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Fathers—The Men In Our Lives

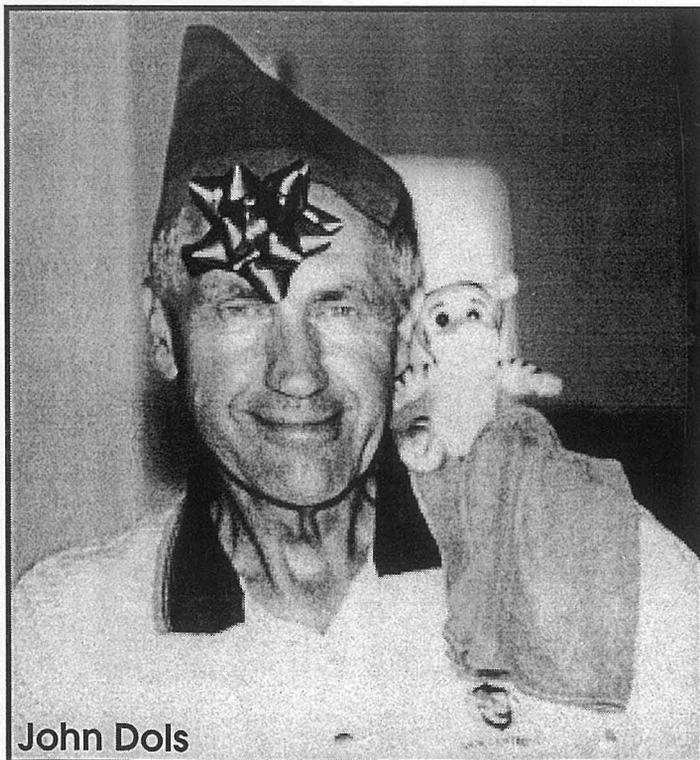
By ANGELA SOTO

It's Dad's Day June 20th and we wanted to honor our fathers as we did our mothers last month on Mother's Day.

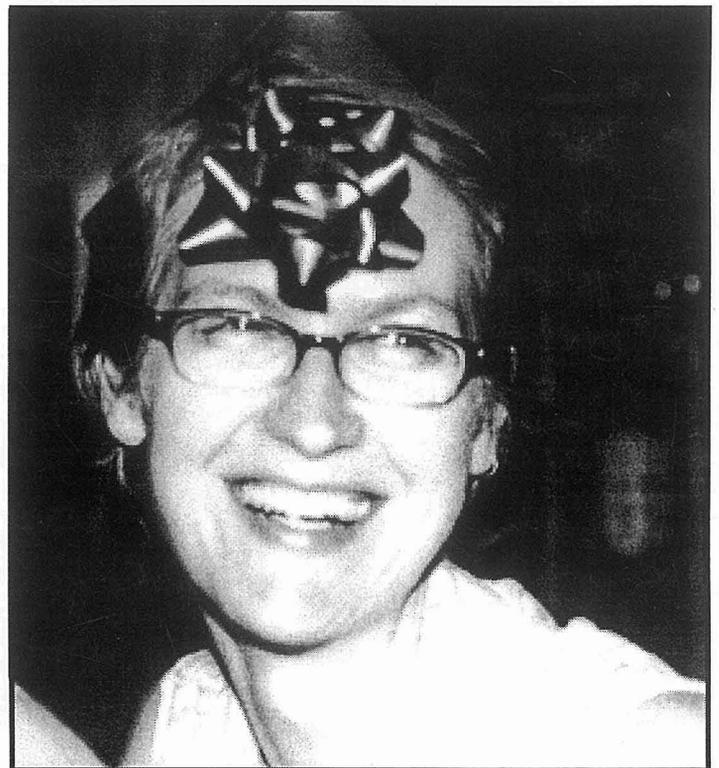
What we gathered—to reflect the men in our lives—is pictures, quotes, animal father facts, and a glimpse of the fathers of celebrities who have managed to find success because of or in spite of their fathers.

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“It no longer bothers me that I may be constantly searching for father figures; by this time, I have found several and dearly enjoyed knowing them all.” — Anonymous

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“It is a wise father that knows his own child.” — William Shakespeare



John Dols



Linda Dols—Like Father Like Daughter

I was exposed to big city culture out in the country on a small farm because of my dad.

He's not a typical Minnesota dairy farmer. He loves all kinds of music, movies, and theater. When I was young he would play classical music in the morning and the soundtrack to "Hair" in the afternoon. He sees every movie that comes to the local movie theater. I remember him telling me that he was the only person in the theater for the "Crying Game."

He also loves photography and documented much of my childhood.

I feel very fortunate to have grown up in this environment.
—Linda Dols

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AZ POLITICS

Friends,

Nearly two years ago after losing the primary election by 58 votes after redistricting I promised myself that I would never again run for the Arizona legislature. As politicians have done since time immemorial, I'd like to break that promise! But I need your help.

If the new lines for District 11 are upheld by the courts I will have an excellent opportunity to go back and fight for you at the state capitol.

I face an almost insurmountable hurdle, however. I must collect 600 signatures on petitions by June 9th. Typically I have spent many months gathering signatures. This time I have only 3 weeks.

I want to run again because I am frustrated at the leadership in the House. Certainly every person who cares about the GLBT community should be concerned, if not frightened, by those in power at the legislature. Yet every Arizonan should be fed up with a body that ignores economic opportunity, refuses to prioritize spending in a logical fashion, fails to provide resources and focus to our education system, is happy to deny affordable access to quality health care for those in need, and spends inordinate amounts of time on silly "postcards" instead of tackling the issues that really matter.

In the end our state government should work to improve the quality of life for all of Arizona. But we have a leadership that doesn't care about all of us and members who simply don't have the knowledge, ability or interest. Too many of them would prefer to be in the "good old days" of 40 or 50 years ago.

We need to move Arizona forward. We need to identify new opportunities and embrace change. We need a government that shows concern for all Arizonans. And we need legislators who believe in freedom and equal treatment under the law.

I certainly made mistakes in my prior two terms of office. There's a learning curve we all face. I also have made mistakes in prior campaigns from which I have learned as well. I hope you will forgive my mistakes or offenses.

If you want me on the ballot this year, I need your help. I will need a significant commitment from you, perhaps several weekend mornings or weekday evenings between now and June 9th.

If you want to help, please call me at 480-607-2773 or email me at steve@wisdomnaturalbrands.com.

For those of you wishing to send checks, please wait until we have the signatures gathered. I will cover the initial expenses.

Thank you for your support.

Steve May

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Fathers

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When Melissa Etheridge was eight her father gave her her first guitar. At age 11 she won a local talent contest and as a teenager she would bring along her guitar when she accompanied him to his National Education Association teachers' conventions. Soon she had become a fixture in Leavenworth, Kansas, at supermarket openings, and bowling alleys. Her proud father always looking over her shoulder. He passed away in 1991.

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A male sea catfish keeps the eggs of his young in his mouth until they are ready to hatch. He will not eat until his young are born, which may take several weeks.

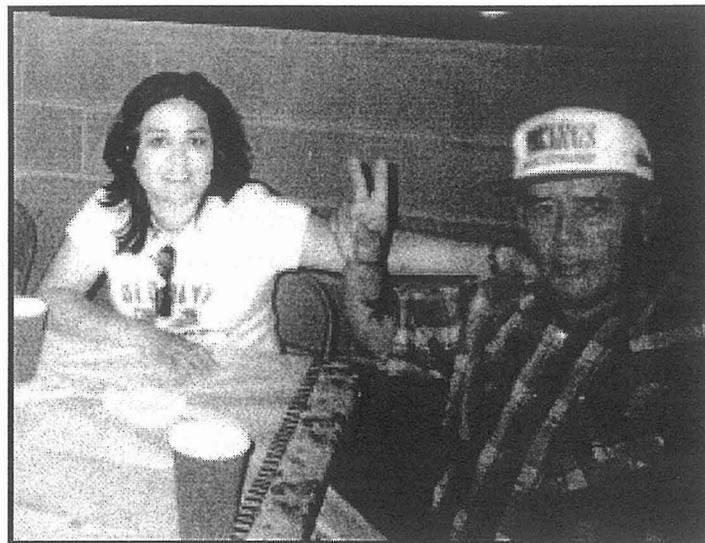
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Ellen DeGeneres has said that her stepmother and father threw her out when she came out as a lesbian, saying she would be a bad influence on her young stepsisters.

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A male cockroach eats bird droppings to obtain precious nitrogen, which he carries back to feed his young.



Linda Brawner and her father, Ray.

His name is Ray Dix and he was truly the "man of my dreams" ...all my life. No matter what dream or scheme I had, he tried to help me realize it or supported me in it. Daddy's family of - girls-his three daughters, my mother, and grandmother always came first. He nurtured me and my sisters with every opportunity he could through college educations, car and camping trips all over the United States and Canada, church, and his quiet way of caring. He loved playing the organ, remodeling his houses, making peanut brittle and cinnamon buns, and traveling to new places. Daddy designed aluminum furnaces for Reynolds Metals as a job, but he also designed a life full of love and laughter for himself and his family. —Linda Brawner



Debbie Moreno with her father.

One of the gifts I have received from my father has to be his great sense of humor. Even though he has suffered from Parkinson's disease for over 15 years, it has not tainted his joy of laughter. He still finds the time to tell some of his silly jokes when we all get together. He is a reminder to me, that with a good sense of humor even the most adverse situations can be overcome. —Debbie Moreno

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"One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters." — English Proverb

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Portia de Rossi lost her father to a heart attack when she was only nine years old. The loss spurred Portia, who was raised by her mom, to live life to the fullest and to pursue every opportunity that came her way.

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Most male ducks live as bachelors, but the ruddy duck of North America helps care for his young.

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"A father carries pictures where his money used to be." —Author Unknown

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Rita Mae Brown was abandoned as an infant, starting life in an orphanage until she was finally rescued by relatives. She was traumatized by poverty, and later, by the death of her adopted father, and closest friend, Butch. These early experiences had a profound influence on her as a writer.

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Since earthworms have both male and female sex organs, every earthworm can be both a mother and a father. Animals that have both male and female organs are called hermaphrodites.

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"It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father." -Pope John XXIII

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# Alice B. Readers Appreciation Medal

The Alice B. Medal selection committee is made up of lesbians in Arizona who, after years of reading and enjoying books written by, for, and about lesbians, decided to thank those writers who have contributed so much to our community and culture. The Alice B. Medal is awarded to authors of lesbian fiction who have consistently produced well-written, inspirational, and entertaining fiction over the years. It is a one-time-only award and writers need not to have published recently. The award consists of the Alice B. Readers Appreciation Medal, a lapel pin handcrafted in silver and an honorarium of \$500.

Lesbian writers Peggy J. Herring, Karin Kallmaker, and Radclyffe have been selected to receive the Alice B. Readers' Appreciation Medal of 2003-04. Winners were selected from a list of "favorite lesbian authors;" however current publication may cause a writer to be selected earlier than others on the list. Readers may nominate writers to the "favorite" list by sending the name of their favorite author to the Alice B. Committee, 181 East Allen Lane, Huachuca City, AZ 85616.

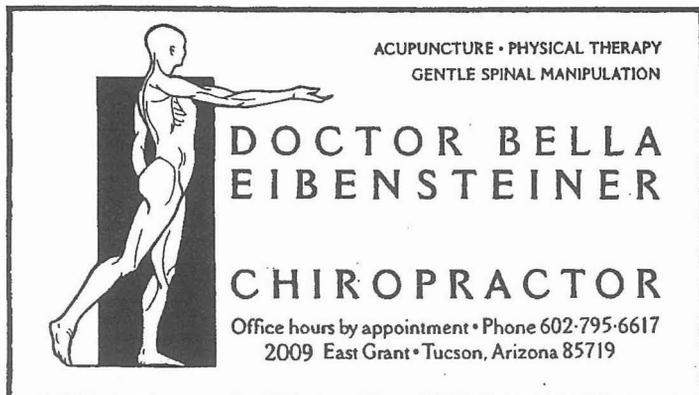
Peggy J. Herring, with her 2003 novel *Distant Thunder* and her nine other novels (*A Moments Indiscretion*, *Beyond All Reason*, *Calm Before The Storm*, *Hot Check*, *Love's Harvest*, *Once More With Feeling*, *To Have And To Hold*, *The Comfort of Strangers* and *Those Who Wait*), is one of the committee's favorite romance writers. First published in 1995 by Naiad, she currently is published by Bella Books.

Karin Kallmaker, with last year's *One Degree of Separation* joining her previous twelve romance novels (*Car Pool*, *Embrace In Motion*, *In Every Port*, *Making Up For Lost Time*, *Maybe Next Time*, *Painted Moon*, *Paperback Romance*, *Substitute For Love*, *Touchwood*, *Unforgettable*, *Watermark*, and *Wild Things*), her book of short stories/epilogs (*Frosting On The Cake*), and her five fantasy novels written under the nom de plume of Laura Adams, began writing for Naiad in 1989 and is also currently published by Bella Books. If one has read her books, one would

have to agree that Kallmaker is justifiably "the undisputed mistress of Lesbian Romance." She has two more books slated for publication in the near future: *All The Wrong Places* and *Sugar*.

Radclyffe, who is a newcomer as a published lesbian writer, has had 14 books published in the past three years. Her "Honor" series (*Above All Honor*, *Honor Bound* and *Love And Honor*), her "Justice" series (*Shield of Justice*, *A Matter of Trust* and *In Pursuit of Justice*), her "Provincetown" series (*Safe Harbor* and *Beyond The Breakwater*), an historical novel (*Innocent Hearts*), a gothic romance (*Love's Melody Lost*), and four strictly romance novels (*Love's Tender Warriors*, *Love's Masquerade*, *Passion's Bright Fury* and *Tomorrow's Promise*) all demonstrate her versatility and skill as a writer. Radclyffe began with Renaissance Alliance/Yellow Rose/Quest in 2001, but her books are now published by Book Ends Press and are distributed by Starcrossed Productions. She has two new books due out in March: *Justice In The Shadows* and *Shadowland*.

We urge everyone to read these fine author's work and that of other lesbian writers. Support your local independent book sellers.

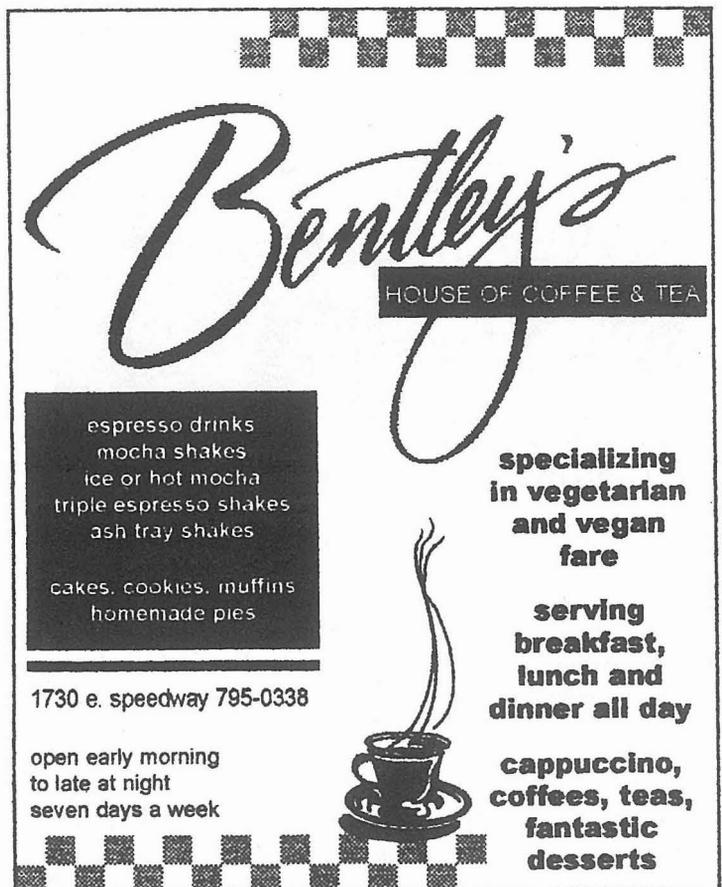


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# Gay Pride Events from Phoenix to San Diego

BY MARY WATT

## PHOENIX

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual Pride Celebration in Phoenix was scheduled for Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Unfortunately, we had torrential rain on

Thursday and Friday. The Pride Parade went on as scheduled at 10 a.m. in downtown Phoenix but, the all day event in the park had to be changed to Sunday because the ground was too wet.

The parade was huge and included everything from financial institutions to the very wild drag queens. Many of the people on the "floats" threw out bead necklaces like in a Mardi Gras parade. Friends told me that the crowd was much smaller than usual. Rain was predicted for the parade but it held off until late in the day.

On Sunday I went with a friend to the rescheduled event. The five music stages had been scaled back to one. The \$10 entry fee per person was well worth the price for the booths alone. The booths represented organizations such as Lesbian Cancer Survivors, Arizona Human Rights Fund <http://ahrf.org/>, etc., the queer fraternity and sorority at Arizona State University, which represent the only officially sanctioned gay fraternity and sorority in the country.

They had the usual booths with clothing, t-shirts, buttons, etc. My friend said the event had about half the usual crowd, no doubt due to the rescheduling and the rain threat. After three hours we were exhausted and just as we left, about 4 PM, it started to rain lightly.

## FLAGSTAFF

If you're looking to go to the next Pride in Arizona mark your calendar for Saturday, June 12, 2004 for "Pride in the Pines" in Flagstaff. The featured acts are 80's pop star Tiffany, ("I Think We're Alone Now") and nationally acclaimed lesbian comedian seen on HBO and Comedy Central, Susan Westenhoefer. Check out their website at [FlagstaffPride.org](http://FlagstaffPride.org) or call 928-213-1900. It takes place in Wheeler Park, downtown Flagstaff. The sponsoring hotel, Radisson Woodlands, is already booked up. Try online booking of hotels or motels at these websites [hotels.com](http://hotels.com), [A black and white photograph of a banner for "ARIZONA CENTRAL PRIDE" in Phoenix, Arizona. The banner has a textured, slightly grainy appearance. The text "ARIZONA CENTRAL PRIDE" is in large, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, "Phoenix, Arizona" is written in a smaller font. On either side of the text are stylized logos that resemble the letter 'A' or a similar symbol, possibly representing the LGBTQ+ community or the event itself.](http://FreeHotel</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

Photo by Mary Watt

music and dancing at the Orpheum Theater.

## TUCSON

Pride Week in Tucson with events all week is June 17-27. This year's Pride theme for the year is "Everyone Under The Sun." Activities during Pride Week are geared to giving you many opportunities for Getting to Know Your Community, to meet and get to know people, groups and resources in our Tucson LGBT community. Pride Week will begin with a kickoff social evening mixer on Thursday, June 17, sponsored by the Community Business Association, which will be open to the public. There will be special nights at LGBT bars during Pride Week. See their website at [TucsonPride.org](http://TucsonPride.org).

A parade sponsored by a different organization, [TucsonPrideParade.com](http://TucsonPrideParade.com) will be held on Sunday, June 20, followed by a block party on 4th Ave. between 5th St. and 4th St. The parade will begin at 6 PM from Catalina Park at 2nd St. and 4th Ave. For more information about the parade contact Vincent Wicks, [notstr8@hotmail.com](mailto:notstr8@hotmail.com), 520-271-6001.

**Rubyfruit staff will be marching with their banner. It would be great to have some of our subscribers join us and be a part of the fun. The more the merrier!**

## SAN DIEGO

The annual San Diego Pride is huge and takes place July 30, 31, Aug 1, 2004. Their theme this year is "30 Years of Pride: Strength in Numbers, 1974-2004." Check out their website [sdpride.org](http://sdpride.org) or telephone 619-297-7683. All of these pride events are about getting together to have a good time, show our strength in numbers, make our presence known in our communities as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people.

*Mary Watt has relocated to Phoenix and has agreed to be our reporter of events in that area that are of interest to our readers. Thanks Mary!*

# Our Loss, Heaven's Gain

By ANGELA SOTO

Gloria Anzaldúa, writer, poet, among the most daring and influential chicana dyke-feminist theorists died in her home in California due to complications from diabetes May 15, 2004; she was 61.

A small group of friends gathered together in Oakland and built an altar in her honor.

"We prayed for her passage...that it be full of light, that as she greets her ancestors, may it be the powerful homecoming she so deeply deserves," said longtime friend Cherrie Moraga.

Anzaldúa has won numerous awards, including the *Before Columbus Foundation American Book Award*, the *Lamda Lesbian Small Book Press Award*, the *Lesbian Rights Award*, the *Sappho Award of Distinction*, an *NEA (National Endowment for the Arts) Fiction Award*, and the *American Studies Association Lifetime Achievement Award*.

As co-editor of three multicultural anthologies, Anzaldúa has also played a vital role in developing an inclusionary feminist movement but she was best known for *Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza (1987)*, a collection of poetry and prose which was named one of the 100 Best Books of the Century by both *Hungry Mind Review* and *Utne Reader*.

## Pride Celebrations in the West

- June 12 - Pride in the Pines - Flagstaff, AZ
- June 12 - Albuquerque Pride, - Albuquerque, MN
- June 17-27 - Tucson Pride - Tucson, AZ
- June 18-20 - Christopher Street West Festival - West Hollywood, CA
- June 19 - PrideFest San Antonio - San Antonio, TX
- June 19-20 - Portland Pride - Portland, OR
- June 26-27 - San Francisco Pride - San Francisco, CA
- June 26 - Houston Pride - Houston, TX
- June 27 - Pride Fest - Denver, CO
- July 20-August 1 - San Diego Pride - San Diego, CA



"What I ask, in Gloria's name, is that where ever you are....In your home, on campus, in your organizations—that you build an altar for Gloria with flores (flowers), her writings, photos, velas (candles), the ways you wish to honor her and help her make this passage. I'm sure as the news settles, larger memorials will be organized around the country, especially in Tejas (Texas) and California...Nueva York (New York), the places where Gloria resided. In the meantime, honor her with your prayers, as you believe," Moraga said.

A public memorial will be planned at a later date.

Some of Anzaldúa's works include:

- This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color (1981)*
- The New Mestiza (1987)*
- Making Face, Making Soul/Haciendo Caras: Creative and Critical Perspectives by Feminists-of-Color (1990),*
- Friends from the Other Side/Amigos del otro lado (1993)*
- Prietita and the Ghost Woman/ Prietita y la Llorona (1995)*
- Interviews/Entrevistas (2000)*

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# Different Spirit

BY ROBERT BUCHANAN

## The Good Guys

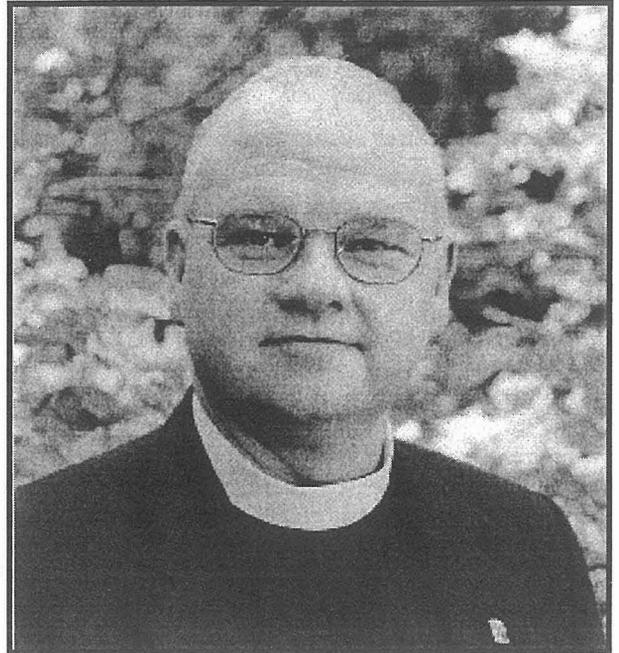
I have been told that Americans are the “good guys.” We have values, honor human life and respect other people. Apparently this is not true when it comes to our military intelligence practices. I have often disagreed with my government, but my level of dissatisfaction with the United States government has never reached the point it has now. The pictures from Abu Ghraib prison speak for themselves. I am ashamed of our leadership.

These men were humiliated and disgraced with no sense of dignity, no respect for human life, and certainly no respectable values. Military intelligence personnel were under a great deal of pressure to get better information and locate the non-existent weapons of mass destruction that the Bush Administration had told us made Iraq a threat to world security. According to Major General Taguba’s report, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld gave Major General Geoffrey Miller the task of beefing up interrogation techniques among prisoners in Iraq. After all, the war had to be justified so they needed to find something.

The techniques used are shameful and hit me much harder than usual war news. I was deeply grieved and angered seeing the pictures of men humiliated naked and forced to either commit sexual acts with other men or at least look like they were for the cameras. The picture of the men chained together lying on the floor naked in public view and at least simulating anal intercourse will be hard to get out of my mind. What kind of horrible creatures would stand around and laugh at men forced to rape one another? They are the horrible creatures that come from an Administration that is so conservative our President has often claimed he is doing the will of God. This is not the work God, President Bush, this is the work of great evil!

On a personal level the pictures brought back fears of high school over two decades ago. I skipped physical education class for months because I was afraid to shower with the other guys. I was attracted to my own sex. I was afraid they would notice a possible erection and rape, beat or kill me. At least, the guys I went to school with often said that is what they would do to a faggot. I had no reason to doubt them because violence was a regular part of the routine at the inner city Chicago school I attended. The teachers simply laughed along with these kinds of threats, so I knew I would have little if any support. Like many gay young people, I lived four years in terror. The acts committed at Abu Ghraib by our military cause me to empathize with the prisoners far more than I can justify any possible intelligence gained.

On a different level the horrendous acts remind me of the claims of the religious right concerning a passage of Scripture in



the first chapter of Romans . While the passage is used to condemn same-sex relationships, it actually speaks of those who commit sexual acts that are unnatural to them as a part of the worship of fertility gods. It has nothing to do with loving acts between two people of the same sex who have a natural homosexual orientation. At Abu Ghraib, General Miller was responsible for the oversight of people who stepped up interrogation by forcing prisoners to have sexual relations that are not part of their natural orientation. They were forced to do sexual acts with their peers watching, and under the mocking laughter of American soldiers. This is the evil spoken of in the Bible.

It is always dangerous when a government claims to be doing the “will of god” or makes religious claims about itself. George Bush is no exception. For under his command people have been tortured and killed; Under his command they have been humiliated and dishonored; Under his command people have been forced to do acts that the Bible describes as indecent, abominable, depraved, and evil. The God of Christianity, Islam, and Judaism requires that we respect all persons as made in the image of God. Bush, Rumsfeld, Miller, and all those involved in the horrendous acts in Iraq should be very careful the next time they decide to claim they are on the side of God and righteousness.

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# The Gay & Lesbian Atlas

A 232-page "Gay and Lesbian Atlas" went on sale May 4. The paperback is full of maps, graphs and other information about the country's gay population. Using statistics from the 2000 census, co-authors Gary Gates and Jason Ost of the Urban Institute found that San Francisco has the highest concentration of same-sex couples households in the country.

California has more same-sex households than any other state. Pick up a copy at your local bookstore or visit [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).



# Fathers

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Rosie O'Donnell's mother died of cancer when she was 10 years old but her mother's death was a mystery to her as she was not told what her mother died of until she was 16. Her father was emotionally ill-equipped to raise his five children, according to O'Donnell, and she dealt with his detachment by immersing herself in television shows. She is currently estranged from her father.

The male Darwin frog hatches his eggs in a pouch in his mouth. He can eat and continue about his business until his tadpoles lose their tails, become tiny frogs, and jump out of his mouth.

The Czech/American, former world number one and alltime great tennis player, Martina Navratilova, was given over-the-knee spankings with a ruler by her father when she misbehaved while growing up in Czechoslovakia.

The male sea horse has a pouch in which the mother lays her eggs. The father then looks after the eggs for about two months, until they hatch and leave the pouch.

kd lang's father, Adam Frederick Lang, was a pharmacist and the family owned the local drugstore, Lang's Pharmacy. In 1962 the family moved to Consort, Alberta, where kd lang was brought up. Her father left home for another woman when she was 12 years old.

When the mother wolf gives birth to pups, the father stands guard outside their den and brings food to the mother and pups. As they grow, he not only plays with them but also teaches them how to survive. Wolves continue to live together much as human families do.

As with mothers, fathers don't necessarily have to be your biological connection to be important men in your life; it can be a brother, an uncle, a teacher or a co-worker. So, to all of those important men in our lives who have in some way influenced our growth, Happy Father's Day!

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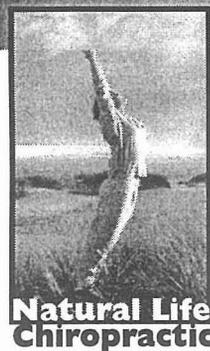
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# Ask the Sweet Old Butch

Dear Sweet Old Butch,

Two years ago I got out of a controlling relationship that I had been in for seven years. That was my first really serious relationship where we lived together. I kept thinking things would get better and I thought if I made certain changes we would be happier. I don't really understand why I tried so hard because she really hurt me, not only physically but also my sense of who I was and my trust in another person. There must be something wrong with me. Sweet Old Butch, I am wondering if I can ever be in a healthy relationship and also, do you think I should tell the next person I might want to date? I'm finally feeling a bit interested in reaching out but these questions are holding me back and I'm feeling very confused.

Feeling Lost

Dear Feeling Lost,

You are describing very understandable feelings given your situation of betrayal. When we make a commitment to someone and live together it is reasonable to expect good things—happiness, fun, trust, and the joy of building a home together. It sounds like you gave it your all and tried everything you could think of for the benefit of the relationship. To have someone you love and who says she loves you hurt you physically and psychologically does destroy trust. Trust is not just earned one time; it needs to be maintained and re-affirmed.

After your experience of abuse it is completely understandable that you would doubt if trust is possible. Relationships are always a risk because you have to get to know the other person and you have to make yourself vulnerable to them. It sounds like you gave yourself a good long time to do some healing after your long term relationship and that you have

claimed back some of your identity. That places you in a strong position to identify if someone you're interested in starts to show any signs of possessiveness, jealousy, verbal abuse, or a violent tendency. If you see any of that you can break off seeing her. Putting your well-being first is important—and healthy. It's not a surprise that you blamed yourself because people who choose to abuse do everything they can to confuse and instill self-doubt in the person they abuse. But remember, they chose the abusive behaviors and they are responsible for them, not you.

As far as your question about telling someone you start to date that you have previously been abused that is your choice. Chances are when you get to know the other person well and you feel safe you will want to share this important experience in your life, even though it was a painful one. If your new partner is a caring and compassionate person she will respond with love; if she responds negatively you will have some very important information about her.

I hope that you will feel less lost as you reclaim your sense of self and have some validating experiences once you start socializing. This Sweet Old Butch feels it is worth the risk and that healthy relationships with give and take are possible.

Sweet Old Butch

*Sweet Old Butch is a space for lesbian, bisexual, and transgender women, as well as our family, friends, and admirers, to ask all kinds of questions about all kinds of relationships and related issues—romantic, family, sexual, spiritual, health, professional, self, and so on. If you have a question, please send it to: Wingspan; c/o Sweet Old Butch; 300 E. 6th St.; Tucson, AZ; 85705 or email it to [lori@wingspan.org](mailto:lori@wingspan.org). If you have a relationship question that can't wait, please call 520-624-0348 or 1-800-553-9387 24 hours a day.*

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# TELEVISION, MUSIC & FILM

In the month of June the Sundance Channel once again will be showing LGBT films for Gay Pride month. Films include:

“Gasoline,” directed by Monica Stambrini. Stella, a working-class car mechanic, and her bourgeois girlfriend Lenni are the fugitive lovers at the center of this Italian filmmaker’s surreal debut feature.



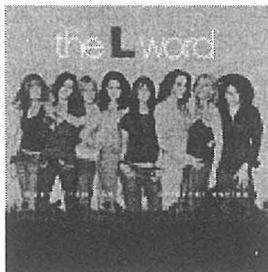
“Fire,” directed by Deepa Mehta. The first Indian film to depict a lesbian relationship.

“Go Fish,” directed by Rose Troche. Troche’s spunky romance focuses on the lives of a group of friends, who just happen to be lesbians.

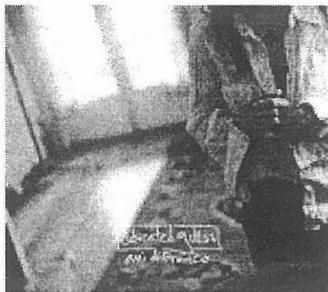
Go to: [www.sundancechannel.com/schedule/](http://www.sundancechannel.com/schedule/) for show dates and times.

The L Word Soundtrack was released May 4<sup>th</sup>. It includes:

- The Murmurs - “Genius”
- Lucinda Williams - “Right In Time”
- Joan Armatrading - “The Weakness In Me”
- Marianne Faithful - “The Pleasure Song”
- Connie Francis - “Everybody’s Somebody’s Fool”



Ani DiFranco’s latest CD, Educated Guess is what DiFranco fans have wanted for years. This eight-track album is a return to her naked roots of words and guitar, entirely played, sung, and taped by Ani herself.

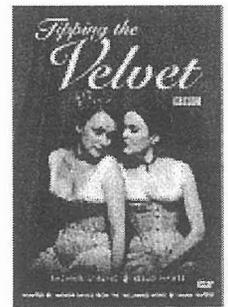


If you missed “D.E.B.S.,” the short film, at Wingspan’s FilmFest this year, the feature-length film, is due out in theaters this June! Written and directed by openly lesbian Angela Robinson,



“D.E.B.S.” is a satire of teen films and action blockbusters. It follows five high-school girls turned secret agents.

“Tipping the Velvet,” is now available on DVD! This three-part BBC production is an adaptation of Sarah Waters’ acclaimed novel of lesbian love, betrayal, and redemption in Victorian England.



“Laughing Matters,” coming soon on DVD July 6<sup>th</sup>, is a documentary by Andrea Meyerson that alternates between interviews and live stand-up performances with four lesbian comedians, Kate Clinton, Karen Williams, Marga Gomez and Suzanne Westenhoefer.



In Disney’s latest film, “Home on the Range,” k.d. lang pours her perfect pitch in the song “Little Patch of Heaven.” An added bonus in the film is Rosanne Barr as the voice of Maggie, the lead cow girl. The Home on the Range soundtrack is now available.



**NEW Email Address for Calendar events, Fruitnotes and Press Releases:**

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## WEB SITES OF INTEREST

A new Web site is dedicated to telling the stories of gay and lesbian couples who've gotten married in the last several months in San Francisco, New Paltz, Asbury Park, Sandoval County, and Multnomah County.

"7,000 Strong" located at:

[www.purpleunions.com/7000strong/addastory.html](http://www.purpleunions.com/7000strong/addastory.html)

The Web site offers free space for couples to tell their stories—how they met, what led them to decide to get married, and what they experienced on the big day - and to add a picture of themselves, if they wish.

The idea is to bring together as many couples as possible, to build awareness of the love and dedication they have for one another. Together, the group represents 7,000 couples that have a powerful voice. People who traveled miles, literally to get to the destination to marry, as well as traveling a long way, both in their relationships, and as a group for civil rights change.

## ANTIGONE BOOK GROUPS

**Sun., June 13:** Democracy and Dissent Book Group will discuss *Webs of Power*, by Starhawk. Noon at Antigone Books (special day and time).

**Sun., June 13:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Book Group will discuss *The Lovely Bones*, by Alice Sebold. 2 PM at Antigone Books.

**Sun., June 20:** Southwest Lit Book Group will discuss *Caramelo*, by Sandra Cisneros. 2 PM at Antigone Books.

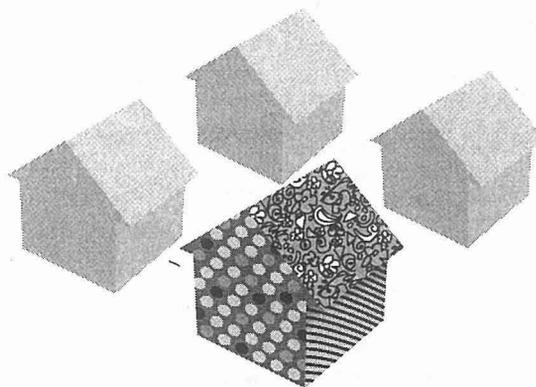
**Sun., June 27:** Buddhist Book Group will discuss *Not Turning Away: The Practice of Engaged Buddhism* by Susan Moon. 2 PM at Antigone Books.

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# C A L E N D A R

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- ▼ Designates weekly events
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## Tuesday, June 1

**Profiling: The Undermining of our Civil Rights - Wingspan Community Forum**, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. Contact Lori B. Girshick at 520-624-1779 or [lori@wingspan.org](mailto:lori@wingspan.org)

▼ SAAF Positive Experience Men's HIV Group 6:30-8:00 PM, 628-7223.

▼ Square Dancing with T-Squares, 6:30-8:00 PM, Cornerstone Fellowship Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo, 624-5247.

▼ Lesbian Support group, 6:30 PM, discussion and social activities, call Dorian Easty at 882-7723.

▼ Eating Disorders Support Group, 5:30-7:30 PM, St. Philip's in the Foothills.

## Wednesday, June 2

▼ SAAF Haven Support Group, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM, 628-7223.

▼ SAAF Volunteer Walk-In Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 PM, 628-7223.

▼ AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Pride Law Clinic, 4:30-6:30 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

▼ Lesbian AA, 5:30 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Cornerstone Fellowship Bible Study, 7 PM, 622-4626.

▼ Positively Sober AA 7:30 - 8:30 PM, Wingspan Annex 739 N. 4th Avenue

★ PFLAG Tucson meets 7:00 PM in the Greenberg Financial Group offices, 4511 N. Campbell Avenue, Suite 255 (second floor). Help Line 575-8660. Website: [pflagtucson.org](http://pflagtucson.org)

## Thursday, June 3

**Womyn's Sweat Lodge Ceremony**, 3:00pm - 7:30 PM, 1506 W. Ontario, Tucson. Contact Ku Istana 690-0546 or [kuistan@hotmail.com](mailto:kuistan@hotmail.com)

**The Heidi Chronicles**. 7:30 PM, Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E Speedway. Production of the 1989 Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Wendy Wasserstein. Tickets are \$12-\$14. For more information, call 327-4242.

▼ SAAF Heterosexual Support Group (for straight men and women living with HIV/AIDS), 11:00-12:30 PM, 628-7223.

▼ Cornerstone Fellowship Bible Study, 7:00 PM, 622-4626.

▼ Pink Triangle AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Al-anon, Wingspan, Annex, 7:00 PM, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Desert Crones, 1:00-3:00 PM UU Church, 22nd and Swan.

▼ LezBeSingle online planning meeting, 6:30-7:30 PM. Contact: [lezbesingle@cox.net](mailto:lezbesingle@cox.net)

★ GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network), 4:30 PM, Wingspan, 743-4800.

## Friday, June 4

**Saul Williams Reading**, 4:00-6:00 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. Williams is a progressive spoken word hip-hop poet. For more information contact Wingspan at 624-1779.

**The Heidi Chronicles**. 7:30 PM, Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E Speedway. Production of the 1989 Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Wendy Wasserstein. Tickets are \$12-\$14. For more information, call 327-4242.

▼ Women in Black Peace Vigils, 5-6 PM, corner of Speedway and Euclid. All welcome, please wear black.

▼ AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

## Saturday, June 5

**The Heidi Chronicles**. 7:30 PM, Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E Speedway. Production of the 1989 Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Wendy Wasserstein. Tickets are \$12-\$14. For more information, call 327-4242.

▼ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youths 23 and younger, 3-4:30 PM, Wingspan.

▼ Women's Coffee House Night At Bentley's, 9:00-11:00 PM, 1730 E. Speedway. Non-smoking, non-drinking environment, all are welcome. Featuring a local female musician or talent. Admission is free. 795-0338.

★ Theater/Dinner/Etc. Non-smoking Lesbian Network, dining out, shows, movies, varied activities, 888-8010.

★ LesBiGay Reading Group, Borders (Oracle & Roger), 7 PM.

## Sunday, June 6

**The Heidi Chronicles**. 3:00 PM, Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E Speedway. Production of the 1989 Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Wendy Wasserstein. Tickets are \$12-\$14. For more information, call 327-4242.

▼ GLBT Meditation Group, 9:30 AM Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo, Worship service 10:30 AM, 622-4626.

▼ Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain Ave., Worship service 10:15 AM, 292-9151.

▼ AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous), 1:30 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Broad Perspectives, Women's Radio Show, KXCI 91.3 FM, 6:00-7:00 PM.

▼ Outloud: Gay and Lesbian Radio show on KXCI 91.3 FM, 7:00-8:00 PM.

▼ Secular Organizations for Sobriety (Save Our Selves) 8:00 PM Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

## Monday, June 7

▼ AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Women's Resource Center, U of A, general meeting.

▼ Breast Cancer Support Group, 3-4 PM, Cancer Care Center of S. AZ.

▼ Desert Voices, 7:00 PM, Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain Avenue. Contact Rebecca Cohen, 791-9662.

★ Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) 7:00 PM, Wingspan 300 E. 6th St., 624-1779.

## Tuesday, June 8

**Wingspan Volunteer Orientation**. 5:30-7:00 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. For all new and potential Wingspan volunteers. For information and a volunteer application, contact Mark English, Volunteer Programs Coordinator, at 520-620-6245, or [mark@wingspan.org](mailto:mark@wingspan.org). Or visit [www.wingspan.org](http://www.wingspan.org)

▼ SAAF Positive Experience Men's HIV Group 6:30-8:00 PM, 628-7223.

▼ Square Dancing with T-Squares, 6:30-8:00 PM, Cornerstone Fellowship Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo, 624-5247.

▼ Eating Disorders Support Group, 5:30-7:30 PM, St. Philip's in the Foothills.

## Wednesday, June 9

▼ SAAF Haven Support Group, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM, 628-7223.

▼ AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Pride Law Clinic, 4:30-6:30 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

▼ Lesbian AA, 5:30 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Cornerstone Fellowship Bible Study, 7 PM, 622-4626.

▼ Positively Sober AA 7:30 - 8:30 PM, Wingspan Annex 739 N. 4th Avenue

\* Puertas Abiertas/Open Doors (PM (LBGT Support Group), 6:00-8:00 PM, at SAAF South, 1200 E. Ajo, Ste. 109. For more information contact: Ernie 547-7762

## Thursday, June 10

**The Heidi Chronicles**. 7:30 PM,

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Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E Speedway. Production of the 1989 Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Wendy Wasserstein. Tickets are \$12-\$14. For more information, call 327-4242.

▼ Pink Triangle AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ SAAF Heterosexual Support Group (for straight men and women living with HIV/AIDS), 11:00-12:30 PM, 628-7223.

▼ Women's Circle of the Center for the Sacred Feminine, 7:30 PM, Donna at 743-4138.

▼ Desert Crones of Tucson, 1:00-3:00 PM, Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. 790-4933.

★ Community Business Association meeting, RSVP, 577-5999, ext. 1112, or <http://bonzo.com/CBA>

★ Poz Café Luncheon, TIHAN, 11:30 AM-2 PM, St. Francis in the Foothills, 299-6647.

## Friday, June 11

**The Heidi Chronicles.** 7:30 PM, Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E Speedway. Production of the 1989 Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Wendy Wasserstein. Tickets are \$12-\$14. For more information, call 327-4242.

▼ Hep C Education & Support Group, 10 AM - 11 AM (2nd and 4th Fridays of the month) SAAF, 628-7223.

▼ AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Women in Black Peace Vigils, 5-6 PM, corner of Speedway and Euclid. All welcome, please wear black.

★ Anonymous HIV Testing, 3:30-5 PM, Wingspan.

## Saturday, June 12

**The Heidi Chronicles.** 7:30 PM, Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E Speedway. Production of the 1989 Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Wendy Wasserstein. Tickets are \$12-\$14. For more information, call 327-4242.

**Meandering Dykes Pool Party.** Please contact Carla or Rhett at 298-8691 or email MGC34@aol.com

▼ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youths 23 and younger, 3-4:30 PM, Wingspan.

▼ Women's Coffee House Night at Bentley's, 9:00-11:00 PM, 1730 E. Speedway. Non-smoking, non-drinking environment, all are welcome. Featuring a local female musician or talent. Admission is free. 795-0338.

★ 40's and Better Breakfast, 9 AM at Chaffins Family Restaurant, 902 E Broadway. Social gathering for women over 40 to network and say hello. Call 584-0339.

## Sunday, June 13

**Democracy and Dissent Book Group** will discuss *Webs of Power*, by Starhawk. 12:00 Noon at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave. (special day and time).

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Book Group will discuss *The Lovely Bones*, by Alice Sebold. 2:00 PM at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

**Meandering Dykes Brunch.** Please contact Debbie at MeanderInTucson@aol.com or call 579-9827.

**The Heidi Chronicles.** 3:00 PM, Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E Speedway. Production of the 1989 Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Wendy Wasserstein. Tickets are \$12-\$14. For more information, call 327-4242.

▼ GLBT Meditation Group, 9:30 AM Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo, Worship service 10:30 AM, 622-4626.

▼ Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain Ave., Worship service 10:15 AM, 292-9151.

▼ AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous), 1:30 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Secular Organizations for Sobriety (Save Our Selves) 8:00 PM

Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Broad Perspectives, Women's Radio Show, KXCI 91.3 FM, 6-7 PM.

▼ Outloud: Gay and Lesbian Radio show on KXCI 91.3 FM, 7-8 PM.

## Monday, June 14

▼ AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Women's Resource Center, U of A, general meeting.

▼ Breast Cancer Support Group, 3-4 PM, Cancer Care Center of S. AZ.

▼ Desert Voices, 7:00 PM, Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain Avenue.

▼ Grace Catholic Gay/Lesbian Support Group, 7:30 PM, SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell.

★ Dezert Girlz, 7:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

## Tuesday, June 15

**Patty Griffin Concert.** City Limits Nightclub, 6350 E Tanque Verde Rd. Doors open at 7:00 PM. Tickets \$35 in Advance; \$37 Day of Show. Call 733-6262 for details.

▼ SAAF Positive Experience Men's HIV Group 6:30-8:00 PM, 628-7223.

▼ Square Dancing with T-Squares, 6:30-8:00 PM, Cornerstone Fellowship Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo, 624-5247.

▼ Lesbian Support group, 6:30 PM, discussion and social activities, call Dorian Easty at 882-7723.

▼ Eating Disorders Support Group, 5:30-7:30 PM, St. Philip's in the Foothills.

★ Desert Boyz (transgender female to male support group), 7:00 PM, Wingspan.

★ SAAF: Volunteer Orientation, SAAF, 375 S. Euclid Ave. 3-hour training covering basic agency and HIV information for those who want to volunteer on an on-going and regular basis. Call 628-7223 for the time and to sign-up.

★ GLBT Full Commission, 5:30 PM, Equal Opportunity office, 100 N. Stone, 628-7223.

## Wednesday, June 16

▼ SAAF Haven Support Group, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM, 628-7223.

▼ SAAF Walk-In Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 PM, 628-7223.

▼ AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Lesbian AA, 5:30 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Pride Law Clinic, 4:30-6:30 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

▼ Cornerstone Fellowship Bible Study, 7 PM, 622-4626.

▼ Positively Sober AA 7:30 - 8:30 PM, Wingspan Annex 739 N. 4th Avenue

## Thursday, June 17

**Community Business Association Mixer & Pride Kick-Off.** 6:00-8:30 PM, Doubletree Hotel at Reid Park, 445 S. Alvernon. \$15 charge, which includes hors d'oeuvres. For more information contact: Matt Harding at 323-5200 or [mharding@dtreidpark.com](mailto:mharding@dtreidpark.com)

**Great Sex Is Within Your Reach,** 7:00 PM, Center for the Healing Arts, 2550 E. Fort Lowell. \$10 or 4 seminars/\$35. Contact Info: [Merryl@GreatSexSecretDesires.com](mailto:Merryl@GreatSexSecretDesires.com) or 690-5765.

▼ SAAF Heterosexual Support Group (for straight men and women living with HIV/AIDS), 11:00-12:30 PM, 628-7223.

▼ Pink Triangle AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Positive Experience Men's HIV Group, 6:00-7:30 PM.

▼ Desert Crones of Tucson, 1-3 PM, Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. 790-4933.

## Friday, June 18

**ONCE JUNK HOME DECOR: Workshop.** WomanKraft, 388 S.

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Stone, 1:00-4:00 PM. Tuition: \$25.00, supplies included. 629-9976.

**Pride Week Miniature Golf Outing,** Funtasticks Family Fun Park, 7:00-10:00 PM, 221 E. Wetmore.

▼ Women in Black Peace Vigils, 5-6 PM, corner of Speedway and Euclid. All welcome, please wear black.

▼ AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

## Saturday, June 19

**Meandering Dykes Games Night.** Please contact Debbie at MeanderInTucson@aol.com or call 579-9827.

**PAINT YOUR DREAMS: Workshop.** WomanKraft, 388 S. Stone, 1:00-4:00 PM. Tuition: \$25.00, supplies included. 629-9976.

▼ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youths 23 and younger, 3:00-4:30 PM, Wingspan.

▼ Women's Coffee House Night At Bentley's, 9:00-11:00 PM, 1730 E. Speedway. Non-smoking, non-drinking environment, all are welcome. Featuring a local female musician or talent. Admission is free. 795-0338.

## Sunday, June 20

**Queer Wedding Forum & Expo,** 1:00-4:00 PM, Doubletree Hotel, 445 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson. Contact: Adam (Wingspan Community Forum Committee) [wingspan\\_cfcc@hotmail.com](mailto:wingspan_cfcc@hotmail.com)

**Southwest Lit Book Group** will discuss *Caramelo*, by Sandra Cisneros. 2:00 PM at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

**Tucson's 5th Annual LGBT Pride Parade.** The Parade will start at 6:00 PM at the park on the corner of 4th Avenue and 2nd Street, and end with a block party on 4th Avenue in front of IBT's, Desert Pride, and Rainbow Planet coffee shop. For more info contact: Vincent Wicks at (520) 271-6001; [notstr8@hotmail.com](mailto:notstr8@hotmail.com) or Matt Harding at (520) 991-9265; [mharding@dreidpark.com](mailto:mharding@dreidpark.com)

▼ GLBT Meditation Group, 9:30 AM Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo, Worship service 10:30 AM, 622-4626.

▼ Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain Ave., Worship service 10:15 AM, 292-9151.

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▼ SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous), 1:30 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Secular Organizations for Sobriety (Save Our Selves) 8:00 PM Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Broad Perspectives, Women's Radio Show, KXCI 91.3 FM, 6-7 PM.

▼ Outloud: Gay and Lesbian Radio show on KXCI 91.3 FM, 7-8 PM.

★ "Paint Your Gender Outside the Lines" Youth Group, 3:00 PM, The Lounge youth center. Call 620-6245 or [www.queervoicework.org](http://www.queervoicework.org)

★ Lutherans Concerned 6:30 PM, Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave, [lctucson@lcna.org](mailto:lctucson@lcna.org)

## Monday, June 21

**PAPIER MACHE MASKS: Workshop, Part 1** 6:30-8:30 PM. WomanKraft, 388 S. Stone. Tuition: \$20.00, supplies included. 629-9976.

▼ AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Women's Resource Center, U of A, general meeting.

▼ Breast Cancer Support Group, 3-4 PM, Cancer Care Center of S. AZ.

▼ Desert Voices, 7:00 PM, Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain Avenue.

## Tuesday, June 22

**WATERCOLOR COLLAGE: Workshop, Part 1.** 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. WomanKraft, 388 S. Stone. Tuition: \$25.00, supplies included. 629-9976.

**CUT AND PASTE: Mixed Media Poetry Workshop.** 6:00-9:00 PM. WomanKraft, 388 S. Stone. Tuition: \$20.00, supplies included. 629-9976.

▼ SAAF Positive Experience Men's HIV Group 6:30-8:00 PM, 628-7223.

▼ Square Dancing with T-Squares, 6:30-8:00 PM, Cornerstone Fellowship Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo, 624-5247.

▼ Eating Disorders Support Group, 5:30-7:30 PM, St. Philip's in the Foothills.

★ Bark Park at Reid Dog Park, 6:00-8:00 PM at the Reid Dog Park, 900 S. Randolph Way, social venue for LGBT and ally folks to get together and for their dogs to have fun, [cathy@wingspan.org](mailto:cathy@wingspan.org) or [kfelan@ahrf.org](mailto:kfelan@ahrf.org)

## Wednesday, June 23

**DRAWING: The Human Form.** 6:30-8:30 PM. WomanKraft, 388 S. Stone. Tuition: \$15.00, supplies included (\$10.00 bring your own supplies). 629-9976.

▼ SAAF Haven Support Group, 11:00AM-1:00 PM, 628-7223.

▼ AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Lesbian AA, 5:30 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Pride Law Clinic, 4:30-6:30 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

▼ Cornerstone Fellowship Bible Study, 7 PM, 622-4626.

▼ Positively Sober AA 7:30 - 8:30 PM, Wingspan Annex 739 N. 4th Avenue

\* Puertas Abiertas/Open Doors (PM (LBGT Support Group), 6:00-8:00 PM, at SAAF South, 1200 E. Ajo, Ste. 109. (On the corner of Benson Highway and Ajo). For more information contact Ernie at 547-7762.

## Thursday, June 24

**BEE SWAX CANDLES: Workshop.** 6:30-8:30 PM. WomanKraft, 388 S. Stone. Tuition: \$20.00, supplies

included for 4-6 candles. Additional sheets \$2 each. 629-9976.

▼ SAAF Heterosexual Support Group (for straight men and women living with HIV/AIDS), 11:00-12:30 PM, 628-7223.

▼ Pink Triangle AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Desert Crones of Tucson, 1-3 PM, Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St., 790-4933.

## Friday, June 25

▼ AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Hep C Education & Support Group, 10 AM - 11 AM (2nd and 4th Fridays of the month) SAAF, 628-7223.

▼ Women in Black Peace Vigils, 5-6 PM, corner of Speedway and Euclid. All welcome, please wear black.

★ Anonymous HIV Testing, 3:30-5 PM, Wingspan.

## Saturday, June 26

**Wingspan Volunteer Orientation.** 9:00-10:30 AM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. For all new and potential Wingspan volunteers. For information and a volunteer application, contact Mark English, Volunteer Programs Coordinator, at 520-620-6245, or [mark@wingspan.org](mailto:mark@wingspan.org). Or visit [www.wingspan.org](http://www.wingspan.org).

**CREATIVE BEAD STRINGING: Workshop.** 1:00-4:00 PM. WomanKraft, 388 S. Stone. Tuition: \$20.00 (\$10 supply fee for 1 necklace or 2 pairs of earrings. Additional materials available.) 629-9976.

**The Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF) Annual Dinner,** 6:00-10:00 PM, Arizona Biltmore Resort in Phoenix. Individual tickets cost \$185 and tables for ten people cost \$1,850. For more info contact: Debra Kuffner at 602-650-0900 or [info@ahrf.org](mailto:info@ahrf.org)

**Gay West Community Fiesta - Drag Performances,** 8:00 PM & 10:00 PM - Two different shows. Temple

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riojbc@mindspring.com

of Music and Art. Admission \$10 for one show, or \$15 for both. Tickets will be available from Wingspan, SAAF, TIHAN, other outlets, and at the door.

▼ COLAGE: Children of Lesbians & Gays Everywhere, 12:00-1:30 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

▼ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youths 23 and younger, 3-4:30 PM, Wingspan.

▼ Women's Coffee House Night At Bentley's, 9:00-11:00 PM, 1730 E. Speedway. Non-smoking, non-drinking environment, all are welcome. Featuring a local female musician or talent. Admission is free. 795-0338.

## Sunday, June 27

Gay West Community Fiesta - Community Picnic. For more information contact Tucson Pride, Inc. 622-3200 or <http://www.tucsonpride.com/>

Buddhist Book Group will discuss *Not Turning Away: The Practice of Engaged Buddhism* by Susan Moon.

2:00 PM at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

▼ GLBT Meditation Group, 9:30 AM Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo, Worship service 10:30 AM, 622-4626.

▼ Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain Ave., Worship service 10:15 AM, 292-9151.

▼ AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous), 1:30 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Secular Organizations for Sobriety (Save Our Selves) 8:00 PM Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Broad Perspectives, Women's Radio Show, KXCI 91.3 FM, 6-7 PM.

▼ Outloud: Gay and Lesbian Radio show on KXCI 91.3 FM, 7-8 PM.

## Monday, June 28

PAPIER MACHE MASKS: Workshop, Part 2 6:30-8:30 PM. Tuition: \$20.00, supplies included. 629-9976.

▼ AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Women's Resource Center, U of A, general meeting.

▼ Breast Cancer Support Group, 3-4 PM, Cancer Care Center of S. AZ.

▼ Desert Voices, 7:00 PM, Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain Avenue.

▼ Grace Catholic Gay/Lesbian Support Group, 7:30 PM, SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell.

## Tuesday, June 29

WATERCOLOR COLLAGE: Workshop, Part 2. 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. Tuition: \$25.00, supplies included. 629-9976.

▼ SAAF Positive Experience Men's HIV Group 6:30-8:00 PM, 628-7223.

▼ Square Dancing with T-Squares, 6:30-8:00 PM, Cornerstone Fellowship Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo, 624-5247.

▼ Lesbian Support group, 6:30 PM, discussion and social activities, call Dorian Easty at 882-7723.

▼ Eating Disorders Support Group, 5:30-7:30 PM, St. Philip's in the Foothills.

## Wednesday, June 30

▼ SAAF Haven Support Group, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM, 628-7223.

▼ AA, 12:00-1:00 PM, Wingspan Annex, 739 N. 4th Ave.

▼ Pride Law Clinic, 4:30-6:30 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

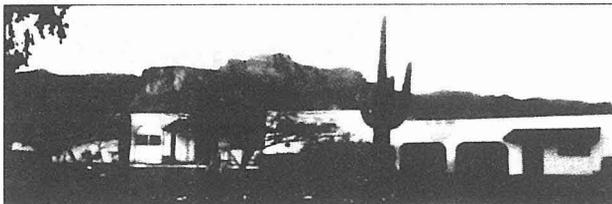
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▼ Positively Sober AA 7:30 - 8:30 PM, Wingspan Annex 739 N. 4th Avenue.

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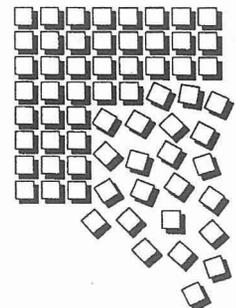
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**Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) Volunteer Orientation.**

June 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-9:30 PM, SAAF, 375 S. Euclid Ave. A monthly 3-hour training covering basic agency and HIV information for those who want to volunteer on an on-going and regular basis. For more information or to register, call 628-7223.

**Wingspan Volunteer Orientation.**

Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00 PM and Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:30 AM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. For all new and potential Wingspan volunteers. For information and a volunteer application, contact Mark English, Volunteer Programs Coordinator, at 520-620-6245, or [mark@wingspan.org](mailto:mark@wingspan.org). Or visit [www.wingspan.org](http://www.wingspan.org).

**Eon Youth Lounge's New Substance Use Support & Treatment Program.**

Eon Youth Lounge has a new program, called the Prism Project —so named by young people at Eon because light enters a prism and goes through a transformational process to come out in a variety of beautiful and unique ways. Prism is a program to serve lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer, and questioning youth 23 or under who are seeking support or treatment around substance use issues. Prism consists of an informal, drop-in discussion group as well as a more formal treatment program working with a case manager and therapist. The program is strictly confidential and voluntary, and offers a supportive community of peers working through similar challenges.

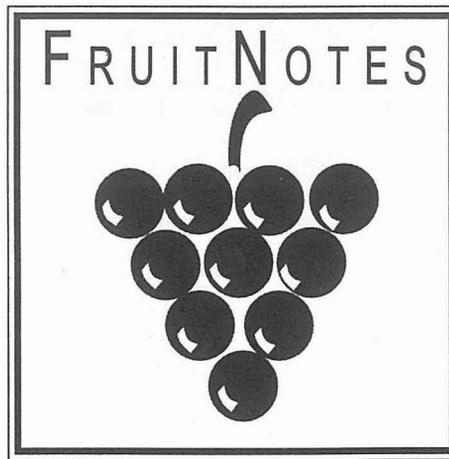
For more information, or to make a referral, please feel free to call Eon staff at 620-6245, or the Prism Project's case manager, Nancy Duenas, at 318-3266 x2506 or email at [nduenas@codac.org](mailto:nduenas@codac.org)

**Tucson Greater Softball Association**

June 4th Freedom Park Field #1, 500 E. 29th Street  
6:15 p.m. Karyn Garvin vs. Brewers  
7:15 p.m. Postmodern Productions vs. Karyn Garvin  
8:15 p.m. Water of Life vs. Desert Pride  
9:15 p.m. Dusters vs. AKA

June 11th — TGSA Night at Hi Corbett Field /  
Closing of TGSA Spring Season and Opening  
ceremonies for the Arizona Heat

June 25 TGSA Summer Season Opening at Santa Rita  
Park Field #1, 400 E. 22nd Street.  
Games begin at 6:15 p.m.



**Tucson Old Pueblo Invitational Tournament (TOPIT) Seeks Bowlers.**

This bowling tournament is sponsored by the International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO). Desert Coyotes (a Tucson LGBT Bowling League) is looking for participants who wish to represent Tucson in this Tournament, and for volunteers to help run the event. The Tournament is scheduled for the weekend of January 15-17, 2005, and will take place at the Santa Cruz Bowling Center, 3665 S 16th Ave. in Tucson (off of Ajo and I-19)

For information, contact Daniel Diffie at 520-404-3591 or [bgdiffie@cox.net](mailto:bgdiffie@cox.net) or visit: <http://topitaz.com>

**Great Sex Is Within Your Reach.**

June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, Center for the Healing Arts, 2550 E. Fort Lowell (just east of Tucson Blvd), \$10 or 4 seminars/\$35. Learn the two most important aspects of great sex — discovering your own desires and sharing that information with potential partners — in an open, playful, safe, fun atmosphere. Presented by Postmodern Productions, and taught by Merryl Sloane.

Contact Info: [Merryl@GreatSexSecretDesires.com](mailto:Merryl@GreatSexSecretDesires.com) or 690-5765.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 1: *Profiling: The Undermining of our Civil Rights - Wingspan Community Forum*, 6:00-8:00 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street.** Whether a homeless person seen as lazy and a drain on society, a Muslim suspected of being un-American, a gay man assumed to be cruising for sex, or an African American woman denied a home loan, "profiling" is as American as apple pie. Profiling is when those highest up in the power hierarchy make those outside that social group into the "other." This mechanism of power and control increasingly affects more and more of those further down the ladder. Stereotypes that play on people's fears, morality, and prejudices allow profiling to continue without question. In this community forum, we draw together speakers from various communities to address the "whys", the "whats," and the consequences of profiling. If civil rights are high on your list of concerns, please join us for this important and interesting Community Forum! For more information, contact Lori B. Girshick at 520-624-1779 or [lori@wingspan.org](mailto:lori@wingspan.org)

**June 3-6 and June 10-13: The Heidi Chronicles.** Live Theatre Workshop, 5317 E Speedway, Tucson.

Production of the 1989 Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Wendy Wasserstein. Among others, it follows Peter Patron, a gay man, through his awkward teen years, to his coming out to friends, seeking liberation and the right to pursue happiness, and eventually to his heartache during the height of the AIDS epidemic in 1987. It is a thoughtful, intelligent and poetic journey.

Show times are 7:30pm Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and at 3pm Sunday. Tickets are \$12 - \$14. Box office open Tuesday through Saturday, 3-5pm. For more information, call 520-327-4242, or visit: <http://personal.riverusers.com/~ltw/>

**June 4: Saul Williams Reading, 4:00-6:00 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street.**

Saul Williams, progressive spoken word hip-hop poet will do a mini-reading, book signing, and audience Q and A. Antigone books will be selling Saul's books and CD's. Saul plays at the Rialto Theatre later that night.

For those of you not familiar with Saul Williams, check out his website at: <http://www.saulwilliams.com>

Williams' poetry represents an evolution of thought, artistry, and spiritual consciousness delivered with the lyrical fervor of hip-hop and the grace and linguistic mastery of Shakespeare. Williams' debut performance and featured poetry in the film "Slam", which he co-wrote and starred in, brought audiences to their feet across the world, including the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival in 1998.

Williams' visit is part of the Plea For Peace Tour (<http://www.pleaforpeace.com>)

For more information, contact Wingspan, Southern Arizona's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Community Center at 520-624-1779.

**June 5: Indigo Girls concert tickets go on sale!** The Indigo Girls are coming to Tucson July 10<sup>th</sup> to City Limits, 6350 E. Tanque Verde. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Tickets go on sale June 5<sup>th</sup> at City Limits and Ticketmaster outlets [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) and 321-1000. Tickets \$36 in Advance; \$38 Day of Show. For more information, call City Limits at 520.733-6262.

**June 15: Patty Griffin Concert.** Berger Performing Arts Center, 1200 W Speedway. Doors open at 7:00 PM. Tickets \$35 in Advance; \$37 Day of Show. Tickets available at Ticketmaster Outlets, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or by phone at 321-1000.

**June 17: Community Business Association Mixer & Pride Kick-Off.** 6:00-8:30 PM, Doubletree Hotel at Reid Park, 445 S. Alvernon. Open to everyone! There is a \$15 charge for this event, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Evening reception with hors d'oeuvres & cash bar. There will be time for socializing, networking activities, great food, music, prizes, and Pride Week fun! For more information contact: Matt Harding at 323-5200 or [mharding@dtreidpark.com](mailto:mharding@dtreidpark.com)

**June 20: Queer Wedding Forum & Expo, 1:00-4:00 PM,** Doubletree Hotel at Reid Park, 445 S. Alvernon Way. Couples will be invited to participate in the Expo by sharing stories about their ceremonies and relationships, and walking down the aisle (again!) in an LGBT "wedding" fashion show. Local LGBT and LGBT-friendly wedding-related vendors and service providers will also be displaying their wares. For More Information contact : Adam (Wingspan Community Forum Committee) [wingspan\\_cfcc@hotmail.com](mailto:wingspan_cfcc@hotmail.com)

**June 20: Tucson's 5th Annual LGBT Pride Parade.** The Parade will start at 6:00 PM at the park on the corner of 4th Avenue and 2nd Street, and end with a block party on 4th Avenue in front of IBT's, Desert Pride, and Rainbow Planet coffee shop. March your pride down 4th Avenue! Join the party on 4th Avenue after the Parade! Dance the night away with live music, a jammin' dj, and a wonderful show by fabulous queens and kings! Marching contingent is free! Bring your banner and show your pride! Rubyfruit will be there with their banner, join us! Be a part of the Pride Parade tradition!

Floats cost \$200 for businesses / \$100 for non-profits.

Cars are \$100 for businesses / \$50 for non-profits.

To find out how you, your organization, or your business can get involved by sponsoring or participating in the Parade, please contact: Vincent Wicks at (520) 271-6001; [notstr8@hotmail.com](mailto:notstr8@hotmail.com) or Matt Harding at (520) 991-9265; [mharding@dtreidpark.com](mailto:mharding@dtreidpark.com) There's also info at [www.tucsonprideparade.com](http://www.tucsonprideparade.com)

# Mercury Schedule June 2004

| Date      | Opponent             | Time     |
|-----------|----------------------|----------|
| Jun 1 Tue | <u>Houston</u>       | 7:00 pm  |
| 5 Sat     | @ <u>Minnesota</u>   | 5:00 pm  |
| 9 Wed     | <u>Connecticut</u>   | 12:00 pm |
| 11 Fri    | <u>Charlotte</u>     | 7:00 pm  |
| 18 Fri    | <u>Los Angeles</u>   | 7:00 pm  |
| 22 Tue    | <u>Minnesota</u>     | 7:00 pm  |
| 24 Thu    | <u>New York</u>      | 7:00 pm  |
| 26 Sat    | <u>San Antonio</u>   | 7:00 pm  |
| 27 Sun    | @ <u>Sacramento</u>  | 7:00 pm  |
| 29 Tue    | @ <u>San Antonio</u> | 5:00 pm  |



Mercury Tickets and Information: <http://www.wnba.com/mercury/tickets/tickets.html>

Check your local listings for TV/Radio broadcast information.

Single-game tickets for the 2004 regular season are on sale through [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com), at the AWA box office, all Ticketmaster outlets, or by phone at 480-784-4444.

## Ending the violence.

**Wingspan launches the Anti-Violence Project — a community initiative to assist lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender victims of discrimination, domestic violence, sexual assault and hate crimes. Call the Anti-Violence Project at 624-0348, or toll-free 1-800-553-9387.**



Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center

[www.wingspan.org](http://www.wingspan.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**June 26: The Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF) Annual Dinner, 6:00-10:00 PM, Arizona Biltmore Resort in Phoenix.** The event honors individuals and corporations who have made substantial contributions to the human rights of all Americans, and who have committed to helping to eliminate discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. Individual tickets cost \$185 and tables for ten people cost \$1,850. For more info contact: Debra Kuffner at 602-650-0900 or [info@ahrf.org](mailto:info@ahrf.org)

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**June 27: Gay West Community Fiesta – Community Picnic.** For more information contact Tucson Pride, Inc. 622-3200 or <http://www.tucsonpride.com/>

Every Wednesday night, *Kathleen Williamson, Lisa Otey, Hal Rugg, and Eddy Delucia (KLH&E)* will perform at J Bar (on the grounds of La Paloma Resort) from 7-10pm. KLH&E is "jazzing up folk and folkling up jazz!"

Every Tuesday night, the *Lisa Otey Band* takes the stage at Perry's Lounge from 7-10pm. This is a non-smoking event and costs only \$5.



# Arizona Heat is Coming!

National Pro Fastpitch (NPF), the nation's only women's pro fastpitch softball league, will be launching their inaugural season with six teams, 96 extraordinary players, and a 60-game season. Tucson's team, Arizona Heat, will play their first home game on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:35 PM against the New York/New Jersey Juggernaut at the Hi Corbett Field in Tucson.

The six NPF Ball Clubs are: Akron Racers (Akron, Ohio); Arizona Heat (Tucson, Ariz.); Texas Thunder (Houston, Tex.); New England Riptide (Boston/Lowell, Mass.); New York/New Jersey Juggernaut (Upper Montclair, NJ); and California Sunbirds (Stockton, Calif.).

Hi Corbett Field, 3400 E. Camino Campestre, Tucson, Arizona 85716, Phone: (520) 296-9595, Fax: (520) 393-3506, <http://www.tucsonsoftball.com>, GM: Jim Tiggas | Manager: Stacey Iveson |

## Season Ticket Options

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Box Seats              | \$238.00 per seat |
| Home Plate Grand Stand | \$210.00 per seat |
| Grand Stand            | \$154.00 per seat |
| East/West Pavillion    | \$28.00 per seat  |

## Game Day Tickets

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| Box Seats             | \$11 |
| Home Plate Grandstand | \$10 |
| Grandstand            | \$7  |
| East/West Pavillion   | \$3  |

## 2004 Schedule

| Date       | Time     | Opponent                           |
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| 06/01/2004 | 07:35 PT | @ California Sunbirds              |
| 06/02/2004 | 06:00 PT | @ California Sunbirds              |
| 06/05/2004 | 07:35 PT | vs. New York/New Jersey Juggernaut |
| 06/06/2004 | 07:35 PT | vs. New York/New Jersey Juggernaut |
| 06/07/2004 | 07:35 PT | vs. New York/New Jersey Juggernaut |
| 06/09/2004 | 07:35 PT | vs. New England Riptide            |
| 06/10/2004 | 07:35 PT | vs. New England Riptide            |
| 06/11/2004 | 07:35 PT | vs. New England Riptide            |
| 06/13/2004 | 07:05 ET | @ Akron Racers                     |
| 06/14/2004 | 07:05 ET | @ Akron Racers                     |
| 06/15/2004 | 07:05 ET | @ Akron Racers                     |
| 06/16/2004 | 07:35 CT | @ Texas Thunder                    |
| 06/17/2004 | 07:35 CT | @ Texas Thunder                    |
| 06/18/2004 | 07:35 CT | @ Texas Thunder                    |
| 06/20/2004 | 07:35 PT | @ California Sunbirds              |
| 06/21/2004 | 07:35 PT | @ California Sunbirds              |
| 06/22/2004 | 07:35 PT | @ California Sunbirds              |
| 06/23/2004 | 07:35 PT | vs. California Sunbirds            |
| 06/24/2004 | 07:35 PT | vs. California Sunbirds            |
| 06/25/2004 | 07:35 PT | vs. California Sunbirds            |
| 06/27/2004 | 07:35 PT | vs. Texas Thunder                  |
| 06/28/2004 | 07:35 PT | vs. Texas Thunder                  |
| 06/29/2004 | 07:35 PT | vs. Texas Thunder                  |
| 06/30/2004 | 07:35 PT | vs. Akron Racers                   |



Looking for a volunteer to coordinate calendar events each month for publication in Rubyfruit. If interested contact Norma at 324-0320



# GLOBAL NEWS CLIPS

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TUCSON - The Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) recently received a grant from the Gill Foundation. The endowed organization is committed to securing equal opportunity for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. The grant will support SAGA's newly developed Alexander John Goodrum Mental Health Advocacy Project, The Goodrum Project named after the late Alexander Goodrum. SAGA offers a variety of support, social, and discussion groups that reflect the various aspects of gender and society. Be sure to visit their Web site at [www.sagatucson.org](http://www.sagatucson.org) for their upcoming events and meetings.



Alexander Goodrum

AUSTRALIA - Five major sponsors of the Australian broadcast of "The L Word" have pulled their support of the show following pressure from a small Christian organization.



The L Word cast

The group, known as the Saltshakers, successfully lobbied Just Jeans, DaimlerChrysler, Roche, Allianz, and Centrum to pull their ads from the Channel Seven broadcast of the lesbian-themed drama. Showtime, the producer of the show and its broadcaster in the United States, is a pay-cable channel that does not carry advertising. The major concern of the Saltshakers was that the show advocates "self-insemination" in its story line regarding a lesbian couple looking to conceive. Gay and lesbian advocates were outraged by the move.

NEW YORK - A teenager who was suspended from school for wearing a T-shirt that said "Barbie is a lesbian" was awarded \$39,000 in a settlement with the city. Natalie Young, now 15, won the settlement for emotional pain and suffering stemming from an incident on April 10, 2002, at a school in Queens. Natalie, a lesbian, wore the shirt that day and was taken out of class by the principal because she refused to change it.



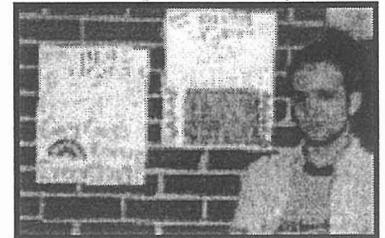
She was suspended for the day and threatened with further action if she wore the shirt again. "There was nothing wrong with it," Natalie recalled. "I shouldn't have to change because somebody thinks there's something wrong with it." Her mother sued the city over her right to express her views. Natalie's harassment went beyond the T-shirt...she had worn rainbow

beads as a symbol of gay pride and was forced to remove them.

WASHINGTON - Research conducted by Simmons Market Research Bureau shows the annual value of the U.S. gay and lesbian market is in excess of \$514 Billion. According to the 2001 Gay/Lesbian Consumer Online Census, 8 out of 10 respondents agreed that they were more likely to buy products or services from companies they knew were gay-friendly and they were more likely to purchase products from companies who advertised in gay publications.

NORTH CAROLINA - A judge rejected a gay teenager's bid to campaign for student-body president with posters billing

himself as the "Queer Guy for Hunt High." Jarred Gamwell had enlisted the help of the American Civil Liberties Union after the principal of James B. Hunt High School removed the posters last week. Without



comment, Wilson County Superior Court Judge Dwight Cranford denied the ACLU's request for an order forcing administrators to allow Gamwell to use posters with gay references, including, "Gay Guys Know Everything!" School officials said the decision had nothing to do with Gamwell's homosexuality but was aimed at controlling speech that could be disruptive to the learning atmosphere.

MASSACHUSETTS - May 17th was the day that the State Supreme Judicial Court ordered Massachusetts to begin issuing marriage



licenses for same-sex couples. For the first time in our nation's history, by a mandate of the courts, same-sex couples legally married in the United States. May 17th is also the 50th anniversary of the nation's greatest instance of judicial activism—the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas* decision which ordered the desegregation of the nation's schools. The first couple to begin filling out the paperwork was Marcia Hams, 56, and her partner, Susan Shepherd, 52, of Cambridge (pictured in the photo above). They showed up 24 hours ahead of time to stake out the first spot in line to get the nation's first state-sanctioned gay marriage applications. City clerks began handing out marriage-license applications to gay couples just after midnight May 17, making Massachusetts the first state in the nation to legalize same-sex unions and the United States just one of four countries in the world where homosexuals can legally wed.

# GLOBAL NEWS CLIPS

WASHINGTON, DC - Pride At Work applauds the New York Times for adding gender identity or expression to the nondiscrimination section of its corporate H.R. policy. Labor Unions have a long history of protecting workers, and the work of the Newspaper Guild to uphold the rights of transgender employees is included in this tradition. Protection of gender identity and expression in the union contract was a crucial catalyst, launching the company's initiative to add it to its own policy. Addition of gender identity or expression to the New York Times Company corporate H.R. policy will include the other NYT corporate properties- The Boston Globe and the Worcester Telegram, both of which are union shops.



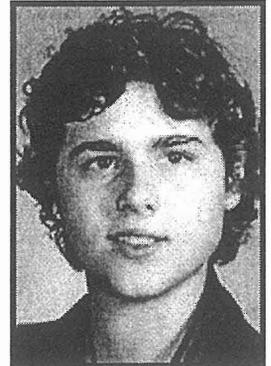
TENNESSEE - More than 400 people turned out May 8 for a Rhea County Gay Day celebration prompted by the County Commission's vote to ban homosexuals and have them arrested for "crimes against nature." That commission vote in March was reversed two days later. A demonstration against homosexuality in Dayton included preaching on the lawn of the courthouse where a jury in 1925 convicted John Scopes for teaching the theory of evolution. The verdict was reversed on a technicality. Same-sex couples holding hands joined heterosexual couples at the park in the town of 6,200 people.

SAN FRANCISCO - A woman whose eggs were inserted into her lesbian lover to give birth to twins has no parental rights, even though she is the biological mother, a state appeals court said May 11. The case adds another legal twist to parental custody disputes, which are routinely between a man and woman. The decision, based on a dispute between two California lesbians who both reared twins after one woman gave birth using the other's eggs, is based squarely on a 1993 California Supreme Court parental rights precedent. But a lesbian rights group and the attorney for the loser who sought parental rights after the two split up say the court's opinion is outdated, and the court discounted evidence the couple intended to rear the children as joint parents. The appeals court, however, ruled that the birth mother has full parental rights despite her lover's being the genetic mother of the children.

PHOENIX - A group of gay Republicans is beginning a campaign of TV commercials designed to persuade rank- and-file party members to oppose a U.S. constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. The ads, created and paid for by Log Cabin Republicans, feature videotape of Vice President Dick Cheney, who spoke out against a federal ban on gay marriage during a debate four years ago during the presidential campaign. "Freedom means 'freedom for everybody,'" Cheney said at the time. "We don't get to choose, and we shouldn't be

able to choose, and say, 'You get to live free, but you don't.' People should be free to enter into any kind of relationship they want to enter into." Dick Cheney's daughter, Mary, is openly lesbian.

TORONTO - David Reimer, a Canadian who was born as a boy but raised as a girl after a botched circumcision, committed suicide after failed investments drove him into poverty; he was 38. Reimer shot himself in the head while sitting in a car in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on May 4, 2004. Friends said an anguished Reimer told them he lost at least \$47,500 last year in a shady pro golf shop investment. Reimer gained fame in 2000 when he went public with his ordeal. It was published in the book "As Nature Made Him: The Boy Who Was Raised a Girl" by John Colapinto. The boy's experiences prompted medical experts in recent years to rethink once-accepted wisdom on treating sexual identity cases.



WASHINGTON - There are growing indications that Hispanic voters, the fastest growing voter block in the country, are ready to reject any attempt to amend the US Constitution to ban same-sex marriage. On May 13 a leading group of Hispanic members of Congress joined the largest Latino gay civil rights organization in denouncing the proposed amendment among them —Rep. Raúl Grijalva of Arizona (pictured at right).



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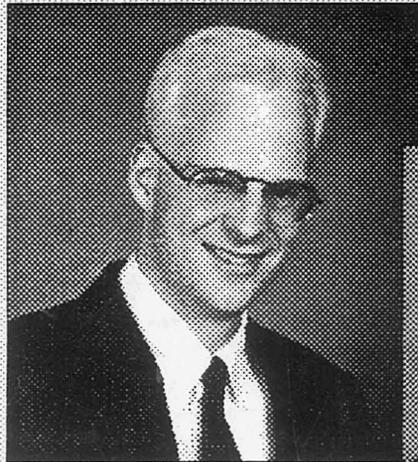
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