Mick Thomas Receives George Peter Award

Joe DeMarco

A research support specialist at the Cornell Center for Materials Research (CCR/M), Michelle "Mick" Thomas, was honored November 18 with the latest George Peter Award for Dedication Service. Thomas, who has served with distinction for 18 years as the manager of the Ultra-High-Vacuum Scanning Transmission Electron Microscope (UHV-STEM) at the Cornell Center for Materials Research, was selected for his positive outlook and outstanding performance of his responsibilities.

Skiles Schomba, associate director of CCR/M, nominated Thomas for the award, which consists of $500 of his or her choosing and a new toy, which is presented to the student who is in greatest need.

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Salvation Army

Another way to express community-minded spirit is through The Salvation Army’s Elf-a-Family program. Sponsoring office or departments match to a family in need, are able to provide two articles of clothing and two new toys per child along with enough food for three meals each day for three days for the entire family, including one special holiday dinner. For more information, contact the Salvation Army at 227-2440.

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Leadership Leads

40 Years & Going Strong

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The Ancestral Radio Company just celebrated its 40th anniversary, and it was a powepul and largest single-radio business in the world.

Completed 180,000 amplifiers at the factory, the facility has produced more than 20,000 products.

The "father" of the business, Dr. William C. Catron, gave the keynote address.

"When we were talking about building a factory in the late 50s, it was a huge commitment," he said. "It was like trying to do something that was impossible, and it took a lot of guts and we believed it would work."

"We were faced with the challenge of trying to do something that was impossible, and we were determined to prove that it could be done," Catron said.

"This is a very special milestone for our company," he added. "We are proud to be part of a tradition of excellence that has lasted for 40 years.

"We are grateful to all of our employees for their dedication and hard work, and we look forward to many more years of success.

Select Benefits—Have it Your Way!

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Select Benefits is the best income tax break available to medical interns. We fave the best income tax break available to medical interns. We have the best income tax break available to medical interns.

Recent studies show that only 42% of interns use this valuable benefit to its fullest potential.

What you need to know:

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**CLASSIFIED ADS**

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**For Sale**

- **Mint**, $300, 5-5473 or sls68.
- **Indian Princess Doll Coll.**, cond., no rust, 75K, new all terrain snow tires, 200K, very well maint., car w/Nokia Hakkapeliitta Finnish 1987 VOLVO 240 wagon shots, healthy, trained, affectionate, great w/ Border Collie X.
- **Contemporary Dining Room Suite** $350, 273-5170 (eves) or plc4.
- **2 Speakers**, Large coffee table $1,200/obo., emp26 or 5-0644.
- **3 BR House** or 273-4013.
- **1912 Brunswick billiard table**, cherry cond., $3,000, 564-7861.
- **1998 Suburban SLT 4x4** $135,000, bks4 or 272-3428.
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