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Quote of the Month:

"God gives nothing to those who keep their arms crossed."
-- African Proverb

From the comptroller's desk

Time to perform our civic duty again

Many of us, myself included, are coming down from the emotional high of Barack Obama being elected the President of the United States. During that election, we witnessed huge voter turnouts and a swelling of grassroots participation throughout the city as St. Louisans came together to exercise our civic duty. Our community was energized as we came together to vote.



Today, more than three months later, most of our focus has shifted from Washington and moved towards our local economy, jobs, paying bills and just making ends meet. Times are tough all around, but we still have a civic duty to perform

this spring by voting in the municipal elections.

You, as a city employee, know better than most the importance of voting in municipal elections to either sustain or change the direction our community is going. That being said, I urge all of you to vote in the March 3 primary and the April 7 general elections. After all, it is these votes that directly impact our city, our communities and our families.

Remember that city employees get one hour of time off on election days. I encourage you to take advantage of this either in the morning or in the evening. Coordinate time off with your supervisor so the office can schedule adequate staffing.

Voter registration for the March primary has already closed, but you can still register for the April general election until March 11. For ballot information on both elections, visit www.stelections.com.

Comptroller's January Employee of the Month



Congratulations to **Bill Cherry** for earning the January Employee of the Month Award. Cherry is a garage attendant at the municipal garage.

Cherry was nominated for going beyond the call of duty by coming in early to shovel snow and put salt down so tenants could safely park in the garage. He was also recognized for always being courteous, kind and professional.

Cherry chose eight hours of comp time as his EOM reward.

Office News

Deputy earns education award



The St. Louis Black Leadership Roundtable recently honored **Ivy Neyland-Pinkston** with the 2008 Parent Recognition Award as a representative of the Clayton School District. The award is given annually to parents from 25 cooperating school districts as part of the effort to acknowledge those parents striving to eliminate the African-American academic achievement gap in St. Louis area schools.

The awards ceremony on January 25th was hosted by the University of Missouri-St. Louis as part of the Roundtable's 2008 Regional Report Card. Neyland-Pinkston's son, Drake, is a freshman honors student at Clayton High School who is a member of the jazz band, pep band, football team and is preparing to join the tennis team this spring.

A helping hand

If you or someone you know is having trouble making ends meet during these difficult economic times, there is some help available. Angel Food Ministries has locations throughout the St. Louis area to assist families with grocery relief.

Angel Food has both fresh and frozen items available for \$30, half their retail value of \$60. The packages feed four people for about a week or a senior citizen for about a month. To find a location near you visit angelfoodministries.com.

Test your knowledge with the Trivia Challenge

This month:
Black History Trivia

Black History Month

*Congratulations to
Valerie Clayton
for earning one hour
comptime for correctly
answering the January
inauguration trivia.*

1. Who was the first African-American to grace the cover of a major national fashion magazine?
2. What life saving device did Garrett A. Morgan patent?
3. The first black professional player in the National Hockey League was a member on which team?
4. In 1870, what state elected the first African -American to be seated as a representative in the United States Congress?

5. Robert Weaver became the first black cabinet member of a United States president. Which president appointed him?
6. Who was the first African-American to win the Nobel Peace Prize?
7. This Civil War soldier was the first African-American to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor?

Submit your answers to John Farrell at farrellj@stlouiscity.com. The first to reply with the correct answers wins one hour comptime.

News & Notes

As the comptroller's office turns...

Our condolences

Mr. Clarence Simmons, father to **Sherese Simmons**, passed away on January 28. The entire comptroller's office conveys our deepest condolences.

Mrs. Grace Beckman, **John Farrell's** grandmother, passed away on February 7 at the age of 92. The entire comptroller's office conveys our deepest condolences.

Welcome aboard



The comptroller's office welcomes **Leartette Jamison**, transportation center operations specialist and **Keith Vernell**, parking garage attendant, to the team. Welcome aboard and best of luck.



Giving back

Keith Taylor's parents, Houston and Malinda Taylor, were honored by the African-American Heritage Society this month in Franklin, Tenn. for their work as Political Activists. The black tie affair kicked-off Black History Month and celebrated the outstanding accomplishments and contributions Williamson County African-Americans have made not only in that community, but in communities all across this country.

January Trivia Quiz answers

1. Ronald Reagan
2. Lyndon Johnson
3. Harry Truman
4. Abraham Lincoln
5. Thomas Jefferson
6. Theodore Roosevelt
7. Nine
8. 1917

February Birthdays

Mohammad Adil	1
Mary Huggins	2
Shalonda Covington	5
Pamela Boyd	10
Keith Taylor	13
Sandra Mantia	14
Amy Williams	14
Tammy Garrett	15
Dorothy Middleton	19
Jeannie Head	22

Continuous Service Anniversaries

Ishmael Ikpeama	20 years
Dorothy Middleton	20 years

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