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Quote of the Month:

"I perhaps owe having become a painter to flowers."
Claude Monet

FY10 budget moves forward

Global recession impacts city budget

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment passed out the FY10 budget last month giving it to the Board of Aldermen for consideration. As you all know, the upcoming fiscal year poses some challenges due to the nation's recession. I believe however, under the circumstances, the budget we approved will serve the taxpayers and city employees well.



On the issue of furloughs, I will do all I can to make these as painless as possible to our employees. We are asking a lot of you, and I will work to soften the financial impact of furloughs on your personal finances. A major part of this is allowing de-

partments and employees maximum flexibility when choosing when to take or issue furloughs.

What works financially for one worker or household may be difficult for another. It is incumbent upon elected officials and department heads to accommodate furlough requests that best suit the employees and allow service delivery to go uninterrupted.

Ultimately, the aldermen have final say on this issue. I trust in their judgment and I am confident we can get through the coming fiscal year with minimal impact to city service delivery.

I thank you and commend you for your dedication to your city under these less than ideal circumstances.

I honor your service and your sacrifice on behalf of a grateful city.

Comptroller's April Employee of the Month

Congratulations to **Charron Ford** for earning the April Employee of the Month Award. Ford is an clerk typist I in the records retention section. She was nominated for her quick and calm response in helping a co-worker experiencing health problems. Ford chose eight hours of comptime as her EOM reward.



Office News

Office losers win big again

The 2009 Weight Loss Challenge is in the books with some old and some new weight loss winners. **John Zakibe, Diane Bjorklund, Doris Hamilton, Ron Hicks and Antionette Thomas's** team named "Just Do It Again" came in second place out of 160 teams citywide. They indeed did it again by losing a combined 114 pounds or 10 percent of their team body weight. For their efforts, they each got a portable DVD player.

Individual awards in the comptroller's office were: 4th Place, **John Zakibe** 38.8 lbs. lost, 18.1% of body weight.

5th Place, **Marty Deiters** 38.2 lbs. lost, 17.5% of body weight.

8th Place, **Diane Bjorklund** 27.4 lbs. lost, 16.2% of body weight.

Congratulations to all participants who lost a combined 3,613 pounds.



Payroll news

By now everyone should have received the smaller Employee Leave Request Form. The new, smaller form is now the only time off form accepted.

You may return old forms to Room 210.

If you have not taken your eight hours of comptime granted in October, you must use it or lose it by June 20. Contact payroll if you have any questions.



Test your knowledge with the Trivia Challenge

This month:
Flower ID

Name the eight flowers correctly and win one hour of comptime.



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

Congratulations to Judy Armstrong for earning one hour comptime for correctly answering the March inauguration trivia.

News & Notes

As the comptroller's office turns...

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New employee

Welcome **Chance Key**, a new auditor I in the internal audit section.



GTC gets new eats

Arch City Deli, concession operator at the GTC, recently opened a KFC and Pizza Hut Express. These new restaurants are open to the public so come by on your lunch hour and check them out.



Promotion, etc.

Lisa Harmon, accountant II in federal grants, was promoted to an accounting coordinator in financial reporting/TIF section. Also, congratulations to **Shirley Robinson** on retirement after 37 years.

Other office news

Welcome back **Ken Stone** and **Catherine Smith**.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with **Ben Helton** and his family as he recovers from health issues.

May Birthdays

Alfred Tabron	1
Randall Anderson	5
John Farrell	7
Chris Whitmore	10
Ben Helton	15
Sharon Caldwell	23
Charron Ford	24
Geneta Jacobs	25
Ron Hicks	27

Continuous Service Anniversaries

Ray Gant 15 years

April Trivia Quiz answers

1. 1995
2. John F. Bass
3. 11th
4. Elston McCowan, Robb Cunningham
5. 3, 21, 23, 25
6. Antonio French, Joseph Vaccaro, Shane Cohn
7. 17.12%