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a publication for the people of University Hospital



**DO YOU KNOW ME?:** Actor Karl Malden gets a friendly hug from Jenny Thomas of the Hospital's Department of Unit Management. See story inside. (Photo by Domenic Screnci)

## need to know

### CITY'S REPLACEMENT OF OLD SEWER SYSTEM WILL TEMPORARILY AFFECT LOT A AND LOT C

Hospital employees who park in Lot A probably have noticed the length of fence that recently was installed. The fence is meant to set off areas in Lot A—and eventually, in Lot C—in which workers will be replacing the City of Boston's antiquated sewer system. Similar work is being done on the sewer system citywide, according to Herbert D. Klein, administrator for parking at BUMC.

The work on Lot A should be starting within the next week or two and will probably continue until late November or December, according to Klein. At that time, similar work will commence in Lot C, and that is expected to continue for two to three months.

BUMC parking authorities in the meantime will do everything in their power to provide adequate parking for BUMC employees during the construction period, said Klein.

### HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES TO APPEAR IN "BILLY GALVIN," A THEATRICAL PRODUCTION FILMED IN PART AT UH

Six University Hospital employees recently became movie actors when the Brookline-based Galvin Company film crew shot scenes for "Billy Galvin," a theatrical production filmed in part at University Hospital. Emergency Room Head Nurse Arlone Cofield, R.N., and Margaret Saunders, R.N., Mimi Fonfield, Tina Grimes and Cheryl Harrison, R.N., also from the Hospital's ER, appeared as extras in the scenes that were filmed on D-6, in a patient room on C-6, and in the outpatient area of the ER. UH clinical surgical specialist Mary-Michael Brown, R.N., also contributed to the film as a nursing advisor in charge of making sure that all the medical details of the film were correct, in addition to making an appearance as an extra.

According to Norm Sherman, the Hospital's Media Relations specialist, the film stars Karl Malden

and Lenny Van Dohlen and features a number of Bostonians, including local comedian Steve Sweeney and actor Paul Guilfoyle. "Billy Galvin" will be aired on the Public Broadcasting System network in approximately a year and a half. There also is a possibility that in the meantime the film will be run in neighborhood cinemas, said Sherman.

While he was at UH, recent Emmy-winner Karl Malden took the time to visit with patients on F-4 and C-5 and to sign autographs.

### VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE FROM EMPLOYEE HEALTH SERVICES

The Medical Center's Employee Health Service is now offering flu vaccines. According to Constance C. Cornog, M.D., Employee Health director, health-care workers are encouraged to have themselves immunized against influenza, particularly in the fall and winter when outbreaks of the flu are common. It also is important that high-risk people—people over 65 years of age, or people with diabetes mellitus, severe anemia or compromised immune functions—receive vaccinations.

In addition, Employee Health Service continues to offer a vaccine for hepatitis B, a viral infection that is spread through serum, saliva and semen. Health-care workers who are at a high risk are those who work in the emergency room, intensive care units, anesthesia, pathology, dialysis, and most nursing areas, as well as anyone who has had contact with an infected person, said Cornog.

For more information about the vaccines, please contact Employee Health at x8400 (638-8400.)

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EMPLOYEE GIVING CAMPAIGN SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER;  
DONATIONS TO BENEFIT U-HELP FUND, UNITED WAY

University Hospital's annual Employee Giving Campaign (EGC), this year will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 1, and run through Thursday, Oct. 31. The EGC is an annual fundraiser in which both the medical and non-medical staff are asked to support the United Way and a Hospital project. This year's Hospital project will again be the U-Help Fund, a source of money that can be used by UH employees to aid patients. Goals for this year's Campaign are \$33,500 for the United Way and \$18,000 for the U-Help Fund.

United Way: The United Way campaign raises funds for a wide variety of health and human-service agencies in more than 80 communities in Massachusetts. More than one million people—one in three Massachusetts residents—are served by the 187 United Way agencies. Among other things, the United Way provides such services as alcohol and drug counseling, and uses information and referral services to connect people in need with agencies that can help. The organization is run by thousands of volunteers. This means that 80 cents of every dollar goes directly to help people in need.

Hospital Project: The U-Help Fund was again selected to be this year's University Hospital Project by a committee of Hospital employees. Since October 1984, when the Fund was established with EGC donations, more than 50 patients have been provided with family reunions, transportation, medical equipment, TV service, homemaker services, and more.

Donations: All employees will be receiving pledge cards for both the United Way and the Hospital project. Contributions may be made by direct gift (cash or check) or by payroll deduction.

Prize Drawings: There will be two types of prize drawings this year in which employees will have a chance to win approximately 80 prizes. For a \$15 minimum donation to the United Way or

Hospital Project (or divided between the two), employees will be eligible for four weekly drawings to be held on Mondays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28. All donations received by noon on those dates will be entered for eligible employees.

Approximately 15 prizes will be drawn each week. The sooner an employee returns his or her card, the greater the chance to win. Prizes include gift certificates for dinners, movie passes and tickets to the theater and sporting events.

In addition, any employee who increases his or her previous total gift by \$5 or more is eligible for the grand prize "Megalucks" drawing on Monday, Nov. 4. This includes new employees who give \$15 or more, and employees who did not give to the EGC last year.

Grand prizes include dinner for two at the Copley Plaza; weekends for two at such Boston hotels as the Colonnade and the Sheraton-Boston; a Peugeot bicycle; a month-long membership to the Back Bay Racket Club; and a trip for two to Nassau (including round-trip airfare and accommodations for three nights and four days) donated by Fresh Pond Travel.



KARPENSKI APPOINTED NEW DONOR RECRUITER FOR UH

Marilyn Karpenski, a graduate of the Boston University School of Public Communications, has been appointed blood donor recruiter for University Hospital. She comes to UH from Brigham & Women's Hospital where, in her capacity as blood donor recruiter, she tripled the size of the donor program.

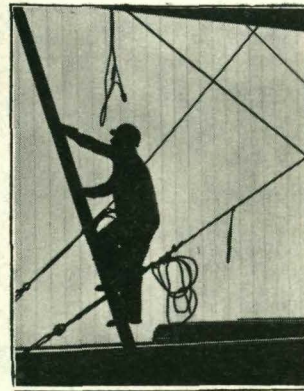
According to Karpenski, donating blood through the University Hospital Blood Donor Program is the perfect opportunity to help three people at once. Each pint of blood donated to the Program is separated into three components and given to three separate patients, depending on their particular needs. The Program has been providing 14 percent of the blood needed by the Hospital. The rest

comes from the American Red Cross.

UH will provide four hours of vacation time to any employee donating blood to the Program. Non-employees are also urged to donate and will receive a free T-shirt. Parking in the Doctors Office Building garage will be free for non-employee donors.

The new telecommunications system makes re-contacting past donors difficult, since telephone numbers have changed and the interim BUMC directory does not list people by name, Karpenski noted. Past donors are therefore urged to contact the Blood Donor Program. New donors, of course, are most welcome.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, contact Karpenski at x7855 (638-7855). The Blood Donor Center is located on the fourth floor of the Health Services Building and is open on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at other times by appointment.



TAKING SHAPE: The shape of the Hospital's Partial Replacement Project changes daily as construction workers continue to position the steel beams. (photo by David Keough)

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