



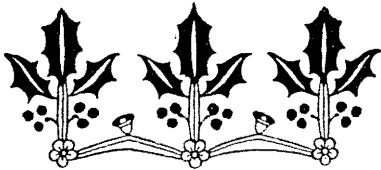
# tower talk

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### Cable TV

The Board of Directors of APCA at its December meeting gave final approval to an agreement with TCI Cable company which will provide basic cable service to American Plaza at a monthly bulk rate.

One hundred and thirty-nine owners have signed up, which would have provided for a bulk monthly rate of \$8.75 which owns and leases 91 units in Madison Tower, but with the guarantee by Madison Tower, Inc. to commit all 91 units, the bulk rate for owners will be reduced to \$8.20. **8.30**

Walt Bowen, president of Madison Tower, Inc. explained that renters in Madison would be charged \$10 a month, in order to cushion possible losses if fewer than 91 unit renters elect to have cable.

These rates are guaranteed for one year with an option to renew for another year at the same rate, in spite of the fact that, with the city's deregulation of cable rates, TCI will be charging \$14.95 a month beginning January 1, 1987 to those who are not under a bulk rate agreement.

The service will actually be in operation in all three towers before the end of the month. TCI will contact each owner who has signed up to schedule their hook up.

### Holiday Party

This year's holiday party will be held in Sivvers Center on December 20th at 5:30p.m. Dancing to the "After Six" orchestra will start at 6:30p.m. and continue until 9:30p.m.

Remembering the great success and the

varieties of food provided at last year's pot luck party, Chairman Grace Brown has decided to rely on the imagination and generosity of residents and repeat the pot luck.

Non-alcoholic punch and mixers will be provided but guests are advised to bring their own bottles if they wish something stronger.

Toys for the Fire Department's Toy and Joy holiday collection will also be received. The sex and age of the child for which the gift is intended should be indicated. Residents who do not have the time to select and wrap a toy may bring a donation which will be turned over to the Fire Department, for toys to be distributed to needy children in the city.

Grace and her committee members, Barbara Ray, David Chambers and Maxine Deriko promise as good a party as last year.

There will be a \$2.50 charge per person. ←


### Dr. Dow Receives Award

Dr. Robert S. Dow of Grant Tower, a neurologist at Good Samaritan was one of five recipients of the 1986 Aubrey R. Watzek Awards.

To honor the late Aubrey R. Watzek, the Board of Trustees of Lewis & Clark College authorizes annual awards to be presented to

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## 1987 Budget


The Board of Directors approved the proposed Budget for 1987 at their November Board meeting. The budget as approved will mean that the Association fees will remain the same as in 1986. Copies of the 1987 Budget and 1987 coupon payment books will be mailed to all owners, by December 15, 1986. If you should have any questions regarding the budget feel free to contact any member of the Board or Manager Stephens.

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"those persons who have pioneered in their respective fields of endeavor, and because of whom the Pacific Northwest, particularly the State of Oregon, has been enriched."

In the private practice of neurology since 1946, Dr. Dow, who was the first neurologist to practice in Oregon, began the neurology residency programs at Good Samaritan, and at the Oregon Health Sciences University and has trained many of the neurologists in practice in Oregon today. He was a guiding force in the development of Good Samaritan's Neurological Sciences Center. He provided the impetus in marshalling the combined efforts of that hospital's trustees, administration and medical staff to plan the center.

The Watzek Award recognized Dr. Dow "for his deep compassion for the suffering evidenced by his pioneering research in the neurosciences and for his years of creative leadership in developing and implementing superb clinical programs."



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## Tower Talk Annual Report

Tower Talk volunteer staff is pleased to report a successful financial year, mainly thanks to Ruth Josslin, our diligent advertising director. Based on recent figures the 1987 Budget estimate is:

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## Board Meeting

The next Board meeting of the APCA will be held January 15 in the facilities room (old billard room) of Sivers Center.

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## Postal Notes

I will be carrying a supply of Christmas stamps for the coming weeks. This years stamps are smaller and feature either a decorative design or the popular Mother and Child scene. Also available for other holiday mailings are the "Love" stamps. I would suggest that packages be mailed by Dec. 10 and cards by the 17th. For last minute and urgent mailings the Postal Service offers the lowest cost overnight service. Express Mail for items up to 2 lbs. costs \$10.75. Mailing packets are available at no charge.

Thanks to all who have given stamps for my Son. He is getting a nice collection.

This is a busy season for us all. I expect to run a little later delivery times. In the bustle of the season I hope you find a chance to enjoy these special times, and wish you all a joyous holiday season.

Jeff Smith

## Safety Signal

The Board approved the installation, pending approval of fixture designs at the next Board meeting, of flashing signals to be installed at the Madison and Lincoln garage driveways to warn other cars as well as pedestrians of cars entering or leaving the garage. Manager Stephens said there had been several near misses, but no serious accidents and felt that the expenditure of \$1,150 for each signal was well justified as an added safety measure.

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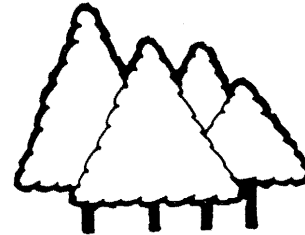
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## Two New Arrivals

Tower talk is happy to announce the arrival on November 9, 1986 of a four pound, 11 ounce baby daughter, Elizabeth Evelyn, to our production manager, Diana Beck. Both Mother and daughter are doing fine but we regret to say that Diana has decided not to resume her duties at M.S.I. and Tower Talk in order to give full time to Elizabeth Evelyn.

Manager Stephens has employed a replacement for Diana - Linda M. Castaneda, who moved to Portland from New York City nine years ago. For the past four years she has been Office Manager for the Teamsters Union Local 223.



## Swim Class

Swimmers are taking a vacation during the month of December. The class conducted by Anna Stowell Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays will suspended for the month but will resume on a regular basis beginning January 6, 1986.

## A New Path

The city is cutting a foot path direct<sup>ly</sup> from Front Street at the foot of Harrison Street to the river-front area. The path crosses Harbor Way and ends up in front of the new YMCA. This will facilitate access for APCA residents to the shops, restaurants and marina that are opening up along the river front. Work on the path is expected to be completed by spring.



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## Ginette Grenier de Preist

Ginette Grenier de Preist, a born and bred French Canadian, finds Portland very much to her liking. This vivacious transplant lives, with her husband, in Madison Tower and, except for her family, feels that Portland, with its natural beauty, friendly citizens and urban amenities, more than makes up for the things she left behind.

Her education began in her native Quebec City, when her older brother was shyly apprehensive about starting schooling with a private tutor. It was decided that his younger sister, Ginette, aged 5, go with him to give him reassurance. The tutor, recognizing that she was a bright youngster, included her in his tutelage.

She continued her schooling in a private preparatory school, run by nuns, where Ginette, who hoped to become a nurse, took a course designed to prepare girls for careers in medical and medically allied fields. She graduated when she was barely 16 years old, but nurses' training courses required prospective students

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be at least 18 years old, so she had two years to wait. Not one to bide her time idly, Ginette got a job as a salesgirl in a pastry shop — a very chic one, in the best part of town. The owner was impressed by his young employee and spoke to a friend, the publisher of a large daily newspaper in Quebec who promptly hired her as a secretary. Fortunately her schooling had provided her with secretarial skills which

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she put to good use in this job as well as her next, secretary to a bank president. She found the routine and pressures of high finance not to her liking and after a year and a half decided to take a leave of absence.

Her father, who had an operatic-quality voice, had to relinquish ideas of a musical career in order to support a growing family. He was manager of a large tobacco company, but always retained an interest in the musical world. Among his friends were officials of the Canadian Broad Casting Company, one of whom offered Ginette a job in the production department. She took it and found it much more stimulating than loans and mortgages.

She was assigned to a morning show — interviews, news, music, features — that was broadcast live from 6:00a.m. to 9:00a.m., requiring her to get up at 4:00a.m.

"You couldn't stop living at 4 or 5p.m. just to get some sleep before getting up at 4a.m.," she explains. "You had to go to the theater, concerts, see your friends so it ended up burning your candle to a stub."

Over the years she did everything on the show, from being a gofer to being a co-producer. Proposals for her promotion to a full producer always came a cropper over her age and sex. She was only 23 and a woman!

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She was always behind the people behind the microphones. The powers that be tried to hide her and her position. These prejudices ended up with Ginette, as co-producer, in effect training her future bosses.

One day one of the news reporters on her show said he was going to a press conference given by the newly appointed musical director of the Quebec Symphony Orchestra. Ginette, who had always been active as a volunteer with the symphony, gladly agreed with his suggestion that she accompany him.

In the course of the conference it was suggested that the new director do an interview on the CBC. It had to be postponed a few months until the new director acquired enough French to handle an interview in that language.

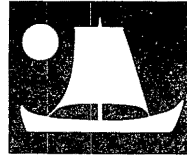
"He did very well," she comments with satisfaction.

The musical director had frequently suggested to Ginette, "Let's have lunch" to which she agreed. But his wide-ranging musical commitments and her own busy life kept interfering. Finally the night of the final concert for the season, there was a gala party backstage after the performance.

"Let's have lunch," came the usual suggestion.

"Promises. Promises," she snapped back.

Stung, he made a firm date, which was followed



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They were married in July, 1980 and in September of that year they moved to Portland.

In Portland Ginette has continued her interest in the symphony, this time the Oregon Symphony Orchestra, taking part in the social activities associated with it and, in recent months, lobbying intensively for its fund-raising. She has been particularly active in the recently inaugurated "Share Program".

"There were so many people who came to us saying how much they wanted to help, but were not able to make a significant contribution," she says. "If one person cannot give \$1,000 there might be 1,000 people who could give \$1. And it's still \$1,000.

Each donor of a share is given a certificate in his name, testifying to his contribution. Many people make contributions in the names of their children, their parents or dear friends and Ginette urges her fellow residents at American Plaza to consider these shares as possible Christmas gifts as well as their own contributions.

Incidentally Ginette's husband is James de Preist, the esteemed musical director and conductor of the Oregon Symphony Orchestra.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

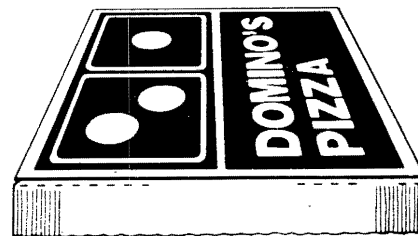
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## Managers Report

Manager Stephens wishes all residents at the Plaza a joyous and safe holiday season. He would like to point out of the following:

- Additional temporary staff will be added during the holidays to assure that Christmas packages are delivered as quickly as possible.
- If you plan a holiday party, please let the Management office know during regular office hours (222-7243 8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m., Monday-Friday) so that Security can help any "lost" guest find their way. Management may also be able to assist you with securing additional parking for a large party.
- Everyone's cooperation is requested when disposing of Christmas trees and greens. So that the common areas can be kept in optimum condition Management would appreciate it if you would dispose of your trees and greenery during 8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. only. Extra trash containers will be available in the trash rooms and the staff will be alerted to cope with the needle trails. The trash chutes are not appropriate for the disposal of trees or large boxes, and it is best that even small boxes be taken to the trash rooms to avoid plugged trash chutes and the resultant unpleasant odors.

- Burglaries and thefts are always at their highest during the holiday season. Be sure to keep your unit and automobile locked at all times. Never store packages where they are visible.

- The Management office will be closed for the holidays, December 25th - 28th they can enjoy the holidays with their families. The onsite staff at the Plaza will follow their regular schedule.



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