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**Quote of the Month:**

**"The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving."  
Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.**

## Office prepares for big move

*New space will improve morale and productivity*

Over the past few years we have experienced a lot of changes throughout the comptroller's office. In addition to a host of new hires, we have also periodically relocated portions of our staff to different offices to better maximize our space and efficiency.



Later this month, we will embark on our biggest change since internal audit and federal grants moved from City Hall to the Carnahan Building when a large portion of our staff takes moves to 1520 Market St. A lot of planning and preparation went into designing our space in the new building and reorganizing the space at City Hall. I want to thank all of

my staff who worked on this project. This was no small feat and your input and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

I hope you are as excited as I am about the opportunity this move brings for us to not only improve morale with better working conditions, but to also increase productivity. We all know our job is to serve the taxpayers and our government customers as best we can. The new space at 1520 Market and the resulting improved conditions at City Hall should go a long way toward us doing our jobs better.

Thanks for pitching in to help make this move as quick and easy as possible. I look forward to this change. It will revitalize our office and give us an opportunity to set even higher standards for service.

## Comptroller's May Employee of the Month

*There is no employee of the month for May. Please look for the June EOM nomination form in your inbox for your chance to nominate a co-worker for the June award.*



Office News

## Intern creates GTC database

The comptroller’s office partnered with the database management internship program and Clyde C. Miller Career Academy this past semester to provide a high school senior in the Saint Louis Public School District the opportunity to complete a three month mentoring and internship opportunity with our office.

**Levell Henderson** was assigned to the comptroller’s office and worked at the St. Louis Gateway Transportation Center designing a database management system to track incidents and occurrences at the multimodal station. **Robin Jones**, the center manager, provided Henderson a design concept and he provided the technical skills for creating databases in excel to make the vision come to life.



As a result, the transportation center now has an intensive database system that allows the manager to track incidents by type (disturbance, trespassing, medical, etc.), by name or by date. It is a great tool and provides a means to cross-reference an incident summary and quickly retrieve the full details of the written report.

## Tying the knot

**Vicki Wakeland’s** daughter, **Andrea Lynn Peterson**, is getting married to **Tyrone Spencer Herron, Jr.** later this month in Jackson, Tenn.



Wakeland has been busy the past few month with all the preparations and cannot wait for this big day to finally arrive. Congratulations.

## Test your knowledge with the Trivia Challenge

**This month:**  
**City budget trivia**



*Congratulations to Anchaleeya Thompson for earning one hour comptime for correctly answering the May flower ID trivia.*

1. Is the total proposed FY10 budget more or less than the total FY09 budget?
2. What amount of the FY10 budget is supposed to be reduced by employee furloughs?
3. Who is the city’s budget director?
4. What date is the deadline for approval of the city budget?
5. Who has final say on the budget: E&A or the aldermen?
6. True or false: the board of aldermen can make changes that both increase and reduce the city’s budget?
7. What is the largest source of revenue for the city’s general fund budget?
8. Name the entities that are the city’s two enterprise funds?

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

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## As the comptroller's office turns...

### New employee

Welcome **Olena Opachevsky**, an accountant II in the TIF Section, who previously worked at CDA.



### Office shirt update

The spring office shirt orders were taken on June 11. If you still want to purchase a shirt, contact **John Farrell** as soon as possible to set up a time. This is the only time to place an order until fall.

## FRS families adjust to summer changes

**Kari Bjorklund** has two courses to finish at summer school and she will get her bachelor degree from Missouri Baptist College. She plans to attend graduate school in the fall of 2010.

**Brittany Garrett** gave two performances at the Gateway Idol Competition finals and did very well, coming in third.

**Alex and Leslie Hlavaty** are wrapping up their semesters at SLU and Fontbonne, respectively. Alex again is faced with having to live at home for the summer. Jen Seright also will be coming home from Mizzou when finals are done. Frayed parental nerves may be evident for the next month as everyone readjusts.

**Meg Fitzsimmons** continues to excel for the DuBourg soccer team which recently won the Lutheran South tournament. With plenty of regular season games plus tournaments crammed into a short season, the team is playing almost every day.

**Monica Gassell** continues to apply her culinary skills at the Murdoch Perk and recently got a nice pay raise. Must be nice.

### June Birthdays

Lolita Versey	9
Karl Hlavaty	15
Charles Franz	20
LaKisha Lee	24

### Continuous Service Anniversaries

None this month

### May Trivia Quiz answers

1. Tulip
2. Sunflower
3. Rose
4. Iris
5. Hydrangea
6. Daffodil
7. Carnation
8. Calla Lily