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Guild asks members to report problems with parking changes

Friday is the day the company will be closing the Washington Street garage to parking for our members. We need you to help us monitor the effects of this decision.

Under the contract, 85 spaces in the garage were set aside for our use. Because we have about a hundred of our members in the two waves of layoffs in October and March, the company's belief is that there will be enough space in the remaining lots to accommodate us.

Company officials have told us they are reassigning some of the employees who used to park in the garage or the lots. For instance, reporters in the editorial department's breaking news group have been assigned to the small photographers' lot and other non-union employees have been moved to other locations.

The Executive Board's feeling at this point is that if the existing lots can accommodate our members, if everyone who needs a space can get one, there is no need to pick a fight over this.

IF there are enough spaces. And that's where you come in.

We need to know if there are any problems. If you come to the office and can't find a place to park, let us know. Call one of the board or unit council members and tell them what time you tried to find a one and couldn't. It is very important that we know what time you had your problem. Figuring out when the problems, if any, occur and how many of them there are will be crucial to

figuring out how to fix them.

Check both lots. And remember, we have to have time of day. If they are full, our initial recommendation is to try to find a curbside space, or, if you go to a commercial lot, get a receipt. We can't promise we'll be able to get you reimbursed, but having documentation certainly won't hurt.

In the dayside news department you can call John Hill, Greg Smith or Felice Freyer. In Features, Linda Cox or Lynn Chaput. In pre-pub, Kate Levesque. Nightside workers should contact Kerry Kohring.

In advertising, call Del St. Jean, Lisa Buben or Jon Baker. In finance, Elaine Boyd.

Reception for recently laid off colleagues

The Guild will hold a reception Friday April 17 for employees laid off last month. The event will be at Blake's Tavern at Washington and Mathewson streets beginning at 5 p.m.