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**Darlene Green  
Comptroller**

# The Comp times

## ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO AUDIT

*The Gateway Transportation Center opened in 2008 where some 33,000 square feet of space was turned into a multimodal facility that sees some 2000 passengers come through it every daily.*

## GTC Welcomes 30 Millionth Amtrak Passenger

On a fair to mid-cloudy day amidst confetti and balloons on platform A at the Gateway Transportation Center Amtrak welcomed its 30 Millionth passenger October 13, 2011.

Amtrak and St. Louis City officials recognized Rochelle Lathan who travels frequently to Springfield and Chicago on the train for being the 30 millionth passenger.



"The ride is so relaxing and smooth. Sometimes I work or look at the scenery while traveling on the train", said Lathan while receiving her two 30 day rail passes for being the winner.

The Gateway Transportation Center or the GTC has been under the operation of the Comptroller's Office

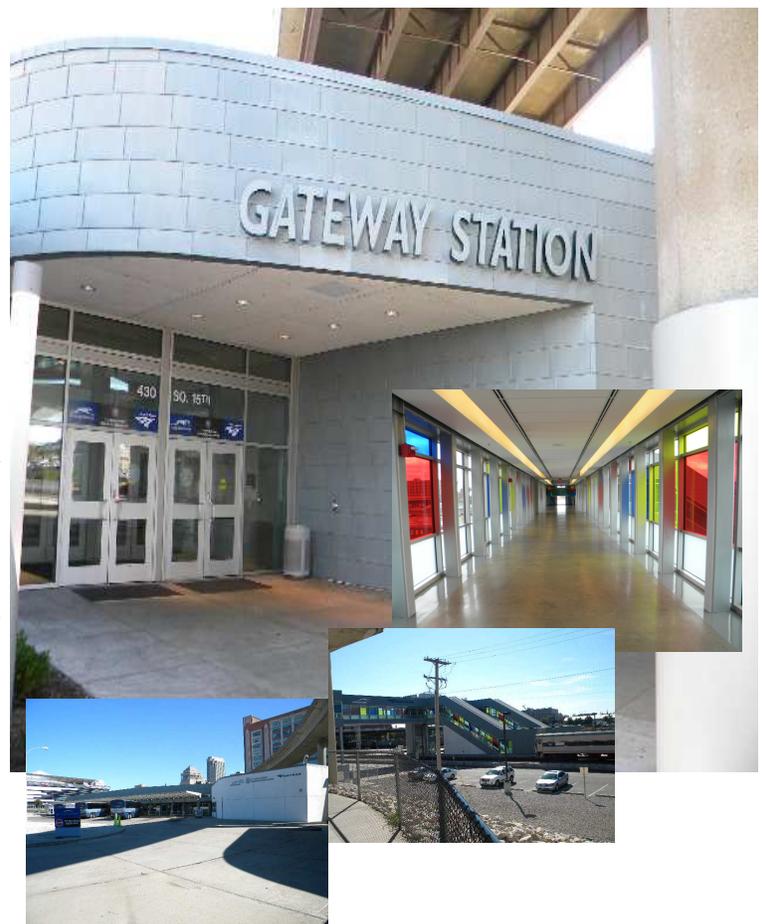
since 2008. It is a 24 hour multimodal facility that houses Amtrak and Greyhound Bus Company serving travelers going to all points in the United States.

"Amtrak has told us that GTC is the best facility they have in the country", said Jim Garavaglia, Asst. Manager for the Comptroller. "It's fitting that they would have this ceremony here to honor their 30 millionth passenger."

The great feature about the GTC is that you not only can catch a train or bus but at this location you can get to a flight at Lambert Field.

"The benefit of a multimodal facility is that it encourages people to leave their cars at home. They are preserving the environment when you can get off a bus or train then catch the Metro Link to the airport to get to your destination", said Robin Jones, Manager of the GTC.

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## 15 years of service in the Comptroller's Office

Genata Jacobs is celebrating her 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the City of St. Louis in October. Jacobs has always had an interest in accounting. She started working for the Comptroller's Office in 1996 and did a small stint in the Personnel Division returning to her Clerk Typist II position with the Comptroller in 2000. "I would like to return to school and take up Business Administration. I learn something new here everyday. The most interesting thing is working with projects that go through so many hands in the city" says Jacobs. Some of the things Jacobs likes to do is write poetry, bowling and finally one day she says completing lessons in learning how to play the piano.



St. Louis, MO, October 14, 2011 – Comptroller Darlene Green and the Women in Public Finance awarded Sydney Wright a student attending Clayton High School a \$1000 scholarship for her college education early this month. The awards were given at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual WPF held in Chicago, Ill. Thursday, October 16, 2011. Two students from St. Louis received awards. Wright was not able to attend that ceremony so Ivy Neyland-Pinkston, Deputy Comptroller-Finance and Development wanted to make sure that Wright got her

## The Comptroller and Women in Public Finance Invest in the Future!

award from Comptroller Green in a special ceremony held at City Hall.

“Women working in public finance want to encourage the next generation of women in high school and college to pursue careers in this viable field”, said Neyland-Pinkston.

Comptroller Green, Neyland-Pinkston, Julie Portman, board member for WPF and investment banker for Edward Jones and Donna Rodgers-Beard, teacher from Clayton High School spent the occasion taking questions from Wright, describing to her the options she has in finance.

“It was special to have that one on one with Sydney that day. She got the opportunity to learn from women in the career she is interested in. In finance you help improve and build

communities, convention centers, airports, and recreation centers”, said Neyland-Pinkston.

Wright’s parents, James and Barbara Wright were grateful for the attention and mentoring their daughter got that day!

The other student winning the WPF Scholarship for \$2000 is Rachel Collins from Lindbergh High School. The WPF awarded some 10 scholarships nationally at its October conference.



### Employee of the Month



Ganet Desu is this month’s Comptroller’s Employee of the Month. Desu works as an Auditor I in Internal Audit a division under the Comptroller’s Office. Desu says, “I enjoy working with people and the different agencies through out the city.” Desu formally worked for the non profit group the Good Samaritans before coming on board with the City three years ago. She is originally from the country of Eritrea which is located in eastern Africa, sandwiched between the Sudan, Somalia and Ethiopia. Congratulations!!!!

## Happy Halloween



### Nuptials in the Comptroller’s Office



Congratulations go out to Elizabeth Lyndon who is getting married Saturday, October 29, 2011. Lyndon an Accountant II for the Comptroller’s Office was given a wedding shower by Beverly Fitzsimmons, Accountant Manager II and Megan Mocaby Accounting Coordinator. All Lyndon’s co-workers in the Accounting Division in Room 311 attended the mid morning celebration which was filled with food, fun and wedding shower games.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For those born in October



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- 10 Joanna Stoverink
- 26 Bill Cherry
- 27 Elizabeth Lydon
- 31 Barbara Coleman



### New Employee Joins the Comptroller’s Office

Welcome new Executive Secretary to the Comptroller Chana Morton. Morton has worked for the City of St. Louis for some 23 years and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to her new position. Morton has worked for BPS, the Department of Health, MSI, The Lambert Field Airport Police Department and the DBE Program. She likes to play tennis, works out weekly, love reading novels and going to the theatre.



Amtrak has a lounge for business travelers to relax in while waiting and there is a food court serving Pizza Hut, KFC and a gift shop for visitors traveling through the GTC.



### A Record of Retention



Congratulations to Charron Ford and Cindy Larson both Clerk Typist IIs for Records Retention in the Comptroller's Office. Both hired at the same time they are celebrating their third anniversary working for the City of St. Louis. Oh yes, they have the rally spirit wearing their Cardinal Red.

**Go Cards!!!!**

### Charity Drive Success!

This year's committee chairs for the annual City Hall Charity Drive for the Comptroller's Office want to thank all the people that supported the many causes needing funding.

"In these lean times it is nice to know that we can still reach out and help those in need. So on behalf of City Hall we thank you," said Keith Vernell, Co-chair for the drive.

### Making Mom Proud



Drake Pinkston the son of Ivy Neyland-Pinkston is seen here receiving an award from Country Executive Charlie Dooley as "Outstanding Student Leader of 2011". Pinkston is the Senior Class President at Clayton High School and Vice President of the Teen Chapter of Jack and Jill of America St. Louis Chapter.

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### Marco's to the Rescue



Pam Webb owner of Marco's Café located on the lower level of St. Louis City Hall is ready to make your holiday fixings easy.

"We are offering to cater families a nice meal for a reasonable price for Thanksgiving. Let us save you the time so you can relax and enjoy your family and friends for the holidays", says Webb.

Webb says she grew up cooking with her grandmother. So she decided culinary arts was what she wanted to do as a business. She's been at it for the past six years professionally.

Marco's is open Monday through Friday at City Hall from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Call now to reserve your catered Thanksgiving dinner by Marco's

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