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University of South Florida St. Petersburg.
And the winner is...

Voting was light at USF St. Petersburg students chose who was going to lead them into the next semester. Less than 300 student participated in this election, the lowest voter turnout for any Student Government election. Jacqueline Allison was elected president, edging out John Germer 124-99, a senior majoring in accounting and president of SABO. Allison is a liberal arts master's student and holds an undergraduate degree from USF in political science and business. "I'm very excited," said Allison the day after the election.

She also said much of what the last student government administration did was very positive. Allison hopes to continue in that tradition.

In the vice presidential race, Diana DeVore defeated Jacqueline Allison 139-88. DeVore is a junior majoring in criminology, while Jurik is a junior in the Teacher for All Children program. Catherine Foote was elected secretary and Terri Wallace was elected treasurer. Both candidates were unopposed.

The house, the white picket fence and marriage aren't quite the same for some couples.

Baird Letter
Sara Jenkins
Next Staff

Picture two people in love: Hours of intimate conversation, times filled with laughter and others with tears. They have gone through all the firsts, experienced all the magical moments. They have made a commitment to each other; a commitment for life.

The next step is obvious, they want to make their commitment formal and legal by getting married. But this couple has one obstacle—they happen to be the same sex.

In another age this issue would have been unthinkable, an oxymoron, but as society changes, opening its collective mind to new possibilities, actions never considered possible come to the forefront of American debate. It's a dynamic process.

A dynamic issue. And an issue that has generated a tremendous amount of legal, social and religious controversy.

The concept of marriage is culturally defined, a social construct that will evolve and transform over time. Its definition can vary widely.

The term marriage is "the state of being married; a wedding; a close union," according to Webster's New World Dictionary.

"The right to marry is the right to join in marriage with the person of one's choice...it is a fundamental right of free men," according to the Forum On The Right to Marriage, a national grass root organization promoting education and supporting the efforts of individuals to further the cause of same-sex marriage.

From the the Catholic church's understanding, marriage is inherently a union between a man and a woman, said Chancellor Alan Weber, the director of the Catholic Student Center on USF's Tampa campus.

"How can two people who love each other and want to publicly commit to one another threaten the institution of marriage when those are the same values heterosexuals are basing their decision to get married on?" said Jennifer Cox, a USF graduate student in sociology.

The legal consideration of same-sex marriage in the United States goes back to the 1971 Baker v. Nelson case in Minnesota, in which the court ruled against the two male plaintiffs seeking a state marriage license. Several subsequent cases had all been lost, until 1993, when the Hawaii Supreme Court offered a landmark decision declaring that a lower court violated the state's constitutional amendment prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex.

"The public policy of a state is not fixed in time but may change as societal changes take place," wrote lawyer Joseph Hammerthit in the Maryland Law Review, commenting on the Hawaii Supreme Court's ruling. The case is now being reconsidered by the lower court. The second trial began on Sept. 10 of this year.

With the resolution of the pivotal case in Hawaii pending, and the final decision not expected until sometime in 1998, the 104th U.S. Congress felt compelled to provide a political twist on the issue. What resulted in January of 1996 was the Defense of Marriage Act. A federal statute defining marriage as "only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and the word spouse refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife."

Announced by Democrats as an election-year tactic, the Republican-sponsored bill flew through the House in July, passing by an overwhelming majority, eased through the Senate in September and received the blessing of President Clinton, who shocked gay-rights activists with his signature on Sept. 21.

Calling the bill a "preemptive strike" against a radical social agenda," Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., helped to successfully guide the 85-14 passage of the bill.

A constitutional battle certainly lies ahead, since the Defense of Marriage Act also allows individual states to determine if a same-sex union granted in another state will be recognized. This aspect of the bill attempts to supersede the "full faith and credit clause of the U.S. Constitution, which provides that states must recognize the public Acts, Records, and judicial Proceedings of every other state."

Congress was also keenly aware of the broad public opposition to same-sex marriages.

American's religious beliefs play a large role in attitudes toward homosexuality and the public is acceptance of same-sex relationships, and religious be...
Keith Henry proves that the drive of one can exceed the efforts of many.

Vicky Larder
Next Staff

Keith Henry was leading a normal life in the small Florida town of Arcadia with a wife, six children and a good job. His life changed forever in November of 1987 when he was diagnosed as having multiple sclerosis.

For Henry, having MS has given new meaning to the word “determination,” and he determined early on that his disability was not going to get the best of him. “I have never been shy, and I wasn’t going to let my disability stop me from being who or what I wanted to be,” he said.

Henry was always a doer. In 1992 he enrolled at South Florida Community College and graduated with honors with an AA of Letters. He did not stop there and decided to further his education at the University of South Florida in Tampa in the fall of 1994. While attending USF, Henry immersed himself in many campus activities. He was a staff writer for the Oracle, the student newspaper, a photographer for the Disability Services’ handbook, a photo lab assistant and a guitar player in a band.

According to Henry, many of the disabled community have a “can’t do” attitude. “I didn’t allow my disability to keep me from a sense of who I am or to hold me back,” said Henry.

Most of the time MS strikes men and women between 20- to 40-years-old, and Henry was 31 when he became affected. The unpredictable physical and emotional effects of MS can last a lifetime.

MS is a disease which attacks the central nervous system. It can cause imbalance, numbness, paralysis and blindness. People with MS never know when the attacks will occur, how long they will last or how much of their abilities will be left after an attack. At the present time, this disease that affects millions of Americans is incurable, but treatments are available to slow its progression and lessen its severity.

Despite the disease, Henry graduated from USF in May 1996 with honors, but in some respects his stay at the university was not so honorable. According to Henry, USF Tampa doesn’t provide adequate housing for its disabled students. “I feel that the dorms are not accessible to the physically challenged, and routinely we were placed in the dorms instead of the Village because they were closer to the classroom.”

After a long battle, Henry moved from Beta Hall to the Village, the campus’s quadruple housing where there are 10 wheelchair accessible rooms, normally occupied by students without disabilities. Only one bathroom in Beta Hall was accessible to wheelchairs and the elevator was broken much of the fall of 1992.

“As a resident on campus, I had a very negative experience,” Henry said. Other complaints that Henry has regarding the University’s accommodations for the physically challenged are steep ramps and non-automatic doors. He mentioned that some restrooms were not large enough to accommodate students using wheelchairs, and many classrooms lacked wheelchair accommodations. In addition, Henry said the campus Subway’s tables and the furniture around Cooper Hall are not wheelchair friendly. Henry does, however, give USF credit for providing counseling to physically challenged students, and he said he would not trade his education here for anything. In fact, Henry plans to return to USF to start a master’s program in January 1997. Until then, he will be working as a desktop composer at Val-Pak in Largo.

Just to spend every weekend with his family, Henry commutes between Tampa and Arcadia. Even with his hands full with a wife, six kids, a job and a commute, he keeps a positive attitude. “I was told many times that I couldn’t do things because of my disability, but it’s not my chair that talks, it’s me,” Henry said. “People should just follow their dreams. They will come true.”
Helping the handicapped helps us all

Today the public is better informed about the plight of the handicapped, but the job of the advocates for the disabled is not done.

Linda Sky, Nease Staff

In spite of all the efforts made by people concerned with meeting the needs of the handicapped, society still falls short of doing so. Government agencies must see to the allocations of funds to provide for the development of additional programs and services and the cost of training and staffing for them.

Programs like Vocational Rehabilitation and Supported Competitive Employment have proven that persons with moderate or even severe disabilities can learn and perform well in a variety of employment situations.

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All wanting to find out where their time, money or efforts could be most effective in contributing to what is merely a good beginning in dealing with the handicapped issue can write their Congressperson, or they can contact organizations such as the Human Rights Advocacy Committee and the Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities.

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Being there for the handicapped

Disabled students at USF St. Petersburg have a number of services available to them. The university only requires that students provide proof of their disability to the Disabled Student Academic Services (DSAS) office in Tampa. According to Dr. Stephen Ritch, director of Student Affairs at USF St. Petersburg, 32 students on our campus are using the services. Below is a list of the services the university provides for disabled.

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• Priority registration
• Typing assistance

If you would like more information, call the DSAS office in Tampa at 974-4309. On the St. Petersburg campus, contact Joneen Maczis in the Office of Student Affairs at 893-9162.

Today, the public is better informed about the needs of people with disabilities than it has been. Legislation like Public Law 101-336, the Americans with Disabilities Act, protects the civil rights of the disabled. This act is broad enough to encompass private-sector employment, public services, public accommodations, transportation and includes issues like handicapped parking.

Other laws require equal opportunities in education and employment for the disabled. Supportive agencies, such as Vocational Rehabilitation, the Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities and the National Rehabilitation Association have been organized to help respond to the needs of the disabled.

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Speaking out on free speech

Bricks have soared, fires have blazed and guns have exploded. Death has visited our beloved city and resulted in two nights of civil unrest. Meanwhile, with the vision of an ignited nighttime sky still burning memory, leaders representing various factions have cried out for peace and answers. Some believe the cause of our city's dilemma is economically related, and their prayers were with Mayor David Fischer when he flew to Washington D.C. on Nov. 18 in search of funds to improve the depressed areas of St. Petersburg. Others believe the problem has roots in racial intolerance, and no amount of money will work toward a cure. Religious leaders claim it is a spiritual virus that can be blamed for the disturbances, a lack of respect and a blurring between right and wrong that is spreading throughout our city and our nation.

Whatever the solution to the anger and frustration abounding in our community may be, it is certain that all should choose their speech carefully for some time to come. While free speech has no equal among cherished American beliefs, the words of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. must remind us that "the most stringent protection of free speech would not protect a man in falsely shooting fire in a theater and causing a panic."

Accordingly, we don't need the police, the mayor and other city officials incorrectly saying our double shot of destruction can be blamed on a handful of unruly hooligans. Nor do we need Police Chief Darrel Stephens saying Uphur's political speech "contributed to the atmosphere" that fueled the riots.

We don't need Uphur's member Sobukwe Bambaamba saying "We have to push the pigs back across Central Avenue. They might be coming back in body bags if we get our a--- together." Nor do we need people chanting "Kill the killer pigs now," as they did Nov. 2 during the funeral march for TyRon Mark Lewis, the young man whose shooting sparked the first disturbance.

We don't need the press saying the Uphur's have called for the execution of officers Jim Knight and Sandra Minor, Chief Stephens and Mayor Fischer — as did the St. Petersburg Times on Nov. 1. Nor do we need that news source to change its story 19 days and another violent night later. The Times did this when it reported that the Uphur's reached the decision in a tribunal that the officers, the chief and the mayor were guilty of genocide and should be executed in the state electric chair, a means of killing someone not at the Uphur's disposal. "By neglecting to include these points," the Times reported on itself Nov. 22, "the news media left the impression in some peoples' minds that the Uphur movement was advocating executions in the street — assassinations."

What we do need is an unfailing and hardworking press. When they report the news they must seek the truth first and foremost, not try to be first with the story as a particular television station did the right of the second disturbance when they erroneously reported a helicopter had been shot down.

What we need is our police department to brandish the common sense that Ralph Waldo Emerson spoke of when he said, "Nothing astonishes men like common sense and plain dealing." The police must be benevolent when it's appropriate and in control all of the time, not erratic and irresponsible as they were when they sought out to arrest Uphur members for expired tags the day of the grand jury decision regarding the events surrounding the shooting of Lewis.

What we need is intelligent restraint to flow from the frustrated masses. As they identify and right the wrongs that surround them daily, the masses must be calm yet diligent, not excitable and violent as they were when they torched the homes and businesses of their friends and neighbors the two nights our city exploded.

We will be closer to peace when these things come to pass, the kind of peace both factions are crying out for and the kind of peace Henry Kissinger talked about when he said, "If history teaches anything, it is that there can be no peace without equity and no justice without restraint."
It takes a village

Thanks to a joint effort involving USF and the YWCA, students with children can expect relief soon in the form of a child care center.

M. Tracy Watts
Next Staff

A new child care facility may be available for USF! St. Petersburg students, staff, and faculty with children relieved by next fall.

Dean Williams Heller is participating with the YWCA in a joint venture to establish what is being called a "family village." "The new facility will provide more services than the other YWCA centers. The dean and Steve Wolf of the YWCA are optimistic the facility will be completed by next fall and are awaiting the city's approval of a lease that will give them a "green light" to start building. The estimated cost of the building is $1.8 million. USF students have contributed $120,000 through funds from the Capital Improvement Trust Fund to build a child care facility."

The family village will be a facility with three components. One will serve a particular interest to USF students with children and be a fully licensed child development center. It will also have a short-term and long-term housing component.

The idea of the family village grew out of a need for a child care facility. Upon coming to USF/St. Petersburg, Heller met with the student government and asked it to prioritize their needs. Heading the list was a child care facility, which led the dean to prioritize their needs. Heading the list was a child care facility, which led the dean to prioritize their needs. Heading the list was a child care facility, which led the dean to prioritize their needs. Heading the list was a child care facility, which led the dean to prioritize their needs. Heading the list was a child care facility, which led the dean to prioritize their needs. Heading the list was a child care facility, which led the dean to prioritize their needs. Heading the list was a child care facility, which led the dean to prioritize their needs. Heading the list was a child care facility, which led the dean to prioritize their needs.

"We've got the land and the need. Why not package that together?" Heller suggested, and the USF/YWCA project began.

The site for the village underwent several proposals before settling on its final location, 6th Avenue and 4th Street South. Heller feels this location is ideal because the facility will sit in what appears to be a row of child care services and falls in line with the pediatrics research building, the Ronald McDonald house, and All Children's Hospital.

Stephen Rich, director of student affairs at USF St. Petersburg, said other facilities were taken into consideration to provide child care services, but none were able to provide care in the evenings and certainly couldn't deal with drop ins (care for a few hours only). "You get into licensing issues," and some were not willing to go through that, he said.

Rich feels a real need for this kind of facility exists. In 1996, 25 percent of USF's students had children, and 25 percent of that number were single parents. To date, these statistics have remained consistent. He conducted a survey in 1993 and did a follow-up on that survey in 1994. The surveys revealed one-third of the students with children needed child care in the day. Another third needed it in the evening, and the others only needed drop-in services. The family village will accommodate all of these needs.

Dr. Michael Killenberg, director of graduate studies in mass communications, said at least one of the students in his program had to drop out because of family responsibilities. While he feels the circumstances in this case were extreme, he is concerned with the possibility of other students having to do the same. "Women with children often sacrifice their own personal goals," he said.

Heller, Wolf, Rich and Killenberg are all in agreement that the Child Development Center will be beneficial and are hopeful it can assist in retaining students who have similar child care problems. The center will service both USF students and residents of the family village, who are members of the community. USF students with children, however, will be given high priority. "First and foremost, we want a place for the students to bring their children," Heller said.

The center will have the capability to hold 50 to 100 pre-school age children at any given time, provide 85 beds, operate from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. and have attendants accompany teachers in the classrooms. The fees will be minimal and cover basic necessities, such as food for the children. The center will also be used for USF's Early Childhood Development department's research and serve as an internship site for students.

Wolf has been director of Housing and Support Services for the YWCA of Tampa Bay for seven years and has a master's degree in social work from USF-Tampa. He said students in other fields, such as human services, psychology and sociology can also work in the facility under his direction.

While the greatest need of the family village services for USF students appears to be in the child care facility, the other components of the facility are available to USF students as well.

Wolf, along with Heller, speaks proudly of this joint effort, noting that it is "combining the strengths of two large professional organizations to benefit the community."

Heller, in turn, holds the YWCA in high regard and looks forward to future endeavors. "This is our first opportunity to get involved with the YWCA in a major way, and I see a lot more opportunities being generated."
While only 6 percent of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg's students are black, they are finding unity through a growing organization. However, that organization, the Association of Black Students, still struggles with the issues of membership and student participation. Although low attendance and participation is something that ABS vice president Patrick Hines feels is not unique to ABS, it is a problem she would like to see her organization overcome. "Even though the number of people who participate and support the organization is small, the ones who do participate and support it definitely benefit." ABS offers representation and unity, while serving as a support structure socially and academically for students. It also provides services such as networking and information on career opportunities.

Formed in 1979 by a few students who felt they had no representation on campus, the organization went through periods of dormancy because of the non-participation of its members. Since then it has gained momentum and plans to maintain its thrust while serving as a support organization. Although low attendance and participation is something that ABS feels is something that ABS is exclusively for black students; however, the ABS promotes diversity. The organization welcomes the support and participation of anyone interested in educating and preparing black students. "Black students have historically had limited opportunities afforded them," Hines said to emphasize this kind of support is needed.

"I'm a good indication of how Jesus would have treated homosexuals," said Kim Henson, another USF St. Petersburg student. But other students are ambivalent. "I have mixed feelings about it. If they are happy and in love, that's fine I guess," said Kim Hens, another USF St. Petersburg student, "but I'm religious." Growing up in a religious environment "inhibited" her with the belief that homosexuality was wrong, she said.

Theology hasn't caught up with technology," Father Leigh said, referring to the growing scientific evidence that sexual orientation is not a choice, but genetically predetermined. There are no Scriptural references of Jesus' attitude toward homosexuality, Leigh said, but examining Jesus' compassionate treatment of lepers and prostitutes is a good indication of how Jesus would have treated homosexuals. "It's a good thing this Jesus fellow wasn't so rigid."
An album you can take home to mom

Arlen McGillicuty
Nest Staff

There's two things you have to know about this ol' country boy before you read this review.

First off, I like live music. As my momma used to say, you can tell a lot about a person with their pants down. Of course, running around half naked and singing don't have that much in common, but if you can take a recording artist out of the studio and he sounds like what pigs do, running around without your pants on is the least of your problems. Now that may be what some people call a run-on sentence, but, heck, it's still rings as true as C-chord in a crystal glass.

Second, compilations can save you a lot of money. Most of my adult life has fallen into the "listening dupe" cycle. That's where you hear a song on the radio, fall madly in love with it, take the full-length CD home only to have it turn into the Jekyll-and-Hyde lover that holds a knife to your throat while you sleep. You listen to the CD and wonder with anguish, "How in the world can they sing a song so pretty, then offer 11 other songs full of crap?" I have a bin full of those one-song wonders and the only good they serve is making those CD car mirror hangers my redneck cousins like to tool around with in their muddy Appalachian hills.

With those things said, you can probably tell what's coming next when I talk about "Crossroads," the VH-1 disc on Atlantic Records. The 13-song CD called from the cable network's show that features mostly new artists is one disc I can live with. It won't turn into the knife-bearing lover or go around without its pants on. This is a disc you can take home to mom. Most of the cuts on this compilation are previously unreleased performances which were recorded live in VH-1's Manhattan studio or at special live Crossroads concerts, according to the CD sleeve, which I have to cite so I won't get into that plagiarism trouble and then get kicked out of school and be forced to live my life without attaining my dream of writing for Country Music magazine.

But that has nothing to do with the CD at hand. From the opening cut, a blistering rendition of "Run Around" from Blues Traveler, this CD shines with mostly outstanding performances of artists I would never buy a full-length CD from. I mean, really, who would want a full-length CD from Del Amitri? Who has even heard of Del Amitri? But that cute little ditty "Roll To Me," makes me dance like the trailer park woman who marries the doctor. Other highlights include duets from Edwin McCain and Darius (Hootie and the Blowfish) Rockett ("Soulitude"), Melissa Etheridge and Joan Osborne ("Bring Me Some Water"), as well as Son Volt, Goo Goo Dolls and Gin Blossoms. The disc isn't Bawless, though, as Deep Blue Something gives a lame version of their snappy dirty "Breakfast at Tiffany's.

Something is definitely lost in the translation, kind of like watching the New York Jets play football... you feel sad and yet there is nothing you can do about it. Also, there's this Pete Droge & The Sinners group singing "If You Don't Love Me I'll Kill Myself," a song that gets it title from what I always used to tell Mary Ellen Jones that summer in the 70s when we would skip rocks in the creek behind my house. As an added bonus, this is what they call an "enhanced" CD, which only means you can play it in your computer and see some video clips. It would be cool, except the only video on the thing is Tori Amos' rendition of Bruce Springsteen's "I'm On Fire," which is kind of like plagiarism "cause she never says it's a Boss song. But that's neither here nor there again.

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Well, let me try to wrap this up. Should you buy this CD? Heck, why are you asking me? If you like live music and you like music compilations, you'll probably feel as happy as my dog Reb does whenever I scratch his belly. Of course, I hope you don't lose control of your bladder like lil' Reb does.

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Cary Wimer
Nest Staff

The weather has cooled off considerably. The temptation to become a couch potato is strong. Instead of curling up to the bore box, work off some of those extra holiday calories, and discover Little Manatee River State Recreation Area.

The 1,638-acre recreational area is located at 215 Lightfoot Rd. in Wimauma and is open from 8 a.m. to sunset 7 days a week. Stop at the office and pay $3.25 for use of the picnic tables with grills, restrooms, the Oxbow nature trail, the 6.5 mile hiking trail, and the canoe launch.

By following the map received at the office or the road itself, signs will direct you to a wonderful picnic area that is quiet and somewhat shaded. Some tables even have a river view. Along the sand path leading back to the Oxbow nature trail, more secluded picnic sites can be found for those searching for a more private setting. Some pavilions, which would be perfect for family reunions or get-togethers, are also located here. They can be rented for $20-$60 depending on the size. Reservations for pavilions can be made at the park office and are recommended.

Further down the sand path, signs mark the Oxbow nature trail. This trail provides an excellent opportunity for those who overindulged on picnic or holiday food to take a leisurely 15-20 minute stroll through nature. Signs are posted throughout the trail identifying sabal palms, the formation of oxbows lakes and other interesting bits of nature trivia. The trail twists and winds around the river providing some scenic views.

For the more adventurous, the 6.5 mile hiking trail is located outside the recreational area on Lightfoot road. The trail, which takes 2-3 hours to complete, leads hikers across creeks and along Little Manatee River. Sturdy, comfortable shoes are recommended.

Canoeing is also a fun way to get some exercise and explore nature. Floating on the river's dark water, visitors may have the opportunity to creep up on an alligator or other wildlife. Canoes can be rented at the Canoe Outpost less than a mile away from the recreational area for $25 a day. The recreational area also offers overnight camping, but plan ahead. There are only 30 campsites which fill up quickly so reservations are recommended. Sites are $10 plus tax. Electricity is $2 extra. There's also a primitive camp located along the hiking trail for those who want to get away from it all.

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The Mirror Crack'd

Scott Hartzell  
Nest Editor

Elevate Barbara Streisand to the director's chair and she becomes almost god-like, flip-flopping and tinkering with society's conception of traditional male and female roles.

In her directorial debut of the multi-Oscar nominated film Yentl, Streisand manquestrated as a boy to receive education at an all-male Jewish school. Her latest, The Mirror Has Two Faces, disputes the notion that women would rather separate themselves from the passionate, sweaty side of love by seeking out men purely for companionship.

Just as the hardships experienced by women wasn't earthshaking information when Yentl was made in 1983, the misconceptions regarding women's sexuality is not a virgin topic today. Streisand, however, is genius enough to realize that a theme's freshness isn't always a determining factor in its success.

What does make for a successful film is engaged acting, rich cinematography, obscure editing and a strong screenplay. Yentl had all this, including a pleasing score. The Mirror Has Two Faces, on the other hand, can only claim to lightly kiss the face of success. It abandons the marvelous warmth and humor it reflects through almost every frame when the story by Richard LaGravanese (The Fisher King) turns an almost tragic turn near the end. Oscar takes an almost tragic turn near the end.

As a result, Streisand's warmth and humor it reflects through all this is lost. Where Yentl had all this, including a pleasing score, The Mirror Has Two Faces, on the other hand, can only claim to lightly kiss the face of success. It abandons the marvelous warmth and humor it reflects through almost every frame when the story by Richard LaGravanese (The Fisher King) turns an almost tragic turn near the end. Oscar — who was loveable just the way she was — seeking beauty in a parlor and running through a park to lose weight turns the enchanting and enlivening into the pathetic and cliche.

Film rating — Three and one-half

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Absurdity and asinity rule

Alex Hudmon
Nest Columnist

For my final column of the semester, I thought some of my readers, all two of them, would like a deeper look into that flow in and out of it.

- Why do we drive on a parkway and park on a driveway?
- Why do they call it a speed bump if you have to slow down for it?
- Why do they even put hand blowers in restrooms? I always get a laugh out of the instructions on them. 1) Press button 2) Rub hands together under air and my own addition 3) Wipe hands on pants to dry.
- Why do they have automatic flushers on the toilets? Are people so lazy that they can’t flush the toilet and wash their hands afterwards? Maybe it is because they don’t want to mess with the hand dryers.
- Why do we have enough weapons to destroy the world a hundred times and still have people starving to death?
- Why do fast food places always have to fill the cup up so much that the Coke spills out when you put the straw in? These are the same people who fill their tubs up to the rim and can’t figure out why the water spills when they get in.
- Speaking of fast food, why do fast food joints try and make you sound like an idiot. “I would like some Chicken McNuggets, a McFry and a large McShake.” McDonald’s isn’t the only one. At Wendy’s, it is Biggie this and Biggie that. Einstein would feel like a moron saying, “I want that Biggie size fry and Biggie Coke.” I like to go into Burger King and order Big Macs just to get some small measure of revenge.

- Why do people wear their hats backwards? Hats are to keep the sun out of your eyes. Turning them around backwards defeats the whole purpose. The only ones who should be allowed to wear their hats backwards are catchers.
- Why does every college and university with a bunch of parking spaces have automatic flushers in the toilets? Einstein would feel like a moron saying, “I want that Biggie size fry and Biggie Coke.” I like to go into Burger King and order Big Macs just to get some small measure of revenge.

- Why do you have to slow down for it? Why do they make you take a driving test in Florida? When I took mine, you still had to parallel park and this old man ran over the pole used to mark the space with his minivan. He got his license, and judging from the way people drive around here, he was one of the better drivers. Don’t get me started!
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- Why do some people support the death penalty and oppose abortion? I guess they figure, let them grow up and then fry ‘em.
- Why are women so moody and why are men not smart enough to stay out of their way when they are?
- Why do women take so long to get ready to go somewhere? And why do men always complain about it?
- Why do your love football while women adore figure skating?
- Why do some men love their cars more than their kids and their wives?
- Why are we always on time to something when it doesn’t matter and always late when it does?
- Why do we keep books that we have already read — especially the bad ones we aren’t going to read again?
- Why does Ron Bagg always talk about softball and allow his team to get beat by a bunch of journalists?
- Why do we dump toxic waste in the ocean and then eat the fish that come out of it?
- Why do some of my readers, all two of them, get a laugh out of the instructions on them. 1) Press button 2) Rub hands together under air and my own addition 3) Wipe hands on pants to dry.

"The Crow's Nest"

(Where the turkey hits the blender)
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

ARTS & SCIENCES HONOR SOCIETY
If you are an Arts & Sciences major with 12 USF completed credits and a 3.5 GPA, you qualify to belong to the Arts & Sciences Honor Society. Call 893-9157 or stop by COO 200.

ASSOCIATION OF BLACK STUDENTS
ABS members voluntarily at St. Vincent de Paul on Thanksgiving Day. For more information, visit the Project Thrust office in Davis 109, call 893-9108, or e-mail ABS@bayflash.stpt.usf.edu. Visit our web site: http://bayflash.stpt.usf.edu/abs

BABY CLUB
This is a new club for new moms to co-op babysitting, baby needs and support. Call Nicole Golden at 360-1702.

CIRCLE K
Meetings are every Wednesday, 7:30 PM. CAC Clubroom. New members are always welcome. Join us and meet new people and serve your community at the same time. For more info, call Donna Gynagna, 384-8146, or Melissa Carnevale, 367-6574.

LEGALIS SOCIETY
All majors welcome. Meetings are Thursdays at 5 PM in Davis 339. For more information, contact Neil Price at 508-5369 or send e-mail to nprice@bayflash.stpt.usf.edu

OMNI CULTURAL SOCIETY
Meetings will begin in January for this new club. Our tentative schedule is every 2nd Tuesday, 5 - 6 PM, DAV 323A. We pledge to exstinguish cultural misconceptions through positive social interaction.

SAIL CLUB
Club meetings are held every other Friday at 5:30 PM at the Bayboro Club and new members are always welcome. Improve your sailing skills or learn to sail! For more info, contact Steve Lang at 893-5752.

SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS
The campus chapter of SPJ is now accepting new members. Membership applications and information are available from Phil DiVece, 821-6307 or divce@bayflash.stpt.usf.edu

STUDENT ACCOUNTING & BUSINESS ORGANIZATION
Meetings are Wednesdays, 12 - 1 PM in Davis 102. For more information, call John Garner, 822-4349. Visit our web site: http://bayflash.stpt.usf.edu/sabo

STUDENT COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
Our next meeting date is Dec. 4.

To publish clubs & organizations information, submit entries in writing to The Crow's Nest in the CAC.

EMPLOYMENT

EARN UP TO $500
Females 18-40 years-old with regular period requested for participation in birth control research study. Call Clinical Studies at 576-8474.

DRIVER WANTED
Student in need of driver to get back and forth to campus for class once a week and possibly grocery shopping and work if available. Will pay for all gas used for transport. Please contact Tracy Goldrich at either 556-1666 (8 AM - 5 PM) or 347-4932 (after 5:30 PM)

BABYSITTER WANTED
In my home, Pinellas Point, flexible hours, your own transportation necessary. Call Jim, 866-9159.

HELP WANTED
The following positions are available on a part-time basis. Housecleaning, Drivers, Babysitters. Call Rent-A-Hand, Inc. 347-3424.

DRIVER NEEDED
5 days/week for middle school student, Rio Vista/Riverside area of St. Pete to Central Ave. & 49th St. N. Decent remuneration. Please call Linda, 577-1395, if you are reliable and live in this area.

ADVERTISING ACCOUNT REP
Earn a 15% stipend while interacting with local business owners. Call Crow's Nest Ad Manager Rob Hyypio at 553-3113.

PROCTORS NEEDED
The Student Affairs office has an urgent need to hire individuals who can proctor examinations. $4.65/hour. Call 893-9162 or see Jonone in Davis 118.

JOBS - JOBS - JOBS
PTT/PIT and temp positions are listed in the Counseling & Career Center's Resource Library, Davis 112.

CAC STAFF ASST NEEDED
Campus Activities Center is looking for student workers. $4.75/hour to start. 10 to 20 hours/week, flexible schedule. Call 893-9596, ask for Jason Cegelski.

BAYOU RESTAURANT & BAR
Now taking applications for kitchen, restaurant & bar positions. In person only. 16-2nd Street N. St. Pete.

FOR SALE

1990 TOYOTA CAROLLA
Good condition, red, new tires, 93K, automatic, cold a/c, runs great, good economical transportation. $3,950. Call Todd, 578-8468.

IBM COMPATIBLE COMPUTER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESUME/Writing Assistance
Don't sweat it, let the Society of Professional Journalists help you with proofreading and resume tasks. Call 363-7532 for free grammar help and writing assistance.

CAREER DECISION-MAKING
For students who want to begin looking at college majors and/or career options, this workshop will incorporate vocational interest and temperament testing as well as group discussion. Monday, Dec. 9, 4 - 6 PM. Register now in the Counseling & Career Center, 893-9129, DAV 115.

RESUME WRITING
Have a draft of your resume critiqued Friday, Dec. 13, noon - 2 PM. Counseling & Career Center, 893-9129, DAV 115.

ORIENTATION ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING
An explanation of the procedures for participating in on-campus employment interview, resume referral, computerized jobline and other placement related services. Tuesday, Dec. 3, 5 - 6 PM; Friday, Dec. 13, noon - 1 PM. Counseling & Career Center, 893-9129, DAV 115.

INTERVIEW SKILLS
For the inexperienced job hunter. Review physical presentation, assessment of the interviewer, answering and asking questions and planning post-interview action. Thursday, Dec. 12, 5 - 6 PM. Counseling & Career Center, 893-9129, DAV 115.

JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES
Learn how to structure a job search campaign. Participants will learn about different job search methods, resources and how to utilize the hidden job market. Wednesday, Dec. 4, 4 - 6 PM. Counseling & Career Center, 893-9129, DAV 115.

GREAT STRIDES WALKING GROUP
MWF from noon to 1 PM walk from the fitness center to the Vinea (approximately 3 miles). Meet at the fitness center at noon.

CARIO COMBOS
Join this combination step/aerobics class on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 - 9:50 AM. Only $4.00/class. Meet at the fitness center aerobics room.

SERVICES

TYING SERVICE
Fast and accurate, using sophisticated software, producing great looking papers by laser printer. Research term papers, resumes, brochures, flyers, and much more. Just call 'n' Ask 547-9290. Reasonable rates!

ATTN FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS
Why rent when you can own? Low money down programs available. Call for a free pre-qualification — you could be a homebuyer! Marc Moser, First Security Mortgage Services, I-800-971-0044. FirstSec@bbl.com.

To place an ad
Submit your ad in writing to The Crow's Nest office at least one week before press date. All classified ads are payable in advance. Checks should be made payable to the University of South Florida. Personal checks should include a Driver's license number written on the check.

RATES
Single issue rate is $2.50 for 30 words or less; additional words are $0.10 each. Refunds will not be issued after ad and payment are received. Classified ads are free for USF students, staff and faculty.

RULES
The Crow's Nest reserves the right to correct classify, edit, reject or cancel any advertisement.
Lectures/Events
Ethics Center, 550-3172, first St. S. between Fifth and Sixth Aves., St. Petersburg, free and open to the public.
December 11, 5 pm "Love," Peter French. Romantic love will be explored and the origins of its concept reexamined. French will question the possibility of love at first sight, whether loving someone ought to, or can be rationally justified, and whether sexual attraction and nonsexual love have anything to do with romantic love.
Corrections Activities Center, Room 109: 893-9596; Corner of Second St. and Sixth Ave., St. Petersburg; free and open to the public.
December 2, 12:30 pm "Reinventing My Art Form," Nancy Roth. Poet, actress, author and ventriloquist, will perform improvisational segments with her various characters while interacting with the audience.
December 9, 10 am, 1 pm & 4 pm. "It's My Party." This is the poignant true tale of an AIDS-infected man who throws one last party before contemplating suicide. In honor of World HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.
December 10, 10 am, 1 pm & 4 pm. "The Nightmare Before Christmas." Housing where no life has gone before, Tim Burton is the creative genius behind the slanting air director and crazily-contrived characters that make this the like an enigmatic experience.
February 6-8, 7th Annual Florida Suncoast Writers' Conference, USF, St. Petersburg. Courses are sponsored by the Division of Lifelong Learning. For registration by phone call 944-2410. Fee for students and teachers is $510 prior to January 30.
February 9, 9 am - 4 pm, Blood Drive, Rent St. S. (behind the USF bookstore). Meet your volunteers and spread the word. Over 165,000 pints of blood were needed annually from volunteers alone.

Campus Activities

HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Information Booths
Monday & Tuesday, December 2 & 3 from 10 am - 6 pm, Davis Lobby. Free red ribbons, condoms and information on AIDS, HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases are available in honor of World HIV/AIDS Awareness Day on December 1. Co-sponsored by the Counseling & Career Center.

Movie Madness: It's My Party
Tuesday, December 3 from 10 am, 1 pm & 4 pm, Davis Lobby. Free popcorn and soda. Enjoy caroling, tree trimming, refreshments, handmade ornament contest and a special visit from a "surprise" Santal!

Campus Tree Trimming Party
Wednesday, December 4 from 4:30 - 6 pm, Davis Lobby. Free refreshments, handmade ornament contest and a special visit from a "surprise" Santal!

Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale
Thursday & Friday, December 5 & 6 from 9 am - 6 pm, Harborside & Davis Lobby. Quality crafts from local vendor are available for purchase right here on campus to make your holiday shopping easy. Registration is free for the campus community! Call 893-9596 for more information.

Movie Madness: The Nightmare Before Christmas
Tuesday, December 10, 10 am, 1 pm & 4 pm, Davis Lobby. Free popcorn and soda. Enjoy caroling, tree trimming, refreshments, handmade ornament contest and a special visit from a "surprise" Santal!

To publish listings or briefs of interest, please submit writing to The Crow's Nest, Alton Stephens, Student Activities Office, Campus Activities Center.

Regatta needs tee-shirt design
The Recreation and Recreation Department needs a tee-shirt for the 1997 Tampa Regatta and is sponsoring a competition. Submissions should be original, economical, humorous, clever and fresh. The deadline to enter is January 15, 1997. The winner will receive two of the final shirt quantities, two tickets to the post-Regatta party and a basic sailing course. For more information call 893-9597.

Honor society criteria
If you have taken at least 12 USF credit hours and hold at least a 3.5 grade point average you meet the requirements to join the Arts and Science Honor Society. For more information visit CSD 220 or call 893-9187.

Relax
Yoga workshops will be held on Thursdays from 7 pm to 8 pm, between January 16 and February 19 at the Campus Activities Center. Room 109. Instructor David Peterson is a member of the San Francisco Yoga teachers Association and specializes in Kripalu Yoga. The fee is $5 per class. Call 893-9584 to sign up.

Dock the Hulls
A tree trimming party will be held December 4 from 4:30 to 6 pm in the Davis Hall Lobby. Join us as we caroling, enjoy refreshments and enter the handmade ornament contest.

Good luck to graduates
Commencement ceremonies for the USF-St. Petersburg graduates will be held December 16 at 7 pm at the Keyport Center, Wabasso Theatre.

PLUG INTO SAB!
Student Activities Board
For more information on these events or to help SAB plan future events, call 893-9596.
For an up-to-the-minute update on SAB events, call the SAB hotline 893-9840.

Ventriloquism: My Art Form
by Nancy Roth
Monday, December 2 from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM, CAC 109.
Ventriloquist, actress and vocalist Nancy Roth has been performing since 1972. Her characters are varied in style, gone, gone, gone, gone.

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