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**Reminder of
the Month:
2010 federal and
state tax returns
due April 18.**

Fresh ideas abound with young managers

Constantly working to improve operations and efficiencies within the comptroller's office is one of Comptroller Darlene Green's standing directives to her staff. The Young Managers Group was created with precisely that goal in mind.

This effort was started by Elaine Spearman, the comptroller's chief staffing officer and legal advisor, to give the office's young, middle managers,



a formal platform to discuss efficiencies and operational improvements. To qualify, employees must be 45 years old or younger, or have three years or less of managerial experience in the comptroller's office. The group meets monthly to share ideas and discuss how to do things better in their own sections and throughout the comptroller's office, in both specific and general terms.

"Tapping into the experiences and ideas of our younger managers is exciting," said Spearman. "This will hopefully open doors and start the discussion on new, better ways of doing things throughout the comptroller's office."

The group's members: Robin Jones, Gateway Transportation Center manager; Judy Armstrong, interim Municipal Garage manager; Brenda Pierce, accounting supervisor; and Amy Williams, payroll manager, were eager to start the process and offer ideas. They all want to work together and be a part of affecting positive change.

Spearman conceded that change does not come easy...*continued on page 3*



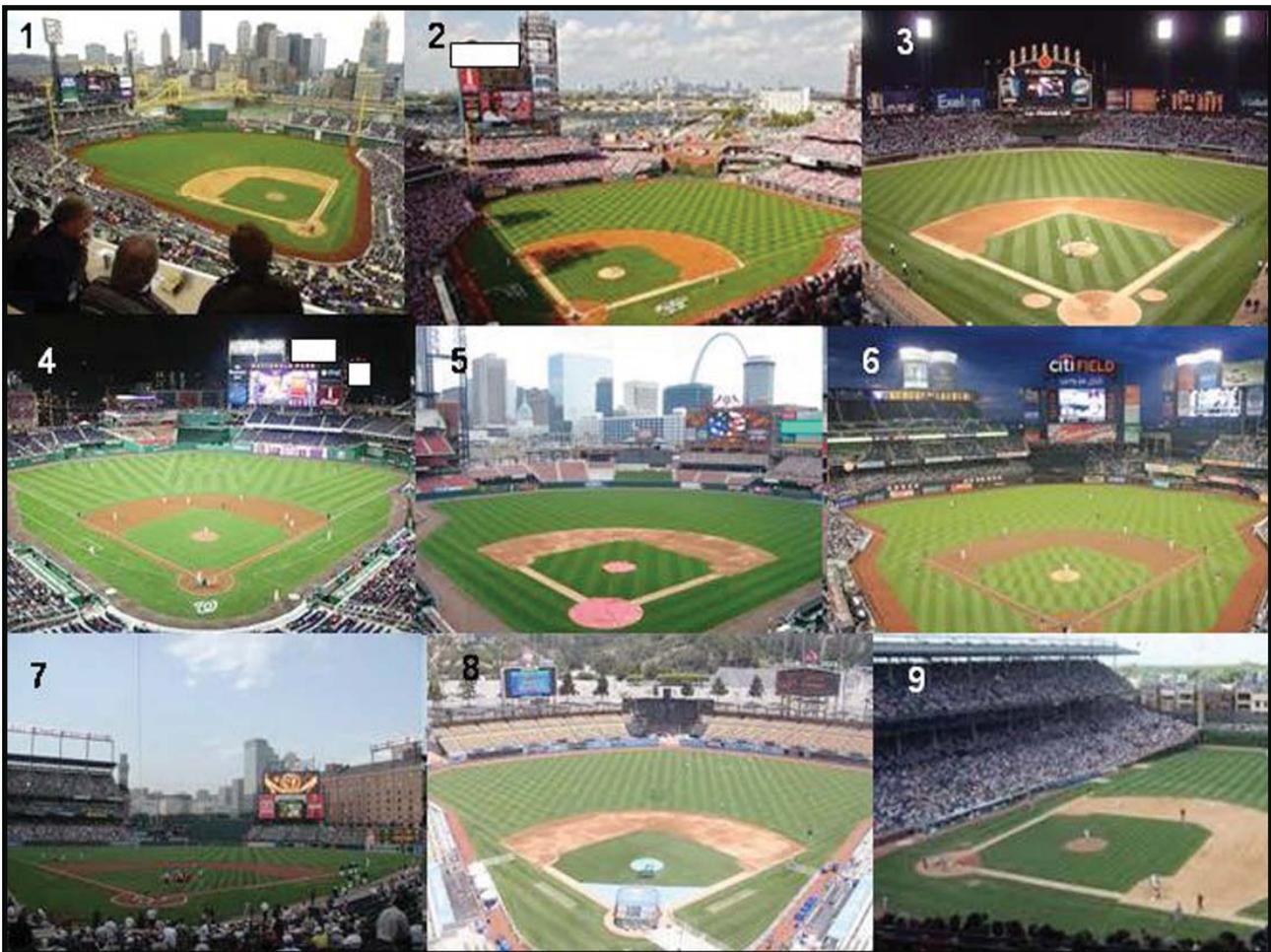
Comptroller's March Employee of the Month

Congratulations to **Christopher Reed**, municipal parking garage attendant, for earning the March Employee of the Month Award. Reed was nominated for going above and beyond, including opening and closing the garage and making all the daily mail runs, while his fellow attendants were out. He chose eight hours comptime as his award.

Trivia Challenge

Test your knowledge with the Trivia Challenge

This month marks the start of another Major League Baseball season. The Trivia Challenge asks you to identify the city and team associated with each baseball stadium photograph. Good luck and here's to a great 2011 season.



Congratulations to Michele Graham for earning one hour comptime for correctly answering the March Irish-American trivia.

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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Moving on up

Congratulations to **Lisa Harmon**, formerly an accounting coordinator in financial reporting/TIF section, for getting promoted to accounting manager I.

Congratulations to **John Zakibe**, deputy comptroller, for being elected by his peers to another term on the Employee Retirement System board.

NAACP fundraiser

Congratulations to **Elaine Spearman** for being named a NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner Co-Chair. The dinner is Friday, June 10 at the Millennium Hotel. For more information or to reserve your table, please contact Shirley Brown at 367-8739.

April Birthdays

Marice Blair	1
Gail Boyce	2
Olaide Hassan	2
Judith Holstein	2
Regina Reynolds	13
Sherese Simmons	18
Ivy Neyland-Pinkston	22

Continuous Service Anniversaries

None this month

Stork delivery

Ethan Patrick Fitzsimmons was born Wednesday, March 23 at 11:39 p.m. to **Daniel** and **Ashley** at St. John Medical Center. Ethan weighed in at 2 lbs. and is currently at the NICU there. He is a fighter and doing very well for his size and the fact he is 12 weeks early.

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and it will take a combined effort, from the comptroller on down, to act on the group's ideas.

"This is how any organization moves forward. It takes ideas and planning and the will to implement change," added Spearman. "But in the end, the hope is we will have a better office environment and operate more efficiently and effectively on behalf of the taxpayers."

March Trivia Quiz answers

1. Gene Kelly
2. Soledad O'Brien
3. John McEnroe
4. Mary Higgins Clark
5. Sandra Day O'Connor
6. Ulysses S. Grant
7. Grace Kelly
8. Conan O'Brien