed monster pitching staff of Sale, Price, and Porcello for the BoSox and the power-slugging Bronx Bombers with Judge, Stanton, and Sanchez. This will come down to pitching, giving Boston the advantage, but

the X-factor will be highly-touted prospect Gleyber Torres for the Yankees. If he lives up to expectations, it could put New York over the top. Toronto will fall apart with the lack of pitching depth and this will be a rebuilding year for Tampa and Baltimore, with both teams likely to unload at the trade deadline.






<b>American League East</b>			
	W	L	GB
 Boston Red Sox	97	65	-
 New York Yankees	96	66	1
 Toronto Blue Jays	83	79	14
 Baltimore Orioles	70	92	27
 Tampa Bay Rays	66	96	31

Another case in point of one team standing on an island is Washington, who will dominate with perhaps the best rotation in baseball, although they need to add a major bullpen piece in order to be serious contenders. Atlanta and Philadelphia will be much-improved with a big boost from young talent, such as outfielder Ronald Acuna for Atlanta and shortstop J.P. Crawford from Philadelphia. New York will have another disappointing season with lots of injury concerns in the rotation and the lack of explosiveness in their lineup. Miami will continue to sell off more pieces as they enter a painful rebuild.

<b>American League Central</b>			
	W	L	GB
 Cleveland Indians	98	64	-
 Minnesota Twins	87	75	11
 Chicago White Sox	77	85	21
 Kansas City Royals	73	89	25
 Detroit Tigers	60	102	38






The AL Central will again be a one-horse race with Cleveland leading the pack with the most firepower and depth in both the rotation and lineup. Minnesota is one top-of-the-line starter short of approaching Cleveland, but with questions in the backend of the rotation and the

bullpen, they reside in second place and competing for a wild card spot. Chicago is a year or so away from realistically competing in the division, while Kansas City and Detroit begin a long rebuild after many successful seasons.

<b>National League Central</b>			
	W	L	GB
 Chicago Cubs	91	71	-
 Milwaukee Brewers	89	73	2
 St. Louis Cardinals	88	74	3
 Cincinnati Reds	70	92	21
 Pittsburgh Pirates	63	99	28



The NL Central will be one of the most competitive divisions in baseball with Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Louis vying for the top spot. Ultimately, Chicago will end up on top because of the most complete rotation and having playoff experience will give them the edge

down the stretch, though Milwaukee and St. Louis will each win a wild card spot. Cincinnati and Pittsburgh remain in the cellar and continue improving their teams for future seasons.

<b>American League West</b>			
	W	L	GB
 Houston Astros	110	52	-
 Los Angeles Angels	90	72	20
 Seattle Mariners	87	75	23
 Texas Rangers	83	79	27
 Oakland Athletics	77	85	33

Speaking of a one-horse race, the AL West will be controlled by Houston from opening day with perhaps the deepest lineup and most explosive rotation in the MLB and a good chance to repeat as World Series champions. Los Angeles will keep it close for a while with a

healthy Mike Trout and huge performances from P/DH Shohei Ohtani. Seattle will battle for a wild card spot with a deep, dangerous lineup. Texas lacks the quality depth and youth in the rotation and lineup to compete for the Wild Card, while Oakland is still in the midst of a long rebuild.

<b>National League West</b>			
	W	L	GB
 Los Angeles Dodgers	99	63	-
 Colorado Rockies	88	74	11
 San Francisco Giants	85	77	14
 Arizona Diamondbacks	83	79	16
 San Diego Padres	75	87	24

The NL West will be the best division in baseball next year from top to bottom, starting with Los Angeles, who with a surplus of young talent and money, will compete for another shot at a World Series. Colorado will have another good year with one of the best offenses

in the National league in a hitter-friendly ballpark, Coors Field, and San Francisco will return to success with an upgraded offense. Arizona will have a drop off after the departure of J.D. Martinez and have problems in the bullpen. San Diego continues the rebuild, but improves with addition of Eric Hosmer and maturation of young players, such as outfielder Manuel Margot.



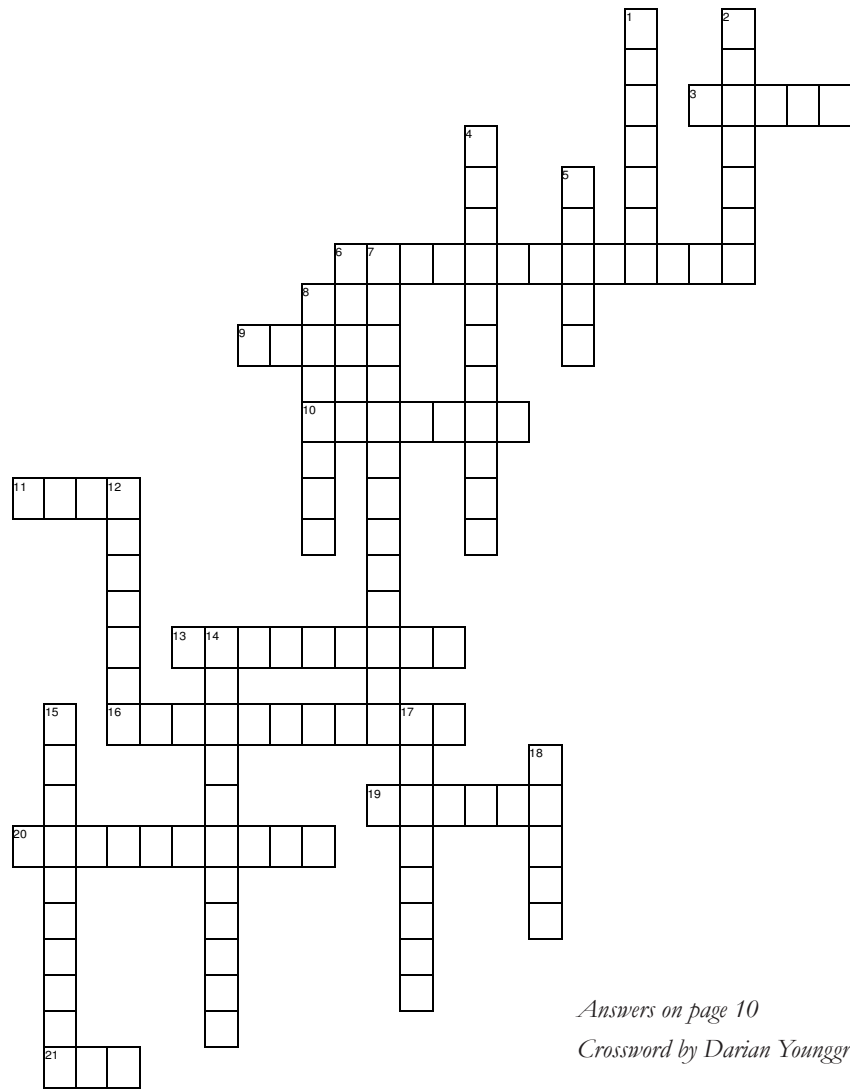
**Across**

- 3. I am the coed spring sport that requires a lot of endurance.
- 6. I am the cafe in Urbana closing after 4 years
- 9. I am the color of grass in the Spring.
- 10. I am something that April Showers brings.
- 11. I am a dance in May that a lot of money will be spent at.
- 13. I am the prom theme this year.
- 16. I am the break in March that students are looking forward to
- 19. I am the class in charge of the prom
- 20. I am the club that Prom is at this year.
- 21. I am the test that juniors are required to take in the spring.

**Down**

- 1. I am the day of March that the softball team opens up.
- 2. I am something that adults must give to "The Boss."
- 4. I am the mayor of Urbana.
- 5. I am something the black rose represents.
- 7. I am the mall in Urbana that is getting renovated
- 8. I am what you should watch if your spring break quiz answer is inconclusive.
- 12. I am the Mac N' Cheese that got the best score.
- 14. I am a teacher that teaches AP Environmental Science. What is my name?
- 15. I am your future predictor based on the stars.
- 17. I am what teens need to learn to do as they grow into adults.
- 18. I am the most popular way to go to prom.

**UHS Echo Spring Crossword**



*Answers on page 10  
Crossword by Darian Younggren-Halliday*



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# What state should you visit for spring break?

Jesus Morris  
Staff Writer

Keep track of how many of each letter you pick! Find out your spring break spot on the next page.

1. Where would we find you most in Urbana?

- A) Downtown businesses
- B) The Aquatic Center
- C) Meadowbrook Park

2. Which describes you most on a typical day?

- A) Busy
- B) Fun
- C) Calm

3. Who would you bring with you?

- A) My family
- B) My best friend
- C) No one

4. Which would be the most fun way to get around?

- A) Train
- B) Boat
- C) Horse

5. What would you do the most on your trip?

- A) Shop
- B) Swim
- C) Explore

6. How do you want your trip to make you feel?

- A) Energized
- B) Relaxed
- C) Free

7. Pick a color family:

- A) Dark
- B) Neon
- C) Pastels

8. What type of drink is your favorite?

- A) Coffee
- B) Smoothies
- C) Soda/Pop

9. What type of packer are you?

- A) Way too much
- B) The bare minimum
- C) Right in the middle

10. Which location sounds best to you?

- A) City
- B) Beach
- C) Country

## How are you going to spend your spring break?



"I'm going to the hot desert of Arizona for a college trip. I'm going by myself, but my aunt will be waiting for me." -Arianna Roberson, senior



"Driving and hoping I don't crash"-Emerson Owens, sophomore

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# Grow your garden

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**The Idea Garden:** *Diane Anderson/University of Illinois Arboretum*

If you are tired of always killing everything you plant and don't really have a knack for it yet, don't give up. There is still hope for you!

Alicia Burge, AP Environmental Science teacher suggests that

people looking to start gardening should start "small and with some plants that are easy to grow. This might include things like marigolds or pansies for flowers or tomatoes and peppers for vegetables."

She also recommends picking something "you would enjoy to eat or see so you are more apt to take care of it."

Burge also suggests "starting with young plants. Though it is cheaper to start from seed, it can be more difficult and caring

for really small, baby plants can be tricky."

And if these tips don't work for you, there is still hope! At the end of the year, you can just buy some plants from the AP Environmental Science classes!

## Answers to spring break quiz:

### New York City (Mostly As)

You're always in a rush to get to places on time. You're so busy you don't have time during the week to have fun. You save it for the weekend, if it's even possible! You should probably chill somewhere relaxing for spring break, but you'd probably hate it. New York (and its characteristic fast pace) is definitely for you!

### Florida (Mostly Bs)

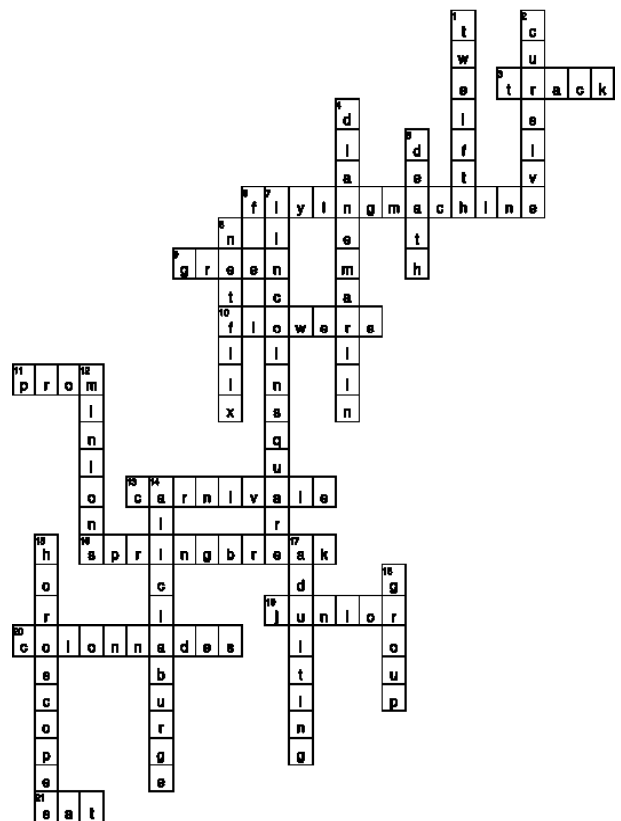
You have time to think about your future. You never rush to do work, and one of your strengths is going with the flow. You're drawn to the beach and the people there because the feeling of happiness and relaxation flows in everything there. This spring break, enjoy the fun (and sun) in Florida!

### Texas (Mostly Cs)

You love open spaces and independence. Like a wild horse, you follow your own path. With a mix of rural and urban areas, you can really have it all this spring break. Go to Texas for the freedom to ride whenever (and wherever) you want.

Too close to call? Stay home with some Netflix. That way, you can visit a different place through every new show or movie you watch!

## UHS Echo Spring Crossword





# A rose by any other name

**Zoe LaVigne**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Have you ever wanted to let someone know you hate them without actually telling them? Try flowers.

It may seem counterproductive, but if you're looking for that perfect passive aggressive way to send a message, you've found it.

The language of flowers has been used for centuries. Hanakotoba, the practice in Japan, is taken very seriously. Care has to be taken during funerals as bright flowers and flowers with strong scents are considered to be offensive. There are also countless ceremonies and everyday uses for which flowers are viewed as important.

Floriography in the Victorian Era was often used romantically as men would court their lovers without words, leaving flowers on doorsteps. A flower could be left in response to either reject or accept the proposal. Some examples of this are straw as a sign of unity and acceptance and a yellow carnation for romantic rejection.

The different personalities and moods of flowers have been represented in many works of literature and are used everyday. It is common knowledge that a red rose symbolizes love and passion, but the fact that there are opposites is not so common. The types of flowers and their colors can do a lot more than show admiration; they can convey negative emotions as well.

*Photos courtesy of the National Gardening Association*

Here are a few flowers you can use to make a bouquet of hatred:



Aconite: hatred, be cautious



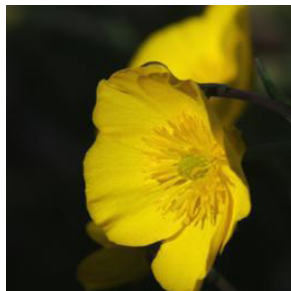
Aloe: bitterness



Begonia: beware



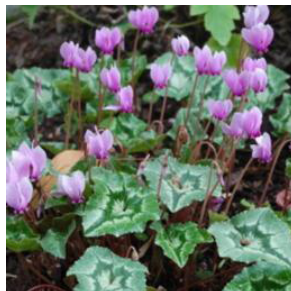
Black rose: death



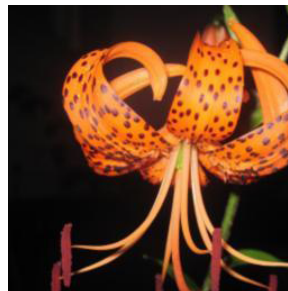
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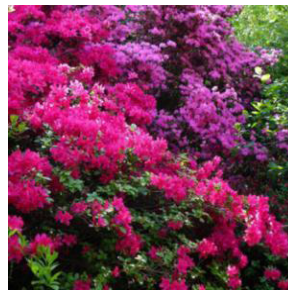
Cyclamen: separation, goodbye



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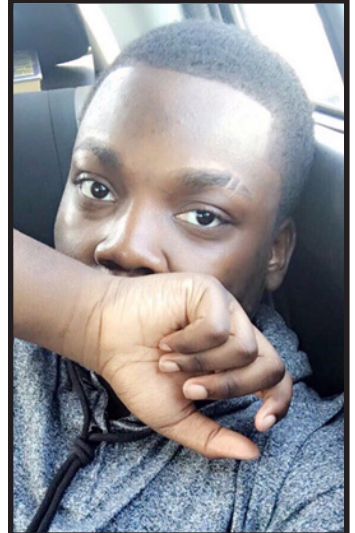


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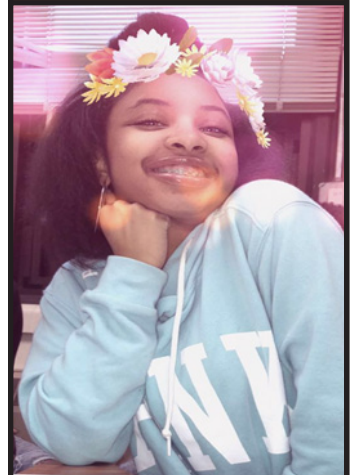


Rhododendron: danger, flee

How are you going to spend your spring break?



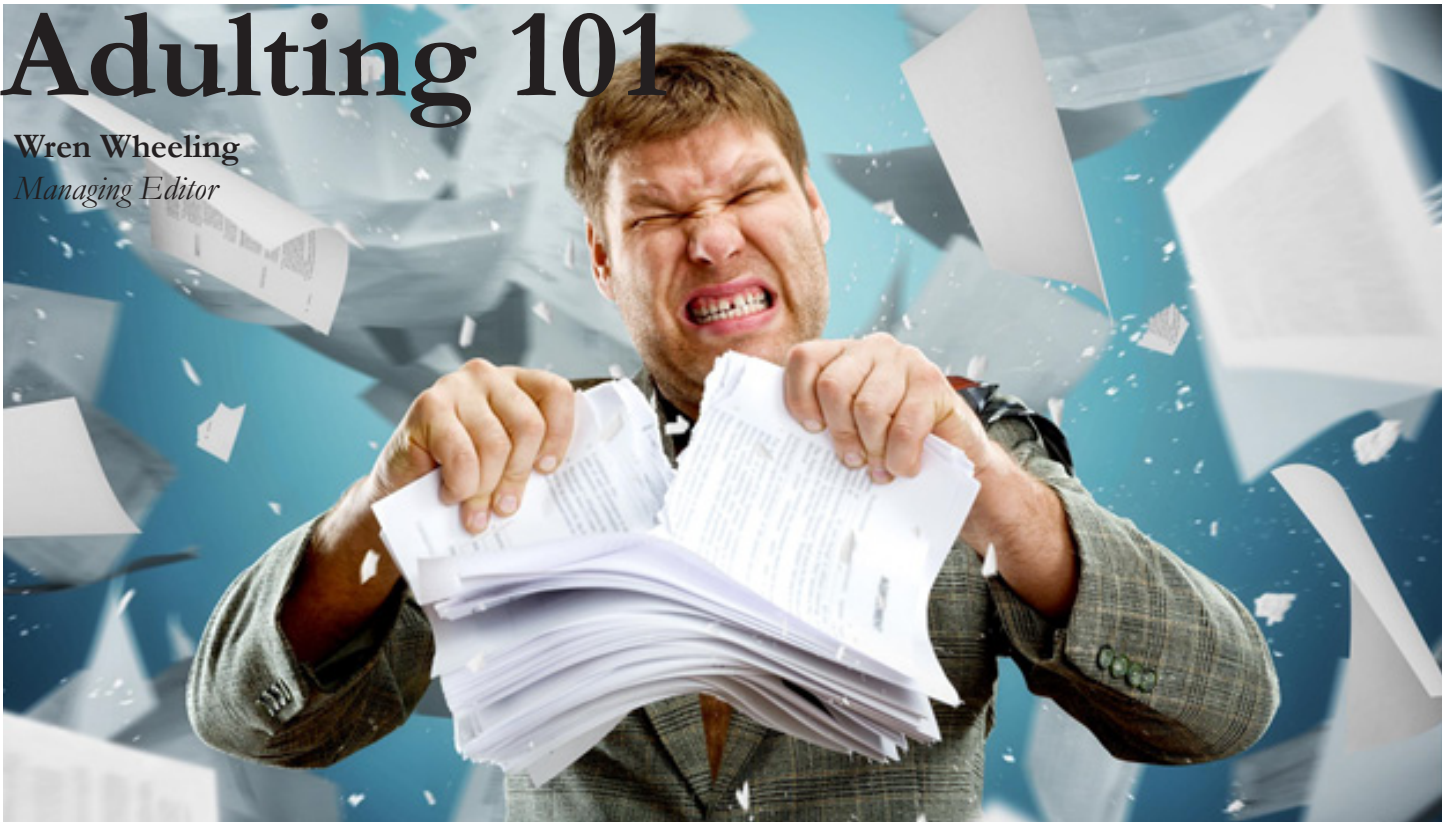
"I'll finally have time to edit photos and just hang out and chill"-Malliek Green, junior



"I'm going to be packing because I'm moving to Texas over spring break. I'll also be going to Atlanta, helping my aunt move, too."---Simone Harmon, junior

# Adulthood 101

Wren Wheeling  
Managing Editor



High school students are at that awkward age right in between a child and an adult. We value childish pastimes and rely on the adults in our lives to provide for us, but the unstoppable marching of time is pushing us further and further away from familiarity and innocence, and straight into the inescapable abyss of adulthood.

As the inevitable approaches, we are forced to take on tasks and responsibilities that we are not used to. This is a guide for high school students who are entering adulthood in ignorance, written by a high school student who also knows nothing.

Here are the basics:

## Laundry

All of our lives, we have simply tossed our dirty clothes into the bottomless hamper (or on the floor), and they magically appeared folded in our dressers hours later. When you become an adult™, the magic hamper will no longer work for you.

This is so you learn to become responsible and to take care of yourself.

It is your responsibility to purchase a washing machine. You can probably find one at the gas station or your local County Market. This will replace your hamper and assist you in your laundry duties. Just toss your clothes in the opening, throw in a bar of soap, and pound the buttons on the panel until it works.

If you are unable to find a washing machine, you can wash your clothes by hand in the sink along with your dishes, and leave them on your drying rack for a few days. This is a relatively simple task, so do not stress.

## Jobs

Finding a job can be very difficult, especially for a new adult™ with no experience. You have to find a way to appeal to a guy named "The Boss." The Boss is a powerful employment

god who offers jobs to supreme adults.

You need to have a resume, which is a piece of paper written in a secret code that only The Boss can understand. It probably has some good jokes on it, and smells like oregano. If your resume is to The Boss' taste, he will contact you and offer you a job in whatever field you want.

Tip: offering a human sacrifice to The Boss will increase your chances of being noticed

## Making Your Own Appointments

Call your mom and tell her to do it.

## Food

Forget about cereal and microwave dinners. An adult™ is only allowed to eat gourmet home-cooked meals with fine wine to drink. As soon as you become an adult™, you will like things like brussel sprouts, and liver

and onion meals.

If you don't know how to cook these things, you are probably better off just eating out every night. Adults™ are actually allowed to do that, so it isn't a bad option.

## The Rules

- Once you are an adult™, everything you write must be in cursive. This is the law.
- Your milk cannot be chocolate. Only plain.
- You must have a child. You will be given one at midnight under a full moon, probably in a Walmart parking lot or something.
- You must do yoga and listen to classical music.

Transitioning into adulthood can be very difficult without any help. Luckily, reading this guide will (possibly) help you become the ultimate adult™.

You're welcome.



# Spring Horoscopes

Wren Wheeling and Zoe LaVigne

Managing Editor and Editor-in-Chief

## Aries

(March 21-April 19)

The grass is turning green and the sun is starting to shine. As spring's happiness begins to break through yesterday's winter, aspects of your life are beginning to improve drastically. Sometime soon, you will receive good news that will change your life for the better.

## Taurus

(April 20-May 20)

It is your time to celebrate, Taurus. Take these next few months to focus on yourself and enjoy life. Try new things, take care of yourself, and have fun. Springtime is yours to take by the horns!

## Gemini

(May 21-June 20)

The rain is coming in to wash away the winter at this time of year. You should use the springtime to wash negativity and regrets out of your life so you can start over. It is never too late to create the life that you want for yourself.

## Cancer

(June 21-July 22)

Come out of your shell this spring, cancer. It is the perfect time to get out and hunt for new things to do. You may want to just lay inside until summer gets here, but that's what a chicken would do. Try something new, it will be egg-citing!

## Leo

(July 23-August 22)

With the rain and gloomy weather, you may be feeling a little down or lonely. For your health, you might want to begin looking for more company. You can do this by making new friends, or by bringing home a new pet to lift your spirits. Perhaps a bunny?

## Virgo

(August 23-September 22)

It is a time of new beginnings, Virgo, and something in your life may be needing a change. Wipe away toxicity and find what makes you happy. Spring is the perfect time to start with a clean slate. You deserve it.

## Libra

(September 23-October 22)

With a new season comes new growth, and that includes the people around you. It is possible that someone close to you has seemed withdrawn recently. Don't take it too personally. If you feel the need, just ask them about it. You may be surprised.

## Scorpio

(October 23-November 21)

As the weather is warming up, now is the time to go outside and experience life. Don't just stick to your old places; go on adventures and do things you never have before. It will be good for you, Scorpio.

## Sagittarius

(November 22-December 21)

Now is the perfect time for you to start a new relationship, Sagittarius, whether it be romantic or platonic. It is time to meet new people, but you should also make time to allow your current relationships to grow. You need people you can trust through thick and thin.

## Capricorn

(December 22-January 19)

Flowers come in many different shapes and colors, yet they are all seen as beautiful. People are the same. You may be comparing yourself to others, but keep in mind that beauty and worth are matters of perception. What is important is that you see your own.

## Aquarius

(January 20 to February 18)

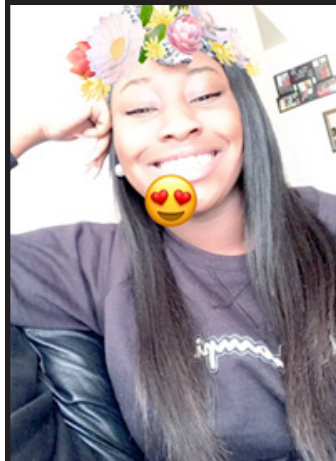
Keep the people you love close to you this spring, Aquarius. Just because we are coming out of the winter now, doesn't mean there is not still bad weather ahead. It is important to not get too comfortable. You may miss something important.

## Pisces

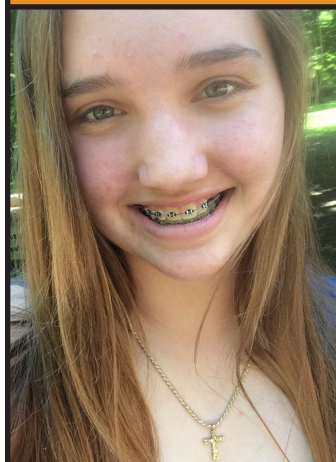
(February 19 to March 20)

Stormy weather is approaching, but do not be afraid. Thunder and lightning may be striking in your life now, but remember that rain brings life. Survive the storm and good things are sure to pop up.

How are you going to spend your spring break?



"I'm going to Tennessee to meet up with my family and then heading down to Disney for a week." ---Majestic Dunlap, senior



"Trying to balance soccer and work" -Lauren Reifsteck, senior

# This may seem cheesy

## *An Easy Mac review*

**Wren Wheeling and Zoe LaVigne**  
*Managing Editor and Editor-in-Chief*

It's easy, it's cheesy, it's mac-y. What is it? You guessed it, it's the mac-n-cheese shapes review everyone has *definitely* been anticipating.

It's believed that with the various kinds of Kraft Easy Mac, the shapes somehow all taste differently. We spent our entire fourth period class eating Easy Mac shapes in the faculty lounge to see for ourselves.

Our experiment consisted of three different Easy Mac shapes: Minions (ugly banana sellouts), Trolls (that one movie that has nothing but song covers), and Star Wars (space fighting, pew pew).

Here's what we found:

### **Star Wars:**



It was really hot and burned our mouths. We probably should've waited a bit after it came out of the microwave, but we're salty so we are just going to blame Kraft for our tongue injuries (thinking of starting a GoFund-Me to sue).

The cheese was pretty thick (ooh), and tasted pretty sharp. It was an enjoyable taste, but

the shapes were unidentifiable blobs after the cheese was put in (Wren doesn't mind because she isn't a Star Wars fan. "I don't want to see that weird little dalek, anyway").

The pasta itself was fairly large, and it didn't seem to cook thoroughly because some bites were crunchy. It didn't have a good mouth feel and made us sad.

Overall rating: 6/10

### **Minions:**



The cheese was too liquidy, which is likely our fault because we put too much water in, but again we are just going to blame Kraft.

Fortunately, the thin cheese allowed us to see the shapes perfectly... not that we wanted to look at the Minions anymore (haven't we seen enough?!)

The recommended cook time was accurate, and the texture of the pasta was perfect. The cheese, though watery, tasted amazing. It wasn't nearly as sharp as the others, but was creamy and delicious. No complaints in that category.



The Star Wars easy mac: *Wren Wheeling/The Echo*

Overall rating: 7/10

### **Trolls:**



The cheese in this was thin, similar to the cheese in the Minions cup. However, it was just as sharp as the Star Wars cheese. The shapes themselves were too small, which caused an awkward mouthfeel (very tiny, what am I biting?)

After sitting for a few minutes, the cheese started to thicken (sorcery suspected) which made it a bit less awkward.

Overall rating: 4/10

In general, all the shapes are easy to distinguish when the

pasta is dry, but difficult once the cheese sauce has been added (we feel kinda bad for eating Bob and Dave) (Zoe: "I don't, they deserve it"). The fill lines for all of them were too high. They had to be drained or they were watery. Although the Minions were the best, all the mac had similar issues with the pasta texture and the consistency of the cheese. Thus, none were rated above a seven.

Note: The microwave in the faculty lounge looks weird. Some teachers may be aliens. It is being investigated.



*We have no real issues with Kraft. This is satire. Do not send us money to sue. You can send us money if you want to though.*



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- Junior Class
- Senior Class
- Student Senate
- Tiger Time

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- African-American Club
- Asian-American Club
- Eclectic Dance Team
- Latino Club
- Latino Dance Group
- MEP
- Multi-cultural Club
- Spanish Club



### Science and Math

- FFA
- Math Club
- Science Club
- Science Olympiad

### Arts

- Chess Club
- Debate
- Loophole
- Theatre
- VCR

### Service

- Habitat for Humanity
- Key Club
- Interact Club

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