chief of *Telicom*, the magazine for the International Society for Philosophy Enquiry. He also writes a feature column about general intelligence for *Mensa International Journal*. **Michele Grgas Thomas** is publisher of the *Daily Triplicate*, a Crescent City newspaper owned by Western Communications Inc. of Bend, Ore. **William Trinkle** has been an attorney since 1981. He is also founder and director of the Bear Flag Museum, a nonprofit online museum and library devoted to collecting memorabilia related to the California Bear and California State Flag. The Bear Flag Museum recently became a member of the California Association of Museums.

1973 **Sheila P. Burke** was named a member of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Commission. The foundation is launching the first national commission to look beyond the medical care system for ways to improve the health of all Americans.

1974 **Adolfo J. Medina** works as a licensed marriage and family therapist in a primary care clinic in Fremont. Medina is married and has a 14-year-old son. **Patty O'Grady** earned a doctorate from the University of Maryland, College Park and is a faculty member of the University of Tampa. Her daughter Amanda graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania. O'Grady's son Eamoon is working on a master's degree in accountancy at the University of Notre Dame. **Maria Rivera, JD**, was a guest speaker for the Community Club, speaking on "The Importance of an Independent Judiciary." Rivera has served on the California First District Court of Appeal since 2002. **Marie Smith** has been selected as the first Castella Citizen of the Year

Undergraduate Arrest Stirs Activist's Ardor

Teresa Crawford '98 has helped human rights groups use technology for social change.

Ten years after her arrest while teaching nonviolent tactics to student protesters in Kosovo, social activist Teresa Crawford '98 has continued to carry that same commitment to more than 30 nations, leading efforts to improve nongovernmental organizations' use of communications technology.

Crawford, a politics major with an emphasis in peace and justice studies, was instrumental in founding USF's Model United Nations and Students for Peace and Justice, now the USF Peace and Justice Coalition. Known for her results-oriented commitment to social justice, it surprised no one when she landed a pre-graduation internship with San Francisco–based Peaceworkers and headed to Kosovo to help support the growing student movement there. Two weeks into the trip, Crawford and four other American students and their chaperone—all men—were arrested for failing to register with the Serbian authorities and sentenced to 10 days in jail before being pardoned and deported to neighboring Macedonia three days later.

Crawford's isolation as the only American woman in the jail was psychologically jarring, but "consciousness raising."

"There is nothing like being arrested in a foreign country for supporting nonviolence to give you a bird's eye view of what it is like every day for activists around the world," she said. "It gave me a much better appreciation for what they go through, the role outsiders can play, both in supporting activists in their own communities and in drawing attention to their issues, and reminding me that all politics is local."

Crawford returned to USF to graduate and was back in Kosovo little more than a year later, working for The Advocacy Project (AP), a nongovernmental organization (NGO) she co-founded. The AP, where she now serves as a board member, assists community-based human rights organizations to use information and information technology to become more effective advocates for social change.

A decade ago, it was all about e-mail. Now, it's about Skype videoconferences, instant messaging, Real Simple Syndicate feeds, podcasts, cellular phone text message databases, and YouTube videos. Tapping into the latest technology improves an NGO's efficiency and effectiveness by allowing it to reach donors, policymakers, and supporters on the most convenient terms, Crawford said.

After leaving the AP in 2003, Crawford enjoyed a stint as a consultant before becoming director of the Advocacy and Leadership Center for the Institute for Sustainable Communities, a Vermont-based NGO that works around the world to organize communities on a variety of issues.

Most recently, she has spent time in Georgia, the former Soviet satellite, working with a network of community based women's organizations to provide support and community leadership to women and communities affected by the ongoing conflicts in the breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia. USF