

FAMOUS COUPLES IN HISTORY

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Find this half of the couples in the puzzle, then name the other half of the couple. Answers posted in the cafeteria.

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| Allen | Hardy | Shirley |
| Cher | Hobbes | Sullivan |
| Cleopatra | Isolde | Teller |
| Clyde | Jerry | Tennille |
| Costello | Jill | Watson |
| Crosby | Judy | |
| Dean | Juliet | |
| Delilah | Lewis | |
| Ernie | Marie | |
| Eve | Martin | |
| Garfunkel | Molly | |
| Gretel | Remus | |
| Hammerstein | Robin | |

Roller shoes a danger

Injuries from roller shoes are far more numerous than previously thought. Sold by Texas-based Heelys, Inc., the shoes feature removable wheels in each heel that pop out when wearers shift their weight to their heels. They are sold in 70 countries.

A report in Pediatrics shows that 67 children were treated for roller-shoe injuries at a hospital in Dublin, Ireland over 10 weeks last summer.

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons recommends helmet, wrist protectors, and knee and elbow pads for kids who wear wheeled shoes.

Better great-room fan

Open layouts and great rooms have inspired creation of new types of ceiling fans that move more air. One is the TwinStar II by Gulf Coast Fans. It's actually two fans that are stylishly joined and blow in opposite directions. It costs \$1,200.

Its motors are adjustable and can operate in three positions: 90 degrees vertically like two standard ceiling fans, 0 degrees horizontally in a straight line, or at a 45-degree angle. Blade pitch is set at 22 degrees. It's quiet.

Kids' bedtime

The National Sleep Foundation reports that most kids get two hours less sleep than they should. It can cause behavior problems, poor grades, and obesity.

experts suggest choosing a reasonable time for bed and sticking with it. To ease the pain for kids, allow 15 to 30 minutes of quiet reading time in bed before lights out.

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Gieski Named COO

Mark Mitchell, president of the Tyler Memorial Hospital Board of Directors last week announced the appointment of Denise Gieski, vice-president of nursing as Acting Chief Operating Officer for Tyler.

Department Heads were invited to a meeting in the cafeteria, where Gladys Bernet, director of public relations, made the announcement and introduced the new COO. A memo from Board of Directors' President, Mark Mitchell, was e-mailed to all departments, physicians and board members immediately following the announcement.

In a statement released to the press, Mr. Mitchell explained that due to the prolonged illness of Raoul Walsh, CEO, it was necessary to appoint an executive to manage the hospital until Mr. Walsh is well enough to resume his duties. Mr. Walsh came to Tyler in July of 2006.

"The Board is very grateful to Denise for stepping in during this challenging time," Mr. Mitchell said. "As a hospital, we are on the threshold of exciting opportunities for growth; and Denise has been involved in our plans for a new emergency department, and other important projects from the beginning. The board is confident that Denise will do an excellent job in continuing to guide the hospital in the months ahead."

Ms. Gieski served as Director of Nursing since November of 1999; and in early 2007 was given the title of Vice-



Denise Gieski addresses department heads following the announcement of her promotion to Acting Chief Operating Officer (COO).

President of Nursing in recognition of her outstanding performance and growing responsibilities.

Ms. Gieski is a 1986 graduate of Marywood University, where she earned a BSN; and received a Masters in Human Resources from the University of Scranton in 1989.

She began her career at Tyler in 1986 as an evening staff nurse and more recently served as Manager of Quality Assurance.

Ms. Gieski, and her husband Walter, are the parents of two daughters, Brianna, 18 and Jillian, 9 and reside in Jessup Township.

For the moment, Ms. Gieski will remain in her nursing office and use the CEO office for meetings, etc.

During this time, many of Ms. Gieski's nursing administration responsibilities will be handled by various nurse managers.

Mr. Walsh, who was consulted by Mr. Mitchell in making this decision, continues to receive chemotherapy and is expected to be out for at least the next few months.

Congratulations to the following employees who were **CAUGHT IN THE ACT:**

Summer

- C.J. Cornel
- Mary Ann Place
- Paul Kerr (*Junior Vol.*)
- Diane Waltermeyer
- Toni Ruark (*TLC*)
- Thomas Gruen (*TLC*)

**RED CROSS
 BLOOD DRIVE,
 FRIDAY, SEPT 21
 1-5PM**

*Sign-up sheet will be
 in the cafeteria.*

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Special Fair section insert

TYLER TURNS UP THE HEAT

Labor Day marked more than the traditional end of summer for Tyler employees this year: it was the beginning of a hospital heat wave brought on by the demise of a portion of the hospital's air cooling system.

According to Ron Coolbaugh, plant engineer, a 75-ton compressor, which has served the hospital for 25 years, just died of old-age. "This unit was installed in 1982, Ron explained; "it did it's job well."

Finding a replacement for the unit, which serves most of the Kraft Wing, including the basement and first and second floors, was a challenge. But work on replacing the compressor is under-way and, if all goes as planned, the hospital should be back to comfortable temperatures by mid-week.

"I want to thank all the employees for their patience during this transition," Ron said. "I know this situation has been difficult. We'll get it done as soon as we can."

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN UNDER-WAY AT TYLER

According to Susan Reese, volunteer director and Tyler United Way campaign coordinator, the 2008 Tyler United Way Campaign will kick off at with a mailing in employee paychecks on September 13.

Employees can, through payroll deduction, spread their pledge over a full year, or employees can make a one-time donation and make a difference in the lives of area residents.

As an incentive, Tyler is again offering five \$50 gas certificates as raffle prizes. For a chance to win, donate at least \$1.00 per pay and your name will be entered into the raffle.

Completed pledge forms must be turned in to the Volunteer Office by October 14 and payroll deduction will begin in January 2008.

COMPUTER UPDATE SLATED FOR THIS MONTH

The week of September 10, the Dairyland Application Server will be replaced. This server also acts as our hospital domain controller.

In replacing the domain controller, which is the piece that verifies your password when you log on to a PC, we will begin switching over to the new server on Tuesday morning.

This process will involve Information Systems going to each computer throughout the facility, as well as home users, to configure the computer to the new domain controller.

As the old domain controller will remain active until this process is completed, downtime will be localized to the PC we are working on at the time and no widespread outage is expected.

All Dairyland Applications including Clinicals, Financials and Scheduler will be shut down on Wednesday September 12 at approximately 1:00 PM while information is transferred from our old server to our new server. With the condition and speed of our present server, I cannot estimate the amount of time it will take to get the data transferred to the new server.

With a project of this size, I would also expect there might be some additional unplanned network downtime that we will make every effort to keep to minimum.

Jay M Lane, MS HCA



REBECCA PILCHER & KAREN KILLIAN NAMED JULY & AUGUST EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH



*Rebecca Pilcher, RN Sort Stay
July Employee of the Month*

The year 1977 turned out to be a year of new beginnings for Rebecca Pilcher, RN, Tyler Memorial Hospital's July Employee of the Month. It was the year Ms. Pilcher married her husband, Norm and also the year she began her 30-year career at Tyler.

In the three decades that followed, the Brooklyn, PA resident raised two children and touched the lives of thousands of patients and their families. "I love dealing with and caring for people," Ms. Pilcher explained during a short break in her duties as short stay staff nurse. "My work as a nurse over the years has been very rewarding; and it is satisfying to know, that in some small way, I made a difference to my patients."

The avid reader, gardener and traveler added that Tyler is a wonderful place to work. "Tyler still has that intimate, family atmosphere that is so important to patients," she said. "Our patients are never just numbers or a condition; people here really care," she added.

In making the Employee of the Month presentation, Denise Gieski, RN, Tyler vice-president of nursing, praised Ms. Pilcher for her leadership skills. "Becky not only has excellent clinical skills, but during this past year, she has really stepped up-to-the-plate and pitched in as a supervisor for us when we needed her. She has gone above and beyond for us and we appreciate all her efforts," she said.

As an employee of the month, Ms. Pilcher received \$100 and is a candidate for Tyler Employee of the Year. She is the mother of Aaron, a sergeant in the U.S. Army, stationed in Belgium, and Melissa, who lives with her partner, Jen in MA.

In 1985 San Francisco defeated Miami in the Super Bowl, the St. Louis Cardinals lost out to Kansas City in the World Series, Ronald Reagan was sworn in as the nation's 40th president and Karen Killian, RN, Paramedic, BSN, came to work at Tyler.

The Levittown, PA native earned a BSN from Wilkes- University and began her career at Tyler as a student nurse on Med/Surg. After graduation, Karen served for nine years in the ICU, became a Paramedic in 1988 and then transferred to the Emergency Department six years ago.

"I love the ED because I never know who is going to come through those doors," she said with a smile. "I love the variety of cases and illnesses we treat, and the fact that we are a small hospital, means we all get to do more and have broader skills than we would working in a larger facility."

The self-confessed dog lover and "mother" of Max, a German Short-Haired Pointer, said she would recommend nursing, especially at Tyler, to anyone considering a career. "I'm excited about the plans for the new ED and look forward to it helping with the back-ups we experience now, better lighting and more privacy for our patients."

Married to husband Brad for 16 years, who she describes as 'the real dog expert in the family,' the couple is active in dog Rescue programs and enjoy spending time training dogs.

Karen's other passion is for her family: nephews: Brennan, nine and Shane, six, sons of her sister, Debbie in Delaware; and Katherine, six, the daughter of Karen's twin sister, Kathleen, who lives in Allentown. "I try to spend as much time with all of them as I possibly can," Karen said happily.

Karen is involved in the Pediatric Committee and, according to Carol Berry, ED nurse manager, Karen organizes all the emergency coverage for the Wyoming County Fair each year and is active in the work of the county pre-hospital organization. "Karen really deserves this honor," Carol pointed out. "She is an excellent employee, a great person and a very valued member of this hospital's emergency staff."

As for Karen's reaction to this award: "I'm just completely overwhelmed," she said when given the news that she was named August 2007 Employee of the Month. "I'm very happy, very honored and very appreciative." Each Employee of the Month receives \$100, a Tyler umbrella and a chance to be named Employee of the Year in the spring.



*Karen Killian, RN
August Employee of the Month*

STAFF EDUCATION

LUNCHTIME LEARNING

INFLUENZA: FACT OR FICTION

BLUE ROOM 11:30AM OR 12:30PM

FREEDOM FROM SMOKING

6 WEEK PROGRAM STARTS SEPTEMBER 11, 6PM IN THE BLUE ROOM (FREE)

HEALTHCARE PROVIDER CPR CLASS

SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

8 - 11AM OR 12:30 - 3:30PM

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