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The Man Behind the Badge



Robert Timberlake III

BY F. "OLLIE" STEWART
Editor - New Direction

Robert Timberlake III, or just "Robert" to his many friends, is a familiar face in Orlando. Usually he can be found outside 3400 S. Orange Blossom Trail which houses City Bath Club, The Palace Club and the Loading Dock in his capacity as a security guard for these places.

Originally Robert is from Akron, Ohio. His family, of British ancestry, moved to Florida fourteen years ago where he attended Pasco-Hernando Community College on a Trustee's Merit Scholarship. While at the college, he was able to get both his senior year of high school and get college credits at the same time. Due to a special program, Robert was



able to move ahead in school rather than waiting.

At the community college, Robert studied Architectural Drafting and Art.

Robert's father, Robert L. Timberlake, Jr., was a guard at the Federal Building in Tampa when a deranged mental outpatient shot and killed him. The building is now named The Robert L. Timberlake Memorial Federal Building.

Robert is the youngest of 3 children have two older sisters.

He enjoys all types of art including drafting residential homes, fashion design and sketches of movie stars, his favorite star being

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G.C.S. Needs —

- Volunteers
- New Members
- Donations

To Keep It Going

Gay Community Services (G.C.S.) is a much needed non-profit organization, in Orlando, that provides service for many thousands of gay people.

The *Rap Group*, an open discussion group that meets once a week, helps people to accept themselves, people who are interested to understand the gay lifestyle, a chance to discuss daily problems or situations and alternatives to take. These are but a few of the many things discussed in the *Rap Group*.

The *Gay Hotline* provides a 24-hour answering service for people new in town, gay tourists, our own community and others who call wanting information. The *Gay Hotline*, which may be reached by calling THE-GAYS (843-4297) provides many services other than just addresses of gay establishments. Many callers are referred to a professional such as physicians, dentists, lawyers, etc., who are willing and sympathetic to the gay cause.

New Direction is another function of G.C.S. In its official capacity, *New Direction* is



the newsletter of G.C.S. *New Direction* is, however, an ever expanding gay newspaper which now is serving Orlando, Daytona, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Melbourne, Cocoa, Lakeland, Gainesville, Jacksonville and Key West.

The paper just had a twenty-four page edition, the largest ever, for the December, 1983 issue!

New Direction is free to the Gay Community and is paid for thru advertising. The paper is put together and delivered by volunteers with the exception of the ones sent out of town to Key West by U.P.S.

Two other events provided by G.C.S. are the picnics and the monthly Gay Skate. These

TOM WILSON IN CONCERT JANUARY 20th

We love music: disco beats, love songs, classical, or the joy of rag. We listen, and pay for our favorite tunes and melodies. Yet, main-stream music rarely relates totally to all our personal feelings, needs, and experiences.

Our special lifestyles, politics, and personal dilemmas are answered in new gay music and literature.

In the last few years gay and lesbian musicians, songwriters, (as well as gay organizations) have filled the gap by offering Gay/Lesbian music. 'Good Fairy Productions', in Seattle, Washington. Above Ground Records, Olivia records, and other independent distributors are offering to us what could well be identified as much for changes — lesbian/gay music.

Gay artists such as Charlie Murphy, Meg Christiansen, Blackperri and Tom Wilson are



appreciated not only by the gay community. Through their music they are embracing the larger audience, and by so doing, creating positive changes regarding our Gay/Lesbian life and lifestyle.

Tom Wilson Weinberg a nefarious gay songster, will be with us as part of his Southeast Tour which include Atlanta, Key West and Orlando. He is an original songwriter singer and has been performing throughout the U.S. and Canada since 1977. He has been performing professionally extensively at Cabarets and conferences, bars and benefits.

Tom "Wilson" has already released two

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are among many services provided, *BUT* these services are in danger of being lost forever!

The membership of G.C.S. has slowly dwindled and the amounts of donations have gone steadily down over the past few years.

A few people have been doing all the volunteer work and that, too, has taken it's toll.

G.C.S. needs new members, male and female, professional and laborer. *Gay Community Services needs volunteers* to help plan, mail, paste-up, sell tickets, collect and many, many other projects.

Join G.C.S., see the ad in this issue of *New Direction* and become involved even if only an hour or two a week. Let's share the load and keep the ball rolling!

If you cannot join nor wish your name on our confidential mailing list, there is a space for an anonymous donation. It takes donations and volunteers to continue this worthwhile cause.

MAIL YOUR APPLICATION or CALL TODAY!

The next G.C.S. meeting will be held January 8, 1984 at 4:30 P.M. in the Piano Bar at the Parliament House Motor Inn, 410 N. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando.

This important meeting is for the election of new officers for 1984.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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Gay Skate Date January 23

Roller skaters will have their chance to take to the boards Monday, Jan. 23, during the monthly outing at Semoran Skateway, Casselberry. The all-Gay skate will begin at 9 p.m. Admission is \$3 including skate rentals.

Semoran Skateway is located off Highway 436, north of Howell Branch Road. The rink is located on the west side of the highway, behind and adjacent to a McDonald's restaurant location. The monthly skating program is sponsored by Gay Community Services of Central Florida, Inc.

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From the Editor's Desk

With 1983 behind us and the new year already underway, we need, as a community, to put aside petty problems and start anew. Let's pull together and make 1984 a year we can look back on with pride. Hope each of you had a Merry Christmas and here's wishing you a tremendous '84!

Ollie

FOTO FAX!



Scott M. Varley; NICKNAME: Scoop; OCCUPATION: Bartender at Silver Hammer; HEIGHT: 6'1"; WEIGHT: 140; CHEST: 36"; HAIR COLOR: Natural blonde; EYE COLOR: Blue; BIRTHDATE: 3-18-60; BIRTHPLACE: Atlanta, Georgia; RAISED: With class; BROTHERS: 1; SISTERS: 1 step; Scott is the youngest; ZODIAC SIGN: Pisces; FAVORITE FOODS: Spaghetti, Escargo; FAVORITE BEVERAGES: Pepsi, Absolute & 7up w/twist; FAVORITE NIGHT SPOT: A warm couch; FAVORITE T.V. SHOWS: Mash : H.B.O. shows; FAVORITE MOVIES: Blue Lagoon (Scenery), Bambi; FAVORITE ACTOR: Henry Fonda; FAVORITE ACTRESS: Barbra Striesand; FAVORITE MUSIC: Classical & Up-to-date; FAVORITE MUSICIAN: Michael Jackson, Chopin; FAVORITE SPORTS: Football, volleyball, pool; FAVORITE SPORTS FIGURE: Arthur Ashe; FAVORITE COLORS: Blue, white; FAVORITE TYPE OF PET: Cat; FAVORITE TYPE OF PERSON: Honest & kind; LEAST FAVORITE TYPE OF PERSON AND WHY: One who lies and people who don't know what tipping means; MOST SENSITIVE PART OF YOUR BODY: Lips; TURN-ONS: Good kisser & pretty teeth; TURN-OFFS: Poppers; PET PEEVES: People who don't smile; PEOPLE YOUR TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT: I don't mind. I'll listen; LEAST FAVORITE FAD: Working; FAVORITE PHRASE: Dont have one; LEAST FAVORITE PHRASE: Girlfriend; FAVORITE VACATION PLACE: Bimini in the Bahamas; YOUR LIVES AMBITION: Learn all about life and traveling around the world; ANY LAST COMMENTS: I would like to move to England to live, find a lover and just enjoy the best of my life.

Daniel Fraser; NICKNAME: Ms. Winter Park; OCCUPATION: Manager, Southern Nights; HEIGHT: 6'1"; WEIGHT: 180; CHEST: 42; HAIR COLOR: Brown; EYE COLOR: Hazel; BIRTHDATE: 10-24-53; BIRTHPLACE: Orlando, Fla.; RAISED: Orlando; BROTHERS: 1; SISTERS: 2; Daniel is the youngest; ZODIAC SIGN: Scorpio; FAVORITE FOODS: Seafood, vegetables; FAVORITE BEVERAGES: Absolute and Soda; FAVORITE NIGHT SPOT: LA-TE-DAS in Key West; FAVORITE T.V. SHOWS: Dynasty, All My Children; FAVORITE MOVIES: Yentl, Tootsie; FAVORITE ACTOR: Richere Gere; FAVORITE ACRESS: Barbara Striesand; FAVORITE MUSIC: Jazz, Easy Listening; FAVORITE MUSICIAN: Kenny Loggins, Hall & Oates; FAVORITE SPORTS: Swimming, bicycling; FAVORITE SPORTS FIGURE: Bjorn Borg; FAVORITE COLORS: Jade, Blue; FAVORITE TYPE OF PET: Someone elses; FAVORITE TYPE OF PERSON: Aggressive man; LEAST FAVORITE TYPE OF PERSON AND WHY: Negative people; MOST SENSITIVE PART OF YOUR BODY: Neck; TURN-ONS: Up people, positive people, my job; TURN-OFFS: Bathroom destroyers; PET PEEVES: Pushy people, non tippers; LEAST FAVORITE FAD: Attitude; FAVORITE PHRASE: I'm over it!; LEAST FAVORITE PHRASE: Girl Friend, Mary, etc.; FAVORITE VACATION PLACE: Key West, NYC, Atlanta, GA.; YOUR LIVES AMBITION: Retire, buy a fishing boat, live in the Keys, drink beer.

Florida Task Force Holds Fundraiser In Jacksonville

BY SCOTT DRAKE
New Direction Staff Writer

During the first weekend in December, the Florida Task Force held a fund-raising throughout the city of Jacksonville. Co-ordinated with the Jacksonville Business Guild, all of the gay establishments in the area assisted in gathering money for the task force to continue with their goals.

Kicked off first by a barbeque dinner, the weekend held a variety of functions. Most places gave special drink prices, but there was also a special show and a buffet on Sunday, as well.

The largest part of the money collected, though, came from the pockets of the patrons of these places. With a "pass the hat" at every location, everybody dug deep to give to a cause that helps each of us.

"We were quite pleased with the contributions," said Michael Brim of the task force. "We collected nearly \$1300.00 from passing around the bucket. That will be topped when we add all of the other fund raisers and private donations."

The Florida Task Force is tentatively planning another such fund raiser in the Miami area sometime around February.

Biggest Little Showroom Opens

The Biggest Little Show Room in the South, opened with a flourish and champagne party.

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records, loaded with gay songs. "Gay Name Game" (1979) won praise for its sensitive and humorous approach to gay life and politics and his record album "All-American Boy", (1981), a collection of new songs that range from pensive ballads to rocking dance numbers.

Tom, in his music, tells us about gay politics, struggles and hopes. He uses humor, wit and satire to make us laugh at anti-gay psychology, morals and politics. (Save Our Children; Shrink Song). He reminds us about Gay history and our closets, (Gay Names). He sings of gay love (He Likes Me) and touches unspoken aspects of gay life such as promiscuity (You Go Your Way); sex; (Threesome). He visualizes the ritual of the bar pick-up (1:00 A.M.); satire, in straights views of lesbians (Ballad of Main Jane). Tom's songs are about our lives.

His music is original, reflective, witty and filled with a pride of being gay. His music incorporates showtunes, jazz-like melodies, as well as classical techniques, rag-time, pop and folk-rock.

Being with him will be a delightful experience for our community and may be a starting point for Central Florida to begin developing interest in other gay performers.

Southern Nights. The local hot bar has kindly offered its facilities for Tom's concert. The pastor and board of directors at MCC (Metropolitan Community Church) have supported and endorsed Tom's concert and they will help to promote the concert and assist pre-sales of tickets in the community. Tom's concert will be held at Southern Nights, 375 South Bumby Ave., Orlando, Friday night, January 20. Shows at 8 P.M. and 10 P.M.

Admission will be on sliding scale (\$3 to \$8). The artist and groups helping the concert agreed that a sliding scale ticket will not bar anyone from enjoying the performance. While higher prices will help as any profits of the concert will be placed in a special account to be used in the future for bringing other national gay artists to our community and for sponsoring future Gay concerts.

Pre-sale tickets are available at Southern Nights through MCC, and also at the Power House, 111 E. Lyman in Winter Park. Tickets will also be sold at the door on Jan. 20.

Get your tickets early as the seats are limited.

National Gay Rights Bill Gains Sponsors

The addition of four sponsors from the House of Representatives, including Morris Udall (D-AR), E. Toires (D-CA), John Leach (D-IA), and D. Bosco (D-CA), has brought the total to seventy five co-sponsors of the national Gay rights bill in the House and Senate. Leach is the third House Republican to endorse the bill, while Bob Packwood remains the only Senate Republican offering support.

The most recent sponsor in the Senate has been Ernest Hollings, who is also an announced candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In announcing the most recent co-sponsors, the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) applauded the gains made in the Congressional Black Caucus, where sixteen of its twenty members have declared themselves sponsors of the bill.

Luke: Who is Darth Vader's wife?
Han: I don't know. Who?
Luke: Ella Vader.

National Council of Churches Says No

BY JIM THOMAS
TGN-T Editor

The National Council of Churches, a Christian ecumenical organization composed of 31 orthodox and protestant denominations in the United States, has rejected a two year long bid for membership by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC). Founded in 1968 by Troy Perry, MCC claims a membership of over 25,000, 80% of whom are said to be Gay or Lesbian.

The governing board of the National Council voted on November 9 to "postpone indefinitely" consideration of MCC's application for membership. Had the vote actually occurred, rather than the postponement of consideration, most observers feel that the application would have been rejected outright.

The membership committee of the council had declared MCC eligible for membership but questions remained among some of the constituent denominations about whether MCC was too oriented towards the single issue of homosexuality. MCC maintains that it is no more limited than other churches which reach out to specific cultural or ethnic groupings, such as Blacks or East Europeans.

More importantly, however, MCC doctrine raises serious challenges to the beliefs of several other denominations. This was particularly apparent in the objections raised by nine Eastern Orthodox churches who threatened to leave the council altogether if MCC was accepted into the organization. The council referred to the threat in a statement after the postponement action: "The council cannot sustain the disruption of Christian unity which an eligibility vote could produce."

While MCC is unlikely to press the issue of membership any further, both sides in the dispute said that much had been gained in the process. Leslie Phillips, an ordained MCC minister, told **Gay Community News** (Boston) that she believed the language of the council's statement after the postponement was "clearly conciliatory. It did not create an absolute parting of the ways."

Council officials seemed to agree, stating that the process has created the opportunity for dialogue between the council and MCC and that MCC would be consulted, as are other non-member groups, as the council goes about its work.



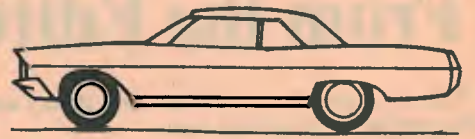
Turn-About Night, Dec. 8 at *Southern Nights* brought \$200.00 in donations for G.C.S.

Watch for the Valentine Party at *Parliament House* which will also benefit G.C.S.

Thank you to both of these fine places.

Greg: What happens when the human body is submerged in water?
Meg: The telephone rings.

on the road — Tampa Tempting



BY FRANK STEINER
New Direction Staff Writer

★★★★½ — Rene's, 2605 W. Kennedy Blvd., is a very popular bar in Tampa. It is easy to find and seems to always be full of people.

There are four bars at Rene's including a circular show and pool bar. The decor is very nice and the game room is large and up to date with pinball and video games as well as pool.

There is a swimming pool which is a large pool for use.

The people are a good mixture of male and female as well as all ages and the weekend shows are good. Against Rene's is the small dance floor and small stage for the shows. The parking situation also needs improving.

All together, it is a good bar.

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★★★★ — Baxter's, 1714 So. Dale Mabry. Here is on the road's first five star gay

establishment!

Baxter's is an excellent piano bar. The natural wood decor, walk around bar and friendly people make this bar a delight to visit.

The pianists-vocalists keep the audience mesmerized with an excellent mixture of solos and sing-a-long songs.

The mixture of ages as well as males and females is good.

There is a small game room in the back and is buffered so that the sounds of the machines do not carry out to the main room.

The service staff is friendly and there is plenty of parking.

Baxter's is the best piano bar this columnist has seen so far!

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Marilyn Monroe. Of her he stated, "There was a lot of talent in her that if she had continued to live would have surfaced. She also had a beautiful voice that was just starting to come to the public." He has a sketch of her on his living room wall.

Robert works mostly with pen and ink drawings, however has occasionally ventured into charcoal.

He recalls the date he first "came out." "December 11, 1979 was the first time I ever went into a gay bar," he said. "I went to the Parliament House to see 'Boy's In The Band' which had been directed by 'P'."

For the future, Robert would like to go back to college and get his degree in drafting, which he enjoys.

"I would also like to settle down with a life mate," he says.

When asked what his ideal man would be, he answered, "mid-thirties with a beard, moustache, hairy chest, not muscle bound yet not thin. Someone with a nice personality who is not on an ego trip and about five-foot seven to five-foot eight inches tall."

On this page you will find a sampling of Robert's many works of art.

NGRA Fights Texas Appeal

National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), the San Francisco based public-interest law firm, is urging that Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) not be accepted as a rationale for justifying a Texas sodomy statute. In 1982 a United States District Court, in a landmark ruling, struck down the Texas sodomy statute as being unconstitutional.

The case is now on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans, where an Amarillo, Texas district attorney is arguing that the sodomy statute is necessary to control AIDS.

Neither the District Attorney nor the Texas Attorney General brought up the AIDS argument at the trial level. Leonard Graff, NGRA legal director, said "It is simply improper to bring up a new issue for the first time at the appellate level. And even if they could, it is a weak argument because nobody had ever heard of AIDS at the time the Texas legislature enacted the sodomy statute."

Jean O'Leary, executive director of NGRA, stated that "The District Attorney is trying to exploit the public hysteria and to use irrational fear in an emotional attempt to persuade the Court. We expect the Court to disregard this shallow tactic." O'Leary also noted that both sodomy repeal and the prevention of AIDS discrimination are priority issues for NGRA.

AIDS not Fungus or Bacteria

The January issue of *Science Magazine* reports that the National Institute of Health in Maryland is using a sophisticated screening system for blood. They have found that AIDS is not caused by a bacteria nor a fungus. They are sure that AIDS is virus related due to the process of elimination.

They also report with this breakthrough that a vaccine should be found and in production by the end of 1984.

feetnotes



Boy Scouts of America to Appeal Pro-Gay California Court Ruling

The Boy Scouts of America have announced their intention to appeal a recent ruling saying that they must reinstate Timothy Curran, an openly Gay man, as a Scoutmaster. Curran, an Eagle Scout, was removed from the organization in 1981 after he was quoted in a newspaper article stating that he was Gay.

Judge Leon Thompson ruled that Curran's ouster from the Boy Scouts violated California law and that his reinstatement should be reconsidered. The national leadership of the Boy Scouts believes that Gays will be disruptive to the organization at best, and at worst, present a moral danger to the boys who belong to Scouting.

The Boy Scouts also maintain that no girls may join the organization, with the exception of the Explorers program for older boys and girls, and that anyone who does not recognize the existence of a supreme being may not hold membership.

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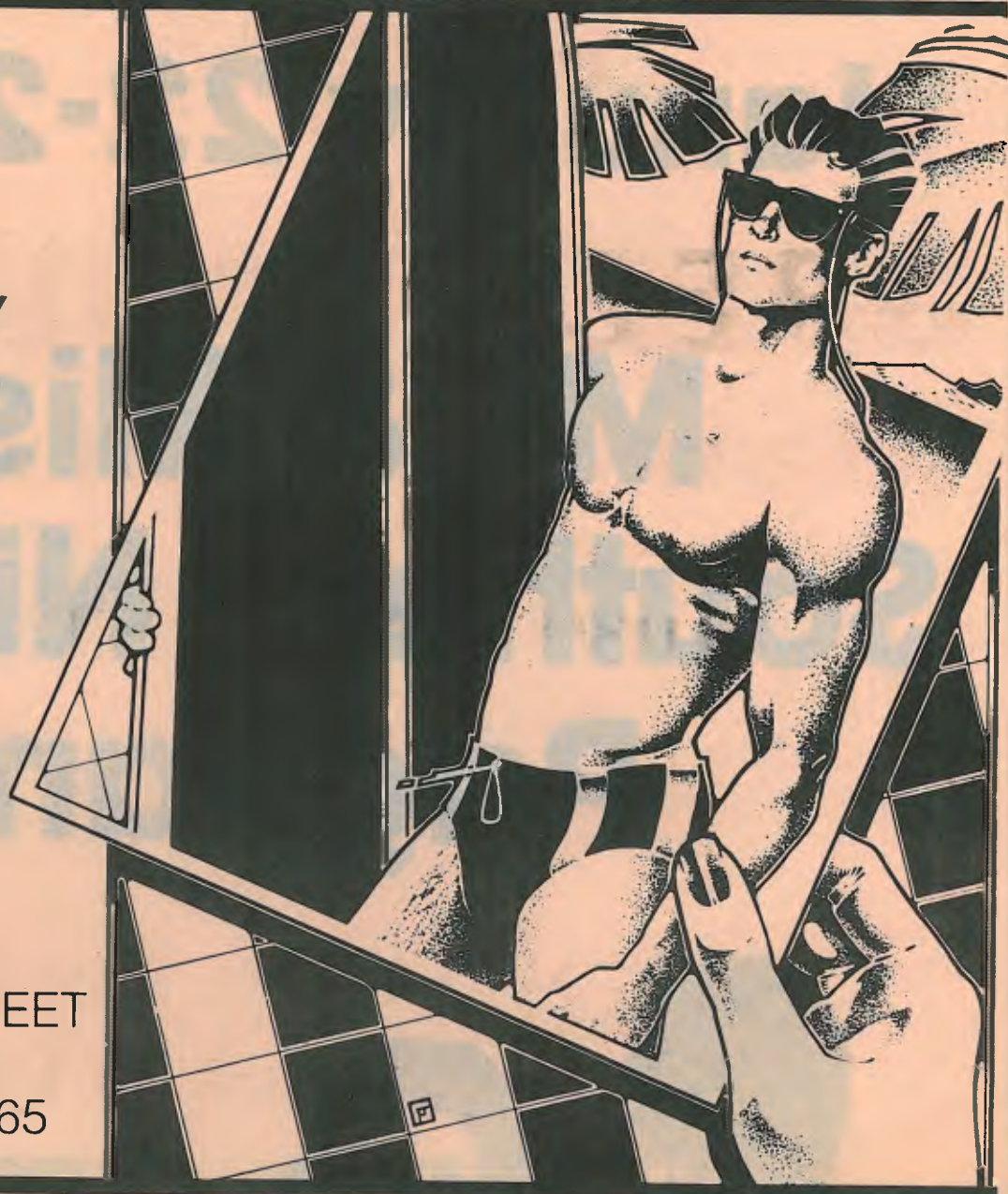
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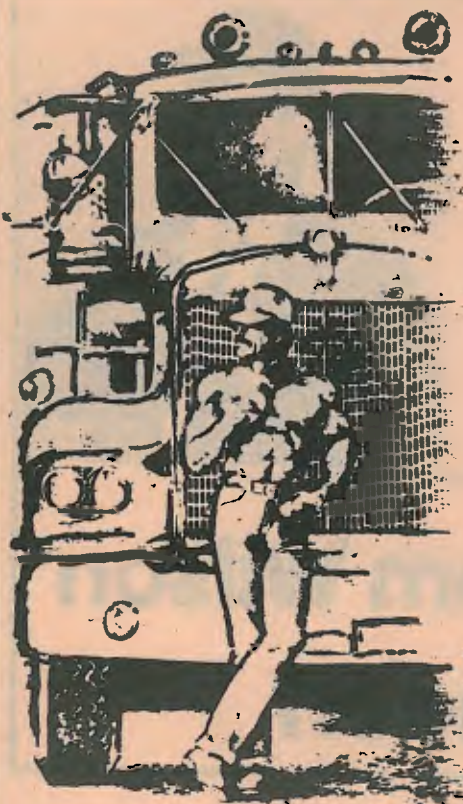
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Dear Fred . . .



Scooter's World

Dear Fred,
My best friend, who lives with me, takes drugs and is always high. How can I get him to stop killing himself.

I Care
Tampa

Dear I Care,

I suggest that you catch him at a slower, relaxed time and explain that you really care about him and that he is ruining his life by using the drugs. Tell him you are available anytime he wants to talk and that if he wants help, you'll help. Also tell him that you won't nag him about it (and don't).

By letting him know there is someone who cares and will help, you're helping him. If you can get him to see a doctor or a drug counselor, that's all the better. The best of luck and let me know what happened.

Fred

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Dear Fred,
I hate drag shows and all those (deleted) who run around acting like (deleted). What's this world coming to?

Likes Real Men
Orlando

Dear Likes Real Men,

It takes all kinds of people to make our world and the female impersonators are a part of it. Many of our community enjoy the "drag shows" and it is a good form of entertainment for them. There are different types of bars for different types of people. In Orlando there are some "all male" and "levi-leather" bars. I suggest you start going to these.

Fred

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Dear Fred,
No complaint or problem. Just a note to let you know my lover, and mate of eleven years, enjoy your column.

When we first saw your column several months ago, we thought it would never last and wondered if the advice would be good advice or tongue-in-cheek.

Your advice is very good.

We used to get the paper (New Direction) when we visited Orlando. We're glad you are now in our bars as well.

Faithful Readers
Daytona

Dear Faithful Readers,

You've made my day, week and month. Thank you for the pat on the back and I hope to keep this column going for a long time. I feel it's needed.

I would like to syndicate this column but as yet have not found out who and where to contact.

Congratulations on your eleven years of togetherness!

Fred

Letters to Fred may be sent directly to him at the following address: Dear Fred, P.O. Box 8762, Orlando Fl. 32856. Names and addresses WILL NOT be published in this column unless permission is given in the letter. Those needing immediate answers should include a S.A.S.E. and/or phone number. (Some letters may be edited due to space availability.)

January first has finally rolled and that long awaited split up of AT&T and Ma Bell has gone through. This has probably been one of the most confusing events in recent history right up there next to who was the last woman (or man) that John Kennedy slept with or who is Robert Wagner really going to marry?

I have had some first hand information given to me all the way through the divestiture since my father works for AT&T. And, although I have kept some pretty close tabs on it, I still found recently that I was confused as to who was actually going to be doing what. So, with pen in hand and questions in mind, I called one of their toll-free numbers to get some more information. I got such a kick out of the way they answer the phone, I called them four times just for that.

"Break-up hotline."

I mean, can we talk? One of these services needs to be started in San Francisco, New York, Key West and several other cities. Can you imagine upset or frustrated lovers calling for advice or wanting to cry their hearts out to someone about their break-ups? Somebody could be making a killing off of all of those.

Anyway, I asked the girl on the other end about the phone service.

"I've got a question concerning my telephone."

"Does it concern the parts, the operation, the ownership, the service, the rates or the function thereof?"

"Well, actually it concerns a couple of those."

"Well, you'll have to choose only one sir for me to connect you with the correct department."

"Okay, then," I said, "It's about the service."

"One moment."

At this point I got the privilege of hearing Rosemary Clooney sing "Sweet Jesus, My Redeemer." The only reason I remember it so well, is that was all that was played for the eight minutes I waited. I guess this was a low budget hot line.

"Break-up hot line service department."

"Yes. I was told recently that service for local calls was going to remain with the Southern Bell Company after the break-up, and if that's . . ."

"No, sir. AT&T broke up the local service into seven separate companies through the United States. The region you are in is called BellSouth. They are the company that controls your local service."

"Oh," I said, rather perplexed. "Then all of my billing and correspondence will be through them."

"One moment and I'll connect you with the rate department."

Another ten minutes of Rosemary and I was about to hang up when the rate department answered.

"Break-up hotline rate department."

Yes, I have a question concerning my billing. After all of this is through, where will I be mailing any correspondence?"

"That would still be sent to the Southern Bell office in Jacksonville."

"But I thought it was called BellSouth, now."

"No, sir," she replied, "The company is BellSouth, as per the break-up agreement

reached by Judge Green but the division that handles your account is still Southern Bell and it is a product of the BellSouth Company as it originally was part of AT&T."

"I see," I said. "Then it really hasn't changed a lot in the operation?"

"Hold on a moment and I'll connect you to the operations department."

Before I could utter a word, Miss Clooney was singing her heart out to me again. I wasn't real sure about getting any more answers that day when the tape was interrupted.

"Break-up hotline operations department."

"I really didn't want anything, it was just a casual comment I said concerning the BellSouth Company."

"What about it, sir?"

"Well it wasn't a question," I said. "I had gotten my bill today and saw this paper that said, 'buy your phone and save money' and it had the hotline number. . ."

"One moment and I'll connect you to ownership."

I'd had just about enough of all of it, but the line was picked up after only one verse.

"Break-up hotline ownership department."

Yes. I got a paper with my mail today that mentioned buying my phone from the phone company."

"Yes, sir, that's correct."

"Well, I wanted to know if I could get another phone than the one I have."

"Any other phone you get will have to be purchased directly from an outlet that sells them."

"What do you mean?"

"When AT&T split, they retained their construction and selling rights of the telephones. You could purchase one from them."

"But I wanted to pay by monthly deductions from my bill."

"Then you'll have to buy the phone you have."

"But I've had it twelve years," I said. "And the average life of one of these is only ten."

"I'm sorry, that's the best we can do."

"Couldn't I return this one and purchase another one from you using the deduction plan?"

"You must purchase phones from an independent dealer. If you wish to return your phone for any reason, you must go to a phone center store outlet where they will replace the phone you have with a new one but until you are leasing the new one you are not allowed to purchase it through the monthly billing or that would be outright purchasing of the new phone unit which. . ."

"I would have to do through an independent dealer," I finished, "yes, I understand that."

"That's correct."

"Well then, is the service on the rental phone still included during the purchasing time?"

"Just a moment and I'll connect you with the service department."

At this point, I called it quits. If possible, I think I knew more about what was going on before I called than after all of that.

And if that wasn't bad enough, when the bill showed up, it wasn't a toll-free call after all.

Scooter

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