Protecting children from child abuse is everyone’s job.

Recognizing there’s a problem is often a big part of the solution.

Kaerrie Simons
Next Editor

A 21-month-old girl in St. Petersburg was beaten to death by her mother’s boyfriend because she didn’t count to 10 — it just makes me want to raise hell,” said Denise Greene, a Cape Coral resident and mother of three. “My heart goes out for those children and for the people who are trying to protect them, but something more has to be done. Obviously, there’s just not enough protection out there for these kids.”

In today’s environment, it is virtually impossible to imagine being able to prevent child abuse entirely, but there are things parents can do to at least prevent it in their own homes.

“As a parent, you have an obligation to make sure the people who come into your house are the kind of people you can feel safe leaving your children alone with,” said Susan Stockman of Cape Coral. “That applies to boyfriends and girl friends as well as babysitters. So many times, you hear of the boyfriend of the mother abusing the child; it just makes me wonder if the mother even tries to determine if that boyfriend was safe.”

Stockman said, “Obviously, you can’t be sure of everyone, but you have to at least have your eyes open. If someone is capable of beating a child to death over not being able to count to 10, I have a hard time believing there weren’t signs of this type of ridiculous impatience in his character beforehand.”

Greene agrees. “Impatience is a big problem with a lot of people and it’s really easy for parents to get fed up. I have three children running around me at any given moment and at the same time, I’ve got other things going on; laundry, cooking, cleaning... It’s real easy for parents to just want to scream. Everybody shut up and sit down! But the trouble is that’s what children are like. They are going to press your patience. You can’t change that, but what you can change is how you react to it.”

Stockman said many people scoff at the idea of counting to 10 before reacting, but it can really help. “I used to work in a preschool and, believe me, there were moments when teachers

Jewels On the Bay: A real treasure

This showcase of historic homes really shines.

Kaerrie Simons
Next Editor

So what was your dream for those two lovely historic homes that sit on 3rd Street South, across from the CAC building?

I’ve heard some students say they’d like to see the homes fixed up and converted into living quarters for students. I know I’d have entertained the thought of renting there. But I had a chance to restore them and turn them into four or five sorority houses if the St. Pete campus ever went to a four-year institution. I can just see the movie now: Animal House, The Pennsy Years.

Still others have expressed my views: let me live there... by myself.

Well part of each person’s dream for the homes has become a reality; they’ve definitely been “fixed up.”

The Perry Snell and John Williams houses have been transformed by brilliant designers from ASID (the American Society of Interior Designers) and are now part of a showcase called Jewels on the Bay.

The John C. Williams house was built in 1890 by one of St. Petersburg’s founders and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. They also learn about its move to the St. Pete campus and its history of residents.

On the home’s exterior is elaborate gingerbread trim; shaped wooden shingles and an ornate cupola. But it is inside that visitors truly learn to appreciate its Queen Anne style.

Grassroots USF: Changes for the better

New group looks toward campus unity.

Gloria Mastell
Next Contributor

Whatever happened to USF-Fort Myers? You know there was a USF-Fort Myers. Will USF-St. Petersburg go the same way — that is, splitting off from USF-Tampa to become its own ordered self? Or will a sense of community fill the hearts of all on both sides of the Bay to unite Tampa and St. Petersburg campus community members since?

“It could happen!” as comedian Judy Tenuda used to say. And what about Lakeland and Sarasota? With Tampa as our main campus, the USF community stretches hundreds of square miles from north to south and east to west, and maybe links are weakening a bit between the campuses.

A new group whose purpose is community and whose name in Grassroots USF wants you (and you and you) to understand there’s a movement afoot to affect that feeling of separateness, and quite a few other things as well.

Scores of USF citizens, under the auspices of the Office of Diversity Initiatives, are promoting a grassroots movement to identify and act on several lofty ideals celebrating campus unity. Like

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History of the homes

USF-St. Petersburg saved both the "Gentleman's House" and John William's house from the wrecking ball and moved them to the campus within the past five years. The Gentleman's House was originally at 903 Avenue and Fourth Street S., near St. Mary's Church. William's was moved in 1989. Besides large painted rooms, the exterior of the original house was shaped by the extensive land holdings. It's the house for his wife, Susan, a leader in getting the Orange Belt Railway to pass through downtown St. Petersburg. The St. Petersburg Heritage Preservation Group helped turn St. Petersburg into a boom town.

The Private Living Room

The second room is the dining room. What I loved the drawing room's ceiling. I talked about how we all loved the upstairs rooms and bring to my mind that people who should have had their license taken away never drive. They do that so when they get into an accident, they survive and the good driver gets mangled in their little import.

Anyway, there's this car and it's there's not even a person driving it. It's just a pair of headlights. That's all I can see. And apparently that's more than what the driver can see because I watch the cars come to the right, turn to the right, go to the left again.

At first I'm thinking... and then I remembe... no. So I decide I'm just going to try to pass this person. That's when she puts on her turn signal like she's going to go into the right lane. So I wait. And wait. And wait some more. After a few minutes of feeling like I'm in a Volkswagen commercial, I decide she's not really going to go over... and then just like the toyed of the a dvertising. So I speed up on her right side and take a glance over at Blue Hair with Knuckles (her nickname) and you know what she does? She speeds up.

Now I adsed... I get a little bit of that road rage thing going every now and then, but I'm trying hard to remain calm. It is all, after my Non-Confrontational Wednesday (a suggestion by my therapist). So I speed up a little and she speeds up some more. And I speed up and she does too. By now, I'm more like Jeff Gordon in heels and Non-Confrontational Wednesday is fast becoming a fragment of my therapist's imagination.

Finally, I got my little V-4 past her V-8 and feel triumphant... until I see what I first think in the sun reflecting off her hair, but now realize to little flashing blue lights. Luckily, he's not after either of us and whizzes past us.

Moments later, I pull off the road into a parking lot because his heart is a little faster than the cars were. Then, I take time to come up with a few solutions to this type of problem.

First, it's obvious that traffic keep right signs have imper ior wording. They're way too hard to comprehend. Instead, they need to read "Keep left, got the way."

Second, blue lights are just too scary. I could have had a heart attack out there. Cops need to change them to something calmer... say, pink.

Third, turn signals should not be disconnect ed... no one but me uses them anyway.

Fourth, people who can't see over the steering wheel should not be allowed to drive. On my license, I can't say 'I drive without corrective lenses. These people are driving without eyes.

Who's the bigger threat here? And fifth, any therapist who suggests a Non-Confrontational Wednesday should be subjected to Lobotomy Thursday.

Well, that's my complaint for this issue. So until next time. remember. Everybody's got complaints. Mine just happen to be more important.
Features/Commentary

Messing with my resolve ... as always

New Year's Resolutions suck. And I'm not just talking a little bit... they really suck a lot.

I've already broken three of 10. A fourth would have been broken if I'd used a four-letter word other than "suck.

I made 10 because that seemed like a nice, familiar number.

We spend our lives breaking the 10Commandments: why not spend the year breaking 10 resolutions? Just kidding, folks... some of you may have to get used to my brand of humor.

But really, why do we make resolutions? Year after year, it seems the same ritual. I could make a wish to resolve not to break my resolutions in the first week. Scratch that... even that wouldn't be safe.

I guess we make them because we have to believe we can improve ourselves every year. And in keeping with that theory, I say we can improve The Crow's Nest.

We've got a new look and size, as you can obviously see. We've got a new staff as well. And we've got a new attitude; one that says if you don't contribute to your student publication, we will hunt you down like dogs and expose you for the... Oops. Broke resolution number 6: no threatening fellow students.

Seriously, this publication is your publication. We've tried to make it more user-friendly, with pages for things like sports and fitness, arts and entertainment. We've tried to make it more entertaining, with a little humor injected here and there, and a few regular columns to appeal to you on a regular basis.

Most of all, we've tried to make it a paper to be proud of and a paper to look forward to.

So check us out. Read us for the next couple of weeks (we'll be bi-weekly this semester) and then let us know what you think. We want to hear from you. We want to work with you. We want to borrow money from you. If you like to write, write us.

USF student proves he's got the write stuff

Sometimes the big story is right down the street.

Kaerrie Simons
Next Editor

Working for the Associated Press is "the coolest thing." At least it is to Tom Bayles, a USF-St. Petersburg graduate student in mass communications.

Bayles, a former Oracle editor, began his career with the AP in the spring of 1996 as a stringer (freelancer) in the Tampa Bay area. During that time, he "floundered around as a freelancer" for such papers as The New York Times and The St. Petersburg Times, but his work load began to grow more and more with the AP.

By fall 1996, the AP was his only full-time employer and by January 1997, he was hired as a full-time staffer (his technical job description is "newsman").

"It's a demanding position," Bayles said, "but it's well worth it." He got "really good pay", but he earns every penny of it. It's not for 'wimps.'

When you start with the AP, Bayles said, "you go to a control bureau first. Here in Florida, it's in Miami. It's like boot camp for six months, where they break you down and build you back up.

"Miami was a great place to grunge my teeth, a great challenge," he said. "It's such a big news town. There's so much big news, they don't send a reporter to a murder story in Miami if less than four people die," he said, unless someone widely-known is murdered. Someone like Gianni Versace.

"We were cranking on the Versace story," Bayles said, as the chase for Versace's killer brought police to the houseboat in Miami. Bayles was at home that day. "I lived in an apartment on that same canal," he said. The phone rang and it was someone from the AP office telling him that police had surrounded a houseboat they thought Andrew Cunanan was hiding in and it was near Bayles' apartment.

He said he jumped in his car and drove for three blocks until he came upon police roadblocks. He got out of his car and began to run the rest of the way. That's when he had a humiliating experience. "I was running down the street and I saw this guy in a truck. I ran up to the driver's window and out of breath, I said, 'I - - - Tom Bayles... I'm with the AP. The guy just says 'So what?' and takes off.

So... I just start running again." At once, the scene at the apartment, "I was hiding in the bushes with my cell phone, without food or drink or anything to cover so many different types of news stories, you end up becoming 'a real good commodity for a decent position at a decent salary.'

While there are certainly other newsroom services available, the AP is the "big granddaddy of them all," Bayles said. It has a long and distinguished reputation with readers as well as reporters.

USF Professor of mass communications Bob Dardenberg said, "From a reporter's perspective, it was good to know that AP was there. You didn't have to try to catch every story. You knew it was going to be on the wire by the time you got back to the office."

To make sure its members can count on such service, the AP has to be able to count on its reporters... so they put them to the test. The first 90 days working for the AP are probationary period and the first year, "you're all over the place," Bayles said. "You do a lot of spot reporting and you're graded on how well you do that."

You're also expected to be able to do "voices," where you call in to AP Radio and give them a hot story. "We're not trained for this, except by fire," he said.

And if you're good, you move up through the ranks. But if you're bad, you won't get to be part of such a distinguished group of coworkers.

"The bureau people are very talented extremely talented," Bayles said. "Sometimes I look around at the reporters in the bureau and wonder if I fit in."

Apparently he does. Bayles made it past the AP's 90-day probationary period, finished boot camp, and has just started a new assignment in Tallahassee.

He's now officially part of the around age 30 "crowd who are mostly spot reporters" for the AP.

"We're all the ones thinking it's the coolest thing in the world," he said. "We can't believe we're getting paid for this."
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I were all sitting around counting to more like a hundred. If you think your anger is going to get the best of you, I don't care if you have to count to a million... just count.

A Fort Myers woman told this story: "In our house, if mom got really mad, you'd hear her say, 'You'd better run.' Of course, she never meant it... at least I don't think she did because I never had any trouble if I didn't take off... and I was rebellious enough to never take off. But that brings up another suggestion: distance yourself. If you need time to cool off, take it.

She continued, "When my mom had her first child, there was a time when the baby was crying all the time for no apparent reason other than being tired and wanting to fight sleeping. She went to the doctor and said, 'She's not hungry, she's not wet, I try to rock her, she's fussy, nothing is working... I'm going crazy in that house with all that crying. What should I do?' The doctor told her, 'Take a walk around the house when the crying gets to you.' At first, she thought he was kidding, but he wasn't. So she walked around the house when the crying got to her. Of course, the neighbors stared at her for weeks, but the point is, she didn't lose her cool. That's the trick some parents need to master."

When I had my kids, I spanked them for discipline, but I had rules for myself! Always on the bottom where there's more padding to take a spanking, never when I was too angry, and only with my open hand. My kids do the same with their children."

There are plenty of options available to parents to help them gain control of their parental discipline. Some parents can benefit from parental training or anger counseling. There's also help available from DCF. And sometimes it's just a matter of knowing what to expect from children at different stages in their development so parents can be less frustrated when the child does something wrong. But none of these options can help if parents don't give them a try."

"If you think you get a little too angry sometimes, or sometimes you notice your child over something that really doesn't deserve a spanking, anything that makes you feel like you might not be doing right by your children, just remember there are options," Greene said. "If you can work on it on your own, great. If you can't, just ask someone for help. The parents of these children didn't. She doesn't want to see anyone else make the same mistake."

Although someone did report these cases to DCF and it still resulted in the deaths of the children, Greene said it's important that people don't let that fact discourage them from reporting future cases. Sometimes the system doesn't work, too many times, it does," she said. "It's important that people realize the caseworkers have their job to do, but so do we. When you suspect child abuse, you need to report it."

"A lot of cases go unreported because someone doesn't want to get involved," said Teresa Slattery, a Deputy for the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and a graduate student at USF-St. Petersburg. "Reporting what you know is really the most important thing."

According to the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, every day, three children die of abuse or neglect in the United States. Of those, about 40 percent had contact with some type of social services agency, the committee says. The other 60 percent? "Probably someone wasn't willing to place that call that could have saved a life," Greene said.

Slattery urges readers to "please don't be afraid to get involved. You can call the hotline and remain anonymous. There are counselors who will decide whether or not an investigation is warranted. But if DCF doesn't know about the child, they can't help."

In 1996, more than 1,000 children died as a result of abuse or neglect. Eighty-two percent were under age 5. "Often times, these kids are your age or younger," Slattery said, "too young to be in school where a teacher might be able to spot abuse and report it. So if family and friends aren't willing to speak up, and those kids aren't even brought into an emergency room, it could end up going unreported and be tragic for the child."

Slattery said if you suspect a child is being abused, call the Florida Abuse Hotline at 1-800-96-ABUSE. "Tell the kids can't talk for themselves," Slattery said. "Somebody has to be willing to do it for them."

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OS employees. What is the university's focus and what action do we take after all the dialogue?

The very first meeting of a "community building forum" was held in October 1996 and since that time, four other meetings have been held to brainstorm and outline strategies and actions for, along the way, a vision analysis with three to five year goal description was formulated. What we want from ourselves and the USF community includes a Christmas wish list of positive and powerful objectives. No double standards in management, trust in a nurturing environment. Who can argue with that? In fact, a page full of right-on, more than politically-correct images was the result of that first meeting over a year ago.

Subsequent meetings of a growing number of faculty, administration and students, using a total input, creative brainstorming technique, yielded a name - GRASSROOTS USF, as well as more inventories of underlying contradictions, strategic proposals and opportunities to implement a tactical action system with targeted dates for results.

Although the meetings had been mentioned in Inside USF and notices were publicized in the Tampa campus newspaper, The Oracle, no one from this campus had attended before the two November meetings.

At the Nov. 24 meeting, however, there were 15 managers, directors, professors and students in attendance, including three of us from St. Petersburg. After initial introductions around the room, status, position and rank within the university were no longer pertinent. USF campus citizens at Lakeland and Sarasota were, of course, invited, but were unable to attend. Hopefully, at future meetings, representatives from all campuses can be present.

Student Government President Diana DeVere says she's confident that Grassroots USF, by planting the seeds for change in the USF community... will want to reap the harvest of boundless potential of the entire USF community.

Student Government Works
When students found problems between the Tampa and St. Pete campuses, many complained to student government reps. President Diana DeVere took action and in working with Grassroots USF in the college's move to USF-St. Petersburg, made significant changes in the relationship between the two campuses.

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January 26
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January 29

January 29–February 8
Night Watch, Lucille Fletcher's suspense thriller. Elaine Wheeler sees (or believes she sees) the body of a dead man in the window of the body of her Manhattan townhouse. The police investigator, but find nothing. Her terror grows as shortly thereafter she sees that same body, time a woman's. Is she crazy or is she seeing the on the "Night Watch" for real? Directed by Leon Bogart. Performances January 31 and Feb. 5-7 at 8 p.m. with matinees February 1 and 8 at 2 p.m. Tickets $12 for all performances. St. Petersburg Little Theatre, 4025 31st St. S. Call 866-1973.

January 31
Harlem Rhapsody: A Celebration of the Harlem Renaissance presented on WUSF-FM 89.7. A preview of the annual celebration of Black History Month (February). During the 1920s, a "coming together" of poets, musicians, intellectuals and entrepreneurs gave rise to the Harlem Renaissance. Featured will be the Jim Cullum Band, jazz works by Langston Hughes, and music from William Warfield and Vernel Bagneris.

Jeniffer's Coffee Company: Give In to temptation
It was a bright sunny afternoon when I visited Jeniffer's Coffee Co. at the Rayburn Plaza, 6625 3rd St. S. Pete. I had plenty of errands to run and a little time on my hands. The meter inside my head said coffee break quick or I'll cook out on you, so I detoured into the little cafe.

I stepped up to the counter and contemplated the menu. The girl behind the counter asked if she could help me and I decided to test her. So, I asked, "What's your happy surprise, that I actually had an opinion. She asked me if I was in the mood for something hot, or what I would prefer cold. I asked, "Well, if you like something sweet, I recommend the Mocha Frost, it's got milk and chocolate and cream in it and it's one of my favorites." She pointed for her. "I'll try that," I said.

Next on the agenda was my growling stomach. I perused the menu. I asked her, "What do you recommend?" And to my happy surprise, she actually had an opinion. She asked me if I was in the mood for something hot, or what I would prefer cold. I asked, "Well, if you like something sweet, I recommend the Mocha Frost, it's got milk and chocolate and cream in it and it's one of my favorites." She pointed for her. "I'll try that," I said.

Jeniffer's has locations in Tampa, St. Petersburg, and every once in a while, we entered the plaza. The croissant was especially delicious. It was flaky and tasty. My only complaint would be that there was not much coffee to drink. That would have made a difference, but overall, it was quite good. I tasted for a full hour and enjoyed the music. Jaffe's does a nice business for late afternoon on a Saturday. Quite a few people came in and I noticed most of them wanted the flavored coffees or a cappuccino. Score two for the girl behind the counter came when yet another person asked her a question. He asked, "What's your favorite flavor (refering to their flavored coffees)?" Without hesitation, she took all her and it when he that it was good. I noticed she was extremely pleasant and very helpful to all the customers that came in. I looked up at the pictures on the wall and when no other person was in the cafe asked the girl about them. She was very pleasant (score three) and told me they were taken by students and every once in a while, they switched them out for some new ones.

When it was time to leave, I thanked her for her recommendation and told her she'd been right. I asked her if she had a magic they do for their coffees. She handed me one and when I left, she called me out to "Come see us again." Score four.

I stepped in again on another day, different person, but very nice as well. I can say to no wonder people keep asking for the cappuccino yes, the flavored coffee to try Hazelnut Cream, and give in to the temptation to have dessert.

Jeniffer's scores:
***** Atmosphere
***** Food
***** Service
If you go
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Playing games: Sports and American culture

New lecture series examines the impact of sports on American culture.

A free lecture series that examines the issues and ethics of sports and its impact on society is being presented at USF-St. Petersburg. Every Monday night, experts and scholars will focus on the character of sports in American history and culture. Everyone is invited to attend.

Scheduled lectures include:


Feb. 27: Women, Basketball and American Culture, Lecture: From Hook Skirts to Hoop Dreams. Pamela Grundy, Department of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Grundy is also the author of Bloomers and Beyond and From Amazons to Glamazons: The Rise and Fall of North Carolina Women’s Basketball.


About the lecture series
The Florida Humanities Council provides primary funding for this lecture series. The series is co-sponsored by the St. Petersburg Times.

The lectures are on Monday nights in the Campus Activities Center Core. Typically, there is an informal reception beginning at 6 p.m., with the lecture starting at 6:30 p.m. Most lectures will end around 8 p.m. For more information, please call 553-3458.

Golf legends coming to Tampa

Ronald Glenn
Next Golf Commentator

Why would more than 163,000 people drag themselves around a golf course? Someone following a bunch of “old guys” who have more hair than hair? Because when those old guys start swinging their clubs, it’s about as exciting as it gets...if you’re a golf fan, that is.

If you missed last year’s thrilling week of golf going on, you can catch that situation this time around when the 11th annual USF Classic comes in Tampa Bay. Like those devoted fans watched Australian David Graham win his first Senior PGA TOUR victory with a seven-birdie, one-bogey final round 63. His tournament total was 9-under.

Graham has back, defending his championship with such legendary golfers as Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Lee Trevino. Last year’s winner was $135,000; this year’s winner will take home $150,000.

The GTE Classic is one of the traditional stops on the senior tour and this year’s 54-hole event is scheduled for the TPC of Tampa Bay, Feb. 9-15. Even if you can’t make it to the actual course to follow your favorite player, you’ve got a front row seat in your living room watching ESPN.

Who will win? Well, it’s anyone’s guess, but the hottest golfer on the senior tour this year has to be Gil Morgan. He and Hale Irwin are probably the two top senior golfers and if they both play in this year’s GTE Classic, they’ll probably be the top contenders. Regardless, it will be a wonderful week for all golf fans.

Although the actual tournament isn’t played until the weekend, there’s still plenty of going-on during the week. There are 54-hole tournaments, “pro-ams,” etc. Pro-Ams are usually one-day tournaments in which professionals are teamed with groups of amateurs for a round of golf. These tournaments are a great way to give amateurs the chance to play with the pros. I’m exactly sure who the selection process is for what amateurs get to play. The only thing I care about is it’s never me. Often, it’s the employ­ees of the sponsor who get the honors; maybe GTE needs some new accountants.

Anyway, I’ve been playing golf for 35 years now. And if I were to think back over the past two years of having aspirations of playing right alongside those pros. Obviously, I’m not good enough to be able to play in a tournament instead of just writing it about. But my aspirations, aside from the Senior PGA Tour does offer a great opportunity. If you’d like to have some quality time with your family, no less and less reason to buy a brush each year.

That’s because the Tour offers a kind of “second chance” at the pros for amateurs who are starting to hone their golfing skills later in life. It also gives clubs professionals and some of the best golfers in the world an opportunity to look forward to. When they turn 50, they’ve got a whole new way to look ahead to a bright prospect at yet another win...or at the very least, just another exciting game in front of the cameras.

I think the Senior PGA Tour is a big success partly because of that fact...that it gives pros an extra chance or gives old plain guys something to look forward to. We’ll never get our game up to par. I think many of us get a thrill simply from watching the game and thinking to ourselves, “I can take him next year.” Yeah, he’s scared of me.

The truth is I’m only 49, so I can assure myself by saying the real reason I’m not playing on the Tour is simply because I can’t. Of course, that excuse will only work for another year. But all in all, there’s a good chance you’d get enough to play with the likes of Jack Nicklaus, the beauty of the Tour is I can still dream.

If you go

Any-day tickets are available between $25. Clubhouse and Seasonal Badges are also available. Call 263-GOLF for more information.

The Devil Rays and you: Making money for USF clubs

Score big with new fundraising opportunities for clubs and organizations.

You could grab some soap, water and sponges and stand outside for hours in the sun, flagging down cars, trying to get them to come to your car wash. You could bake cookies until you’re blue in the face, then show up at your table in the lobby, only to discover all those lemonade cookies were all baked cookies Unless they were in blue in the face...even though they promised.

You could show up at Tropicana Field and man a concession booth while listening to the crack of the bat and the roar of the crowd. USF, in conjunction with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays’ baseball organization, will be staffing a booth at Tropicana Field for all 81 home games. This is an exciting opportunity for clubs and organizations to make money quickly.

Games begin March 31 and end September 20. A list has been compiled of dates and times for home games and clubs must sign up for available dates. At press time, the need for 18 workers at each game was anticipated. Each club’s responsibility to ensure the number of workers was available.

The excitement for this new club would show up at Tropicana Field and man a concession booth while listening to the crack of the bat and the roar of the crowd. In conjunction with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays’ base-
Clubs/Organizations

Dive Club
The USF Dive Club meets the first Friday of every month at 5 p.m. in the MSL Lounge. Everyone is welcome, certified divers or not. For more info, call Jennifer at 553-164 or e-mail: jiarne@seas.marine.usf.edu.

Flying Club
Regular meetings are on the third Thursday of every month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Refreshments and snack-type foods will be served. Come and join us for aviation education, interesting tours, fund-raising projects and group flying activities. Watch for the announcement of an organized tour of the Air Traffic Control Tower and Flight Service Station. Join us in our goal to purchase a flight-training simulator. You can e-mail us at bodine@seas.marine.usf.edu or pelson@seas.marine.usf.edu or call Gene Olson for more info at 553-1129.

SABO
SABO (Student Accounting & Business Organization) is comprised of students majoring in Accounting, MIS, Finance, Management, Marketing, Economics and General Business Administration who are committed to the community and to USF-St. Pete. The next SABO meeting is Jan. 28 from 4-7 p.m. in Davis 170.

Student Affairs
Student Affairs meetings are held Thursdays at 10 a.m. in CAC 153.

Student Council
for Exceptional Children
SCCE meets the first Monday of every month at noon in Davis 130. $1 lunch meeting at noon. The meeting is repeated at 4 p.m. Monday in the same room (no lunch).

Campus Activities/Services

Fitness Center
Open Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Fitness Center has 14 Nautilus machines, a Paramount multi-exercise machine, LifeSteps, Lifecycles, treadmills, a rower and free weights. Check out scheduled aerobics classes, work out with fellow students, or ask someone about participating in the Great Strides program.

Health and Wellness Counseling
The Counseling & Career Center offers information and counseling on exercise and fitness, weight management, nutrition concerns, wellness assessments, cholesterol issues, cardiovascular health, substance abuse (including smoking), and sexually transmitted diseases. You only have one body and the Counseling & Career Center wants to help you learn how to take care of it. For more information, call 553-129.

Lecture Series

Outside Theater By The Bay
Free movies for students and staff. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join your friends outside Davis lobby by the water. Check your SAB calendar for dates, times and times or look for the latest info on the back page of The Crow's Nest.

Special Events Hotline
This campus' Student Activities Board really has its act together! There's always something fun going on and you'll regret it when you see the cool photos in The Crow's Nest and wonder why you weren't there to be in them. Instead, pick up the phone and find out all the latest information on free movies, concerts, parties, lectures and other campus happenings! Call the Special Events Hotline at 553-1840.

Test Help
USF's Educational Outreach program is offering 1998 Spring test preparation courses on the St. Pete campus. The GRE Math Skills Review will be offered Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon from Feb. 21 to March 28 and The GRE Verbal Skills Review will be offered those same dates from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Each GRE course is $200. Other test reviews are available, but on the Tampa campus. For more information, call 974-5201.

Victim's Advocacy Program
The Victim's Advocacy Program is available to assist all USF students or employees who are victims of actual or threatened violence, including but not limited to battery, assault, sexual battery (date rape, acquaintance rape, stranger rape), and attempted battery. Police reports are encouraged; however, reports are not required for information and referral assistance. The Program provides crisis intervention, referral to community-based victim assistance programs, help in resolving academic problems resulting from victimization, assistance during campus judicial process, and referral for counseling, medical, legal or social service assistance. If you need them, please contact them. DAV 115 or call 553-1129.

Entertainment
Shana's Moon Jam
Open Mike Night every Tuesday at 9 p.m. at the Moon Under Water, 332 Beach Drive (near the Vinoy). St. Pete! Come all musicians, poets, and creative, original performers. Also, every Monday night at 9 p.m., it's Open Mike at the Cockney Rebel, 1492 Fourth St. N. Call 550-0128 or 896-6160 for more information.

The Big Catch
Grab a bunch of your friends and head over to The Big Catch. It's a party every Thursday night with 25 cent drafts from 9 to 11 p.m. Quarter beer night, The Big Catch, Central Avenue and First St. N., 821-6444.

Job Opportunities

Appointment Setter
The MAX Group, which sells high-end accounting software packages, is looking for an appointment setter. No sales required. Pays $6.50 per hour base salary plus commission. 20-25 hours per week, flexible within regular business hours. Call Dawn Bentley 813-577-4000, fax resume to 577-6600 or send to 300 5th St. N., St. Pete 33702.

Nanny Needed
Wanted: Nanny, part-time, 15 hrs/week for 2-1/2 year-old and 6-month-old in our home. Central St. Pete location. Please call 323-1457.

Office Assistant
Part-Time Office Assistant, 3-4 hours per day, very flexible between 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Data entry, light typing, filing, faxing, phone answering. Salary $6.00 - $7.00 per hour. Ulmerton Road between 49th St. and US 19. CARRICO 572-8866.

Crow's Nest Volunteer for your student publication. We need writers, editorial assistants, photographers, advertising representatives and production assistants. We've got lots of ideas and we're always looking to add to the list. Can you help us out? We'd love to hear from you. Come see us at the Campus Activities Center or call 553-3113. Leave and message and we'll get back to you.

For Rent

Downtown Rentals
The Shirley Ann Hotel: for rent, a select number of suites and rooms only for USF students and friends. Rooms start at just $3000/mo. Daily and weekly rates are also available. Call 894-2759 for more information.

Garage Apartment

3. Read The Crow's Nest

It's a gas!
New sign for familiar sight

The Tavern got a new sign last week. Now it’s easier than ever to find the hot spot for great sandwhiches, cold beer and good company. Remember to bring your friends on Thursday nights when live bands perform outside the Tavern and try the beer special of the night.

Tavern on the Green

What’s Going On

Now through February 15

Jewels on the Bay, public tours of the ASID Showcase of Historic Houses. The historic Perry Snell House and John C. Williams House at USF-St. Petersburg have been renovated and feature the work of top professional interior design firms. The houses are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. They are located on 2nd Street South between 5th and 6th Avenue. Cost is $10 per person. Proceeds benefit the Boys and Girls Club of the Suncoast and USF-St. Petersburg scholarships. Call 553-3467.

Now through April 6

Public lecture series: Playing Gender: Sports and American Culture, CAS. Core. See page 6 of this issue or call 553-3456.

January 23

The Student Activities Board presents Outside Theater by the Bay (outside Davis Lobby by the water). Bring a lawn chair or blanket and a bunch of friends to see Star Trek: The Voyage Home. 8:30 p.m. Popcorn and sodas will be available for a minimal charge.

January 27

Time Management. This workshop will address how to effectively manage your time to balance study, work, family, recreation and relaxation. Counseling & Career Center, 6 to 8 p.m. Call 553-1129 or stop by DAV 115 for reservations and information.

USF Spring Networking Fair. Tampa campus, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the SunDome, USF-Tampa, Fowler Avenue.

January 28

Effective Study Skills. Learn proven techniques for making the most of classroom and study time. Topics include accurate and time-saving note-taking techniques, reading and study strategies, and how to manage one’s study environment. Counseling & Career Center, 3 to 5 p.m. Call 553-1129 or stop by DAV 115 for reservations and information.

Lecture: The Power of Consumption: Effecting Social and Environmental Change Through Purchasing Power. Dr. Rebecca Johns, a geographer and purchasing professor at USF-St. Pete, will discuss the way the nation’s $1 trillion annual consumer spending affects the environment. This lecture will demonstrate how changes in the global economy have made it necessary for consumers to consider the way their ability to withhold purchasing power can force transnational corporations to act more responsibly toward the environment and their employees. Noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Ethics Center. Free, but reservations required. RSVP to Scott Gutleit at 553-3717.