

**Metro: Mental Health**

**A Safe Place** is a group sponsored by Phoenix Rising for men with cognitive and developmental disabilities who are gay, bisexual or have sex with other men. (Tom 248-3658, ext. 27296.) (5/99)

The **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Multnomah County** provides a support group for the families of people who are severely mentally ill. Meets first and third Mondays. (7-9 pm at Room HCC6, Providence Medical Center, 4805 NE Glisan St. 775-5400.) (5/99)

**Phoenix Rising Foundation Inc.** is a nonprofit organization offering mental health services, based on a sliding fee scale, to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and transsexual communities. (620 SW Fifth Ave., Suite 710, Portland, OR 97204. 223-8299.) (5/99)

**Metro: Recovery**

**Live and Let Live Club** holds 12 step meetings and social activities for the lesbian and gay recovery community. Call for current meeting times and activities. (2940-A SE Belmont St. 238-6091.) (5/99)

**Lunch Bunch** - AA meetings specifically for gays and lesbians and open to everyone. Meetings daily at noon, Sundays at 1 pm. (MCC Portland, 2400 NE Broadway. Use the stairs on the north side of the building to enter.) (5/99)

**Positive and in Recovery** meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. This group is modeled after the 12 step traditions of AA and NA. (Upstairs conference room, 5305 E 18th St., Vancouver, Wash. (360) 735-9170.) (5/99)

**YOUTH**

**Metro: Youth**

**Awakenings** youth social group meets every Wednesday. Sponsored by Roots and Branches. (6-8 pm at Harry's Mother, 3942 SE Hawthorne Blvd. 233-8111.)

**Outside In** has transitional housing for HIV-positive youth aged 17 to 22 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Also **VOICES** (Voices of Individual and Community Empowerment from the



**Mike E. Walsh's site-specific installation, *Lest We Forget: A Dialogue on AIDS*, examines AIDS' toll on Oregon's artistic community, through Feb. 5 at The Gallery at Stevenson Union on the Southern Oregon University campus in Ashland**

Streets), a self-support group for queer youth. (6-8 pm Thursday at Outside In, 1030 SW 13th Ave. 223-4121.) (5/99)

**Phoenix Rising Foundation Inc.**, a mental health agency primarily serving members of the sexual minority

communities, hosts drop-in social and support groups for sexual minority youth. Metro groups held at SMYRC, other groups include: **Clackamas Youth Alliance** (4:30-6 pm Wednesday at Campfire Boys and Girls, 5427 Glen Echo Ave., Gladstone), **Hillsboro Youth Group** (4-5:30 pm Wednesday at Room 125,

Public Services Building, 155 N First St., Hillsboro), **Transitions** (3:30-5 pm Wednesday in Room 8, 11640 SW Parkway, Beaverton). (223-8299.) (5/99)

**Pride Mentorship Project** matches Washington County gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans and questioning

youth between the ages of 13 and 19 with a caring and responsible adult who can serve as a role model. (Natalie Marsh 872-9664.) (5/99)

**Rainbow** is a multicultural peer support and activity group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans and questioning youth. (4:30 pm Monday at Metropolitan Community Church of Portland, 2400 NE Broadway. 281-8868.) (5/99)

**Sexual Minority Youth Recreation Center (SMYRC)** offers drop-in computer access, pool tables and an informal place to hang out. Also hosts weekly youth support groups including Windfire, Trans Youth Group and Personal Deity Proxy (a creative group). (4-8 pm Wednesday, 4 pm-midnight Friday and Saturday, 424 E Burnside St. 872-9664.) (5/99)

**Young Men's Group** offers gay and bisexual men aged 18 to 27 years an opportunity to socialize, discuss relevant topics, plan events and organize community building events. Part of the Speak to Your Brothers program of Cascade AIDS Project. (Geoffrey 223-5907, ext. 145. feschgeoff@aol.com.) (5/99)

**Youth HIV/STD Prevention Project** provides fun and educational programs along with counseling and testing to queer youth in a friendly relaxed environment. Sponsored by Multnomah County, Cascade AIDS Project and Outside In. (872-9664.) (5/99)

**Willamette Valley:**

**Youth**

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Questioning Youth Group** offers support, information and fun for youth aged 13 to 18. (4-6 pm Friday at Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard St., Eugene. (541) 684-3466.) (5/99)

**MY STARS!**



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**HOROSCOPES FOR JANUARY**

THIS MONTH'S SIGNS:



CAPRICORN



AQUARIUS

**ARIES**—You've been slapped around for the past two years; get the point yet? Need some help? Psst—it's called compromise. Some of the walls you bang that horny head against aren't obstacles. They're there for support. Take heed and learn to follow (for once) another's lead, or January's end could get messy.

**TAURUS**—When are you bulls and bull dykes going to start listening to those little voices that speak of flowery oases in far away lands and push you to change that which you love the most: the status quo? It's time to dust off those fairy wings and fly to some greater heights. If you don't make some changes now, you'll get spanked till you do—or maybe you'd like that?

**GEMINI**—This month, on top of dating everyone under the sun—all at once, or two to three at a time—I expect you to sit down and write that book you've been talking about for the last year or so. (If Chastity could do it....) You know, the one containing all the truths that have been transmitted to you from the deepest reaches of our collective unconscious. But first you'll need to get off the pitcher's mound and pull yourself away from the crotch of the day.

**CANCER**—Set your aspirations high, honey. Instead of going home with the floozy passed out on the bar, try somebody that can still stand. Maybe set your aspirations even a little bit higher. This is a time of success as

long as you keep striving for you highest dreams. Think *Priscilla*.

**LEO**—Batten down your hatches my little pussycat. Your fear of tears in the beginning of the month might find fruition in the end. Don't take too literally what those bitches say; they don't know the grace of your heart.

**VIRGO**—The mysteries of the universe could unfold in front of you, the cosmos stripped bare of all mystery, and still you'd ask the mundane question: why? Your greatest difficulty right now is believing in the truths that you cannot grasp in your hand. One question for you though: If you can't hold a rainbow in your hand, how do you know it exists?

**LIBRA**—Lately, you've looked doggedly determined and radiantly beautiful when you're pissed off. Very Jodie Foster. Now, focus that energy towards something worthwhile and you might find yourself in a situation where—for a change—you get what you want instead of what everybody else wants of you.

**SCORPIO**—You poor little misunderstood child. (Yawn.) Remind me to shed some tears for all those fabulous creations you've never made because of your own self-pitying defensiveness. Who cares what the hell they might think, it's your world, honey. Dream it. Now! Or accept the fate of your bitter indecision.

**SAGITTARIUS**—Imagine you're in a bar with an (uncharacteristically) bitchy drag queen shining her spotlight in your eyes. She releases a merciless cackle as she slowly strips you of your clothing in front of every person you've ever desired. You're vulnerable, sensitive and open to ridicule. Congratulations, this is only a first step in your process of self-acceptance. The first of many to come.

**CAPRICORN**—Beware the desire to be better than others (rather than simply bettering yourself). To base your self-worth upon others' perceptions is to cut yourself short of your true potential. Set your own standards and surpass them as only you can. Set your own destiny, for no one else knows your potential like you. Hit that softball out of the park!

**AQUARIUS**—Honey, the dildo of your life has just been given new mega-batteries and it's been turned up too high. Ride those chaotic waves of pleasure and pain like a warrior princess and you might just spill your love upon us all. Let it all out. You've got enough for everyone!

**PISCES**—The pussycat tipped over your fishbowl and you floundered on the kitchen floor. Now it's time to move on. Most of you are in the process of moving on, whether into a new house, a new love or a new gender. Whatever the endeavor, be assured that your actions are protected by goddess benevolence and fairy fate.