The GCN/Nashville Cablecast schedule was not available at the time of printing. Be sure and watch Cable Channel 35 each Tuesday at 9:00 pm and Saturday at 8:00 pm for the latest in Nashville's lesbian and gay community events and issues. GCN apologizes for the inconvenience.

For the last 11 months, GCN/Nashville has been bringing you news and entertainment for the gay and lesbian community. So far, so good.

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The American Family Association has launched an all-out drive to stop sponsors from advertising on TV shows with gay or lesbian characters.

Led by the Rev. Donald Wildmon, the Tupelo, Mississippi based AFA claims 380,000 followers and an annual budget of $5 million. The group made headlines in all the national media by successfully persuading Pepsi to drop its support for Madonna's tour (it found her "Like A Prayer" video blasphemous), Domino's Pizza to pull commercials from Saturday Night Live, and Mennen to cancel its sponsorship of ABC's Heartbeat.

Since Heartbeat's debut last year, the AFA has conducted a nationwide campaign against the show, focusing on lesbian nurse practitioner Marilyn McGrath. For example, the AFA Journal reported: "In one scene, two lesbians are talking...evoke sympathy for homosexuality." The AFA urged its followers to write the show's sponsors and threaten to boycott their products if they continued to "promote homosexuality."

In March the Mennen Co. cited mail objecting to the show and pulled its ads (the AFA claimed credit). Shortly afterwards ABC put the show on hiatus. The network had already decided not to renew Heartbeat for next season.

Tell Mennen that gays are family, too. Write L. Donald Horn, Chairman, Mennen Company, Hanover Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960, or call (201) 631-9000.

P.S. In the May issue of the AFA Journal, Rev. Wildmon asks his readers to thank Mennen for its action against Heartbeat!

Wildmon also requested that his followers write to the other Heartbeat sponsors and complain about the fact that they didn't pull their ads. These include: Chrm. George L. Bunting, Jr., Noxell Corporation, 11050 York Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21030 and Chrm. D. Wayne Calloway, PepsiCO, Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, NY 10577.

The AFA also protested ABC's The Women of Brewster Place miniseries for showing a lesbian relationship, and urged members to write Chrm. Samuel C. Johnson, S.C> Johnson & Sons, Inc. 1525 Howe St., Racine, WI 53403 and to support sponsors who have withheld the AFA's attacks.

P.P.S. With the cancellation of Heartbeat and Hooperman, and the departure of Hank Eliot from As The World Turns, there will be no permanent gay or lesbian characters on network television next season. Get the picture?
DEAR DAVID

GCN encourages letters from our readers to Dear David. We would like to offer you the opportunity to share your pet peeves, problems or off-the-wall questions. Drop Dear David a line: P.O. Box 22011, Nashville, TN 37202

Dear David,

I am a gay man who has been in a monogamous relationship for nine months. My lover has recently suggested that we should fool around when one or the other is out of town. We both travel with our jobs. I am totally opposed to this and am not sure if I can trust him, knowing he feels this way. What should we do? We don't want the relationship to end.

"Bob"

Dear Bob,

You proceed from your last sentence. If you both want the relationship to work, you must come to an agreement on the nature of your relationship. You seem to have two options. 1) You sit down with your lover and decide to maintain a monogamous relationship (that will immediately demand a long heart to heart follow-up on trust) 2) or you decide to establish an open relationship that includes other sex partners. This will take a lot of understanding on each other's part, as triangles may develop very quickly. Again, the trust issue will be a major component of this lifestyle. You say in your letter that you are completely opposed to this open style. You will simply have to be very honest and express your feelings to your lover. But you also need to prepare yourself emotionally for his response. If he gives up on the idea and you hash out the trust issue, all is well. If he rejects your stand, you will have to decide for yourself if you wish to stay with him

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and accept his decision. Or you have to decide
to leave him. In either case, there will be an
emotional price to pay, and it will be intense.
But whatever your decision, to thine own self be
ture...

Dear David is a psychologist practicing in
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SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

THE CHUTE
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9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

THE GAS LITE LOUNGE
BENEFIT SHOW
Featuring:
Singer, Gerritt Wilson
Pianist, Randy Williams of Nashville City Ballet
"Feuding Fairies", GCN vs. DARE
Master of Ceremony, Ricky Rocket & Chena Lawrence
8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

THE WAREHOUSE 28
THE GALA EVENING
TO CELEBRATE GCN'S 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

GCN's Annual Awards Ceremony
Guest Speakers & Featuring
The Tennessee Dance Theater
Master of Ceremony, Martha Bickley & Ken Melton
8:30 p.m.
GCN COMBATS CAMERA SHYNESS

BY LAURA TEK

It is GCN's burning desire to capture and record Nashville's entire, large, diverse and exciting gay and lesbian community and everything it has to offer. To be a part of all its events and activities is our greatest thrill. It is, therefore, most disappointing when we are denied permission to attend and cover such happenings for our viewing community.

We at GCN/Nashville want to provide for our gay and lesbian community the best medium possible from which to receive news and entertainment. Our goal is to rely less and less on our Los Angeles and New York feeds and provide more of our own programming. Yet we have been frustrated in our attempts to do this. Of the various events GCN wishes to cover, approximately one out of four requests are turned down by officials. Even when we are granted permission to cover an event, restrictions are almost always imposed on us such as "film only the performer, not the audience". Such restrictions will not always produce the most interesting or aesthetic product.

The most overwhelming factor inhibiting these organizers from lending GCN their full support is their lack of trust in us. We wish to alleviate this problem of trust, which unfortunately stems from our community's experiences with the mainstream media. Its reporting tactics have been prejudicial, intrusive and disruptive toward us, causing many of us to feel hateful of them. So GCN can understand why many in our community might feel uncomfortable in front of a camera, even our camera.

Organizers and participants alike should know that they have very little to fear from GCN. We would never, through our coverage, intentionally inhibit or adversely effect any event or activity. It would be devastating to do so because television, for so many in our community, is the primary source of information and we'd want that information to be received correctly. We need to reach everybody, especially the ones who stay at home because of fear or inaccessibility. Through our coverage, we can educate not only the gay public, but the straight public as well. Only by gaining a broader knowledge of our community can greater understanding and support for gay men and lesbians be possible.

So to all of you reluctant organizers and participants out there, help yourselves by helping us reach Nashville's gay men and lesbians. Consider allowing GCN to become a part of your organization or event. Exposure on GCN can only have a positive effect on you and on our viewing community.

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STRAIGHT MEN AS FRIENDS

Hail to one of America's unsung heros; the red-blooded, non-homophobic heterosexual male. He may be a rarity (some might contend no such creature exists), but I have encountered several in my travels who are worthy of praise. This is a tribute to that uncommon breed of male.

Shawn and his wife are two of my best friends. They have a beautiful little two-year-old boy and another baby due any day. Shawn and I became close friends before he met his wife. We would stay up half the night drinking Stolichnaya vodka, writing songs and spewing witticisms. We had no problem keeping each other in stitches. Occasionally one of us would relate a story of personal heartbreak; he about his ex-girlfriends and I about my failed marriage. We listened and commiserated. When our friendship was still very young, I felt I needed to come out to Shawn. Our bond had grown too deep to keep up the charade. I told him about a college student I was dating at the time. His response was calm, warm and reassuring. He had known many gay men while working as a fitness counselor in a New York health club. I could sense he was genuinely untroubled by the whole issue. Five years have passed and I can still confide in Shawn. When a personal problem gets me down, Shawn offers me a big, long hug. I respect and love him.

Brent is a relatively new friend. We do not have the history I have shared with Shawn. But something told me that Brent was "OK" as soon as I met him. He is outgoing, funny, and he freely reveals his positively charged personality. He is also a dynamite musician who plays with a famous group. Recently we caught a late showing of "Dead Poets Society". The film was intense and poignant. Brent's reactions during the movie were sometimes more overt than my own. At one dramatic point, we looked at each other for several seconds and Brent's eyes were plainly filled with tears. I was touched that he had not tried to hide this emotion from me and I assuringly pressed his knee. It was a great connection, a non-sexual sharing of tenderness between two men. Brent does not know of my sexual leanings, and I know only that he is divorced and dates women. I am not physically attracted to him, but I like and admire him a great deal. I won't soon forget that vulnerable moment we shared in the movie theatre.

For me, there is something especially wonderful about the kind of intimacy I've enjoyed with Shawn and Brent. It feels as though we have resurrected in our friendships some ancient bond that men as brothers once shared. Long before words like "sissy" and "faggot" were invented by a sexist, oppressive society, I imagine that men felt free to play, laugh and cry around each other. To appear vulnerable or to nurture each other emotionally or physically was not, perhaps, considered taboo as it is in our "advanced" culture.

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That gay men can often act freely and openly with each other within their closed social settings (i.e., bars and parties) gives hope that male-bonding instincts are not lost forever. But gays hold an advantage over straights in that area; having shared physical intimacy with each other makes it easier to handle social intimacy. Most straight men, on the other hand, are constantly constructing subtle and blatant barriers between themselves and other men. For them, even a simple embrace to greet an old friend at the airport would be unthinkible behavior. How lonely it must feel to exist inside their competitive, impenetrable shell of machismo, devoid of really sensitive male companionship.

I would never trade the closeness I have shared with Shawn and Brent for an existence dictated by unwarranted and arbitrary fears. Because these guys have stepped away from certain prescribed male roles, by lovingly accepting my weaknesses, my compassion, and my joy at being free in their presence, one man to another, one person to another, they are truly valued friends in my book. May their kind be fruitful and multiply.
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