

## out in the stars

**July 22-Aug. 4**

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Special to Q-Notes

The Sun changes signs this week, moving into exuberant Leo, while retrograde Mercury redirects, clearing up communication. These planets now open up the floodgates on our dreams, hopes and desires. Whoosh! Full steam ahead, comrades...and I don't mean hot air!

**ARIES** (March 21 - April 20)

Randy gay Rams can't contain themselves when Sun enters feisty Leo. You are bursting with inspiration, spit and fire. Let it Out! You are also the life of the party, commanding everyone's full attention and taking control of the festivities. Lucky us. It's a good thing that Mercury goes direct now. At least your orders are accurately received, even if they are ultimately ignored...

**TAURUS** (April 21 - May 21)

Concentrate on home projects when the sun travels into energetic Leo. Proud Bulls looove to entertain and this is one of the best times to plan intimate soirees and delightful dinners with assorted companions. Another benefit of this solar placement is your ability to discuss prickly issues with parents. Your confidence soars! Mercury direct provides the omph and tri-omph.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)

Chatty rainbow Twins can take full advantage of the Sun in magnanimous Leo to get their point across in a charming and convincing manner. Press your point every chance you get, cousin. It can't hurt that retrograding Mercury also goes direct this week and helps clear up any confusion over finances. Ask the right fiscal questions now and bolster your bottom line.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23)

Don't despair that the Sun is leaving your own sign and treading into Leo, pink Crab. This simply means that the spotlight may be off you, but your ability to reap the monetary rewards of such attention are now heightened. Make good use of directing Mercury (in your own sign, by the way) to create your own buzz. It pays to advertise, cousin.

**LEO** (July 24 - Aug. 23)

Mercury goes direct enabling you to see hidden things clearly as the sun moves into your own sign and magnifies your best attributes. Happy Birthday, proud Leo! You are at the top of the heap for the next 32 days, so make good use of this charismatic energy to launch new projects, meet new people and create a new, lavender you. At the very least, become a legend in your own mind.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

The Sun in independent Leo has all queer Virgins marching to the tune of a different drummer. You become inflamed with the need to make a difference in our community. Get Out there and get involved; the sun guarantees that you can make a difference now. Fortunately, as chatty Mercury goes

direct, you can even enlist the help of a few campadres in your good gay efforts.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Charming gay Libras happily turn their attention from careers to social activities when the sun enters Leo. Enjoy being the leader of the pride parade, but don't rest on your professional laurels, cousin. Now, as Mercury goes direct, you are offered the rare opportunity to clear up any workplace misunderstandings.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Both the Sun in Leo and direct Mercury set a fire under you and bring you to the boiling point. Queer Scorps are agitating to demonstrate their talents and make their mark on the world. It is an excellent time to plan your next big move, whether it's in your career, with any travel plans or in any personal mission. There are no small ideas, only small people. Sad, but true.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)

Proud Archers are ready to pack up and escape their mundane surroundings when the sun traipses into feisty Leo. Heck, why not? Happily, when Mercury goes direct, you will be able to say the right things to convince even the most domesticated lover to travel to the ends of the earth with you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

Feeling too hot to handle? Blame it on the sun in Leo which stirs your embers and enflames your passionate desires. Whew! Pink Goats are hot to trot and need some direction. Thankfully, Mercury goes direct and offers some guidance. Use this time to bolster current relationships or to forge new ones. Single Caps are overflowing with sexuality.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Aqueerians are apt to drift from regimented regimens as the Sun ambles into Leo. Whatever is expected of you gets pushed to the bottom of the "To Do" list. You are more interested in relaxing and putzing around with partners. It's okay to have fun, but don't let projects stagnate either. Direct Mercury clears the way for you to accomplish tasks.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)

As the Sun enters Leo, rainbow Fish become more interested in applying themselves on the job. It's a good time to clear off your desk and find shortcuts to inefficient, ongoing projects. You are in luck; Mercury goes direct and supplies expansive thought and great creativity to any task at hand. It is time to view everyday life from an entirely different angle. ▼

*[Charlene's book, HerScopes: A Guide To Astrology For Lesbians (Simon & Schuster), is in bookstores now. Visit her web site at www.AccessNewAge.com! Stargazer for astrological greeting cards, articles, horoscopes, and pride jewelry by Ponce]*

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## Vigil

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Phillips, a detective with the sheriff's department. A preliminary hearing in juvenile court was scheduled for July 13.

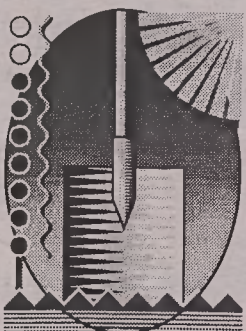
Brenda Warren told the *Gazette* that her son was "constantly being picked on and harassed," but did not know why he was murdered.

According to Angela Dunlap, a board member of the WV Lesbian and Gay Coalition, Warren had spoken to her last year about being intimidated and attacked various times by unidentified high school boys in town. ▼

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