

**Cheryl Keck dies; worked at MCTFT**



**Cheryl Keck**

The college family was saddened to learn of the death May 27 of Cheryl Lynn Keck, coordinator of Distance Learning for the Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training (MCTFT) at the Allstate Center.

She was 47.

Born in New London, Conn., she came to Pinellas County in 1988 from San Diego. She was a graduate of San Diego Community College and San Diego State University.

Trained as a television journalist, she had worked for KFNP and KNSD-TV in San Diego, and for the *Los Angeles Times*. Locally, she was an education reporter for Bay News 9 and

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**Audit: 97% of passwords fail test**

Unless you're a member of a very small percentage of computer-using SPC employees, your computer password is a loser.

If you're using a word such as, say, "buddyboy" — all lower-case, all letters, and connected to a family pet — you're guilty of a multitude of sins in the eyes of Network Systems. Worse, your password is one that easily could be guessed and then appropriated by someone intent on doing mischief.

The word buddyboy would have flunked the latest audit of passwords conducted by Network Systems staff, and it would not have been alone.

Out of 3,976 passwords audited, only 129 were not "easily cracked," according to David Creamer, director of Network Systems and Television Operations.

That's fewer than three percent.

So what are 97 percent of us doing wrong when we construct a password?

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**Password guidelines**

Network Systems presents a list of guidelines for the composing of secure passwords. They should contain:

- Six or more characters.
- At least two numeric characters.
- Both upper- and lower-case characters.
- No real words in any language, dictionary, dialect, slang or jargon.
- No basis in family, business, pets, birthdates, personal information, etc.
- No text pattern found in the account name (e.g., Creamer wouldn't use "cream").
- At least one special character — i.e., (!) @ # \$ % ^ & \* \_ + | ~ - = \ { } [ ] : " ; ' < > ? , — between the first and last characters of the password.



**Sharing his story**

Cosmonaut Boris Volynov and his wife, Tamara Volynova, were guests at the college this week. They shared a video and answered questions from students, faculty and staff in their stops at the SP/G and CL campuses and the EpiCenter. Story, Page 3.

**Pitcher Pedro Beato picked in 1st round of Major League Baseball draft. Story, Page 2.**

**Quoteworthy**

“If you can read this, thank a teacher. If you are reading it in English, thank a veteran.”  
 — John Glenn

Submitted by  
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# SPC pitcher taken in first round of draft by Orioles

St. Petersburg College pitcher Pedro Beato was chosen in the first round of the Major League Baseball draft Tuesday, the highest any SPC player has ever been chosen.

Beato, a 6-foot-5 freshman right-hander, was selected by the Baltimore Orioles with the 32nd overall pick. He was offered \$1.1-million and was expected to sign this weekend.

"I have had a lot of real good ballplayers here in nine years, but never one that has drawn so much attention from professional baseball," said Coach Dave Pano.

"This is another example of how the St. Petersburg College athletic department has grown," Athletic Director Lars Hafner said. "It's a tribute to Pedro's pitching ability and to Coach Pano's ability to bring outstanding baseball players to the

college. Players of this caliber can just about pick their schools. It says a lot that he chose St. Petersburg College."

Beato, a freshman this season, is a native of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. He played for Xavierian High School in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he was selected in the 17th round by



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the New York Mets last year.

"The Mets made a big push for him before the deadline (Tuesday, May 30, one week before the '06 draft) and offered him a lot better than 17th round money, but he turned them down," Pano said.

Teams were reluctant to draft him too high last year because he was coming off Tommy John (ulnar collateral ligament reconstructive) surgery. After his arm passed all of the tests, scouts have followed him closely.

"His fastball was around 95-96 mph at the state tournament and that just reinforced the scouts' thinking," Pano said.

For the season, Beato threw 78-2/3 innings; allowed 71 hits, 32 runs and 24 earned runs (2.75 ERA); walked 23 and struck out 80. He was 6-3 and made the Suncoast

Conference first team.

One other player from the recently completed season, Kyle Ginley, was drafted in the 17th round by the Chicago Cubs.

Three other players from last year signed before the deadline with the professional teams that drafted

them in June 2005.

Luis Exposito, catcher from Miami, signed with the Boston Red Sox, who drafted him in the 31st round last year. Catcher Ulrich Snijders, from Boynton Beach, signed with the Milwaukee Brewers. Pitcher Mike Barbara, who led the team in victories with 11, signed with the Toronto Blue Jays.

## Thank you

Dear SPC Family,

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the support and kindness that was extended to my family during the passing away of my mother, Ann Schroeder, on May 17. My father and I were very comforted by the cards and flowers we received, and visits to the funeral home. My mother was proud that I was a part of the St. Petersburg College Family.

**Sincerely,  
Jackie Addis  
EpiCenter**

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## LRMA summer films start with opera video

The Leepa-Rattner Museum of Arts' summer videos and films get under way Sunday, June 11, with a free presentation of Andre Modeste Greta's opera, *Pierre le Grand*, at 1:30 p.m. in the museum auditorium.

It is the first in a continuing series of operatic video events planned at LRMA in collaboration with the Pinellas Opera League.

Admission to the museum is also free on Sundays.

June 18, LRMA's Summer Film Series, "Museums in Popular Films," begins with *Don't Eat the Pictures: Sesame Street at the Metropolitan Museum of Art*. This 1983 one-hour family musical catches Big Bird, Cookie Monster and pals locked in the famous museum overnight.

July 16, the 1995 film, *Home for the Holidays*, will be shown.

Directed by Jodie Foster, it stars Holly Hunter, Robert Downey Jr., Anne Bancroft and Charles Durning. One of the characters is a museum curator who loses her position due to lack of NEA funding.

Aug. 20 will feature the 1999 version of *The Thomas Crown Affair*, with Pierce Brosnan, Rene Russo and Faye Dunaway, who also was in the 1968 version. It's about a handsome jet-setter out to bring off the perfect major metropolitan museum heist.

All films are free and start at 1:30 p.m. Co-sponsor of the film series is the Friends of the Tarpon Springs Library.

# Retired cosmonaut Volynov drops in at college

Retired Soviet Air Force Col. Boris Volynov — one of the former Soviet Union's original cosmonauts and a trainee with Yuri Gagarin, the first human in space — was a special guest of the college this week and made public appearances Wednesday and Thursday at three sites.

Volynov, 71, survived what some regard as the closest call experienced by any command pilot returning his spacecraft to Earth. One encyclopedia has described the January 1969 occurrence as "the most unbelievable reentry in the history of spaceflight."

He was here at the invitation of SPC President Carl M. Kuttler Jr., an honorary consul for the Russian Federation. The two men met on one of Kuttler's recent trips to Russia.

Their itinerary called for a visit to the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral today, where they were to be joined by former U.S. astronaut Sam Durrance, SPC Class of '66. Durrance is executive director of the

Florida Space Research Institute in Melbourne.

Volynov addressed campus audiences Wednesday in the Music Center on the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus, and Thursday in the Teaching Auditorium on Clearwater Campus and at the EpiCenter. The public was invited to the free events.

Volynov was at the helm of the Soyuz 5 spacecraft Jan. 15, 1969, when it linked up with Soyuz 4 for an orbital docking. The two ships later separated and Soyuz 4 headed back to Earth without incident. Volynov prepared to follow suit and got under way.

But Soyuz 5's service module failed to separate after retrofire. Once the combined spacecraft started to reach Earth's outer atmosphere, it sought the most aerodynamically stable position — nose forward, where the light metal entry hatch was located.

This was calamitous. Reentry's high heat threatened to melt the hatch during descent and incinerate

Volynov, and he was helpless to do anything.

Luckily, struts between the modules either broke off or burned through, enabling the descent module to right itself and ward off the heat.

Then, however, the soft landing rockets failed, subjecting Volynov to a hard touchdown that caused him to break several teeth.

His perils still weren't over. In a celebration in Moscow's Red Square to hail his and his colleagues' return, he found himself ducking gunshots during an attempted assassination of Soviet Premier Leonid Brezhnev.

Volynov flew into space again, seven years later, aboard Soyuz 21. By comparison, that mission was most uneventful.

The Siberian-born Volynov has been married for nearly 50 years to Tamara, a metallurgist, and they have a grown son and daughter. He is a Hero of the Soviet Union and a recipient of the Order of Lenin.

## Passwords *Continued from Page 1*

A lot. Consider the following "vulnerability findings" listed in the audit report:

- Password same as user's name, 22.
- Password same as user's last name, 15.
- Password same as user's first name, 13.
- Password contains part of the account name, 233.
- Password contains the string, "SPC," 98.
- Password contains the string, "password," 92.

Because of their obviousness, all are considered unacceptable. Other vulnerable passwords, Creamer said, used common words or names, with minor variations. A person determined to hijack such passwords, and possessing a modicum of expertise, would have little difficulty.

"Figuring this out is not rocket science," he said.

But neither is creating a password or passwords for yourself that are crack-resistant. That's what Creamer hopes you'll do.

## How to change your password

Procedure for Windows XP, 2000, 2003:

1. Press and hold the CTRL + ALT + DELETE, in that order. A dialog box appears.
2. Click "Change Password."
3. In the "Username" field, type your domain user name.
4. In the Log on to field, select "Admin."
5. In the Old Password field, type your old password.
6. In the New Password field, type your new password.
7. In the Confirm New field, type your new password again.
8. Click OK.
9. Click OK when you receive a message that your password has been changed.
10. In the Windows Security window, click Cancel.

NOTE: The instructions above apply to college-owned computers, which are set up as members of the college domain. Domain passwords cannot be changed on privately owned computers using this method.

Please contact the SPC Helpdesk for further assistance. Please contact [cybersecurity@spcollege.edu](mailto:cybersecurity@spcollege.edu) if you have a password security concern to report.

## A message from Network Systems

Account passwords are essentially keys to SPC data and computing resources. Account passwords protect confidential student and employee information such as addresses, grades, evaluations, payroll and much more. They are the means by which control of all computing systems and services are accessed and controlled. Because account passwords play such a central role in ensuring data security and confidentiality at SPC, password security audits are performed from time to time to discover weak passwords.

## EZ Guide in use at Clearwater Campus

The "EZ Guide" is operational on the home page of the Clearwater Campus.

This audiovisual tutorial directs students through the use of the college's online services, answers many frequently asked questions from students, and gives them a virtual tour of the campus.

Development of the guide was this year's project for Leadership for Life, the campus administration's biennial training program for career staff.

A Spanish-language version is in production at Clearwater. It's expected to be ready by June 20.

"Positive feedback is coming in from students regarding the ease with which they now can navigate through the MySPC system," said Acting Clearwater Provost Anne Cooper.

Most students access the EZ guide on their own computers. For added

convenience, four computers in the campus' Registration area have been keyed specifically to the guide for instant student access.

Cooper cited the leadership team members responsible for the project: Lisa Bluhm, Testing Center; Matt Bowen, Learning Support Center; Linda Cinquegrana, Provost's Office; Marilyn Cirri, Services for Students with Disabilities; Angela Cole, Central Records, Tarpon Springs Campus; Rod Davis, Student Development; Pauline Hendrick, Scholarships and Student Financial Assistance; Tori Hunter, Student Support Services; Christopher Kerr, Admissions; Marsha McKenna, Fine Arts; Saied Navab, Learning Support Center; Mary Ortiz, Communications; and Rosemary VanRiper, Library.

Facilitators were Sherry Armstrong and Gail McLoone, provost's office.

## Desirable jewels will light up FIM

A gem of a show is at the Florida International Museum (FIM).

"Jeweled Objects of Desire," from the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History has arrived at FIM, which is in the same building as SPC Downtown in St. Petersburg. The exhibit is scheduled through Sept. 30.

On display are valuable gems from the vaults of several Florida Smithsonian affiliates.

## SPC's Summer Band Concert is June 29

The college's Summer Band Concert is at 7:30 p.m. June 29 in the Music Center at the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus.

Jonathan Steele, program director of Humanities and Fine Arts at SP/G, will conduct the band in a program of standard band numbers. It will include works by Jerry Bilik, Paul McCartney, John Lennon, Paul Hindemith, Johannes Brahms and Johann Sebastian Bach. The concert is free.

## Notice of Meeting St. Petersburg College Alumni Association Inc.

The Board of Directors of the SPC Alumni Association Inc. will meet Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at 6 p.m. at Tucson's Restaurant, 13563 ICOT Blvd., Largo, FL 33760. Phone: (727) 530-0637.

At this annual meeting, the Board of Directors will elect officers for the coming year.

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WTSP-TV before joining the college in 2003. She produced police education and training videos at Allstate.

"Cheryl had a high level of professionalism and had done some great things for the program," said J.C. Brock, Allstate executive officer. "She was very, very talented, well-liked and well-respected. It's a great loss."

Ms. Keck was a resident of Largo.

Survivors include her husband, WFTS Sports Anchor James "Al" Keck, and their children, daughter Meagan and son Kyle.

Services were last weekend.

## Discounts offered to employees

The following have agreed to allow budgeted St. Petersburg College employees the following discounts:

Company	Discount
American Stage	\$2 off each ticket when you show your SPC ID.
Cypress Gardens	\$3 off admission with flyer — call Faith Beckett at Ext. 3083 to receive flyer.
The Cabana Grill, Sand Key, & Palm Grill, Belleview Biltmore	15 percent discount when you show your SPC ID.
Sam Seltzer's Restaurants Ext. 3083	VIP seating and a free onion with stamped flyer. Call Faith Beckett at to receive flyer.
Sea World, Adventure Island Busch Gardens, Water Country, Sesame Place	Discount coupons — call Faith Beckett at Ext. 3083.
SunTrust Bank	Free checking, free checks, free savings, online banking.
Jos. A. Bank Clothiers	20 percent discounts on regularly priced merchandise with a free corporate card. Call 1-800-285-2265 or e-mail <a href="mailto:corporatecard@jos-a-bank.com">corporatecard@jos-a-bank.com</a> to receive your corporate card.

## Summer graduation is Monday, July 24

Summer graduation is at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater. This year's ceremony is at 7 p.m. Monday, July 24.

The Clearwater location represents ongoing compliance with the Board of Trustees' preference for a graduation site in mid-county. More than 300 graduates are expected to march.