

# Mini News

## News For The Employees of Data General

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September 11, 1987

### Data General Open House -- Rain Or Shine

All employees from Westboro, Southboro and Milford and their families are invited to attend a Data General open house to be held on Saturday, October 10 in Westboro.

On that day, Data General-Westboro will be transformed into a place that will give you and your family a view of Data General you have never seen before. It is the first time an open house will have ever been held in Westboro.

Employees and guests will be able to tour the company's product development and manufacturing testing laboratories, the Information Resource Center and the new Executive Briefing Center.

This marks the first time the laboratories have ever been opened for general viewing. They normally are "off limits" to anyone other than those employees who work there because of the proprietary work that goes on there.

Even though the Executive Briefing Center opened several weeks ago, October 10 will be the first time employees will be invited to go through it. The tour of the 3400 Computer Drive facility will provide you with a glimpse of what it is like to be a customer purchasing a Data General product.

Together, the tours in both buildings will provide you and your family with information on how Data General computers are developed, their markets and their applications.

A good deal of the day's events will take place outside. The areas adjacent to Buildings 14A and 14B will be turned into a street festival. Bands and some of the most talented "street" performers from Quincy Market will entertain you throughout the afternoon.

The visitor's parking circle in front of the lobby of Building 14A will be reserved for food. Here, hot and cold foods will be available along with soft drinks and ice cream all day long.

So, mark October 10 on your calendars and plan on coming to Westboro. The following information will provide you with more detailed knowledge about what will be happening at Data General on October 10. In addition, future editions of the Mini News and Bits and

Bytes newsletters will carry further information about the events taking place during the open house.

In the event of rain, all outdoor events will be moved inside.

### What's In A Tour?

Do you know how computers are developed? If not, then on October 10 you can find out.

From 10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m., tours of development and manufacturing laboratories in Buildings 14A and 14B will be conducted. During the guided tours, engineers, programmers and technicians will show you their work areas and describe their responsibilities.

The tours will leave you with a first-hand view of the technologies and processes used to bring Data General products to market -- from the design of a single-board CPU for the ECLIPSE MV/20000 computer to the development of CEO comprehensive electronic office and TEO/Electronics software.

Tours of the laboratories will be run every 20 minutes, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Each tour will last about one hour. Upon completion of the tours, you will be presented with a copy of "A Year In Development," a 106-page brochure describing the recent development efforts of employees in Westboro and Research Triangle Park.

Once you have finished viewing the laboratories, you will want to walk next door to 3400 Computer Drive to view the new Executive Briefing Center. Besides ornately-decorated conference rooms which host customers interested in purchasing Data General equipment, the center is loaded with the hardware and software products which you saw being developed earlier.

While in the center, Marketing employees will describe the products, their markets and applications. You will also view areas set aside to describe the company's history, as well as videotapes of customers discussing the benefits their firms have reaped since installing Data General products.

These tours mark the first time employees have ever been invited to view either the laboratories or the Executive Briefing Center. It is a glimpse of the computer industry which you should not miss.

At the same time, the Information Resource Center (IRC) in Building 14A will be open to show off its wares. The IRC, which opened about a year and a half ago, offers a wide range of software and hardware tools that allows employees to manage and support their decision-making activities. Throughout Data General's open house, the IRC staff will help employees and their families make use of the center's resources.

## If You Are In The Mood For Music...

During Data General's open house, the grass areas surrounding 4400 Computer Drive will be turned into a theater where some of the area's most popular bands will perform.

John Lincoln Wright and the Sour Mash Revue will kick off the day's entertainment when they take the stage at 11:00 a.m. Many of you may be familiar with this country/blue grass band, they have performed in the area for quite some time. Their show will last until about 1:00 p.m.

The sounds of be-bop and jazz will then take over at about 2:00 p.m. when the Bob Brenner Swingtet takes the stage. The band plays a repertoire of hits from the 40s to the 80s. This swing band will play until 4:00 p.m.

In between, Data General's own Robert Wheeler and Vic Berry will make their debut performance in Westboro. Robert, an employee in Manufacturing's Design Assurance Engineering area, and Vic, who works in Corporate Systems Support, regularly perform in Cambridge-area nightclubs. They put on an act you will not want to miss -- Robert plays the ukelele while a Vic accompanies him on the tuba. Together, they play melodies from the turn of the century to the 1940s.

## For The Kids

The Data General open house is not only for employees but for their entire families, as well. So, if you are worried about what to do with the kids, fear not. A number of entertainers from the area will be on hand to keep kids of all ages occupied.

Throughout the day, children will be able to enjoy a puppeteer, mime, face painter, clowns, caricaturist and others to keep them entertained. They will be located throughout the grounds of 4400 Computer Drive, just looking for an audience.

Among those who will be at Data General are Tony Lupo, a hurdy-gurdy man who performs along with a monkey, and Rob Salafia, a mime who regularly performs in the shadows of Faneuil Hall. So you do not go home empty handed, Neal Portnoy will be drawing caricatures. Neal is no stranger to Data General. He has appeared at several Million Dollar Club conferences, always attracting large audiences. In addition representatives from the New England Science Center will be on hand to give presentations on advances in high technology.

## So, You Want To Be In Pictures?

All employees should have a fiscal 1988 calendar to help them get through the year. Well, during the afternoon of October 10, all visitors to the Data General open house will be invited to "actually" become part of a unique fiscal calendar.

A Data General logo, large enough to accommodate several hundred people, will be drawn in the west parking lot. Employees will be invited to stand in the logo while a photograph is taken from a helicopter several hundred feet above.

The photo will then be turned into a poster, complete with the fiscal year calendar, and distributed to employees a couple of weeks after the event.

Now is your chance to get two birds with one stone. You can model for the camera, and get a fiscal calendar at the same time.

### RSVP Form

If you plan on attending the Data General open house, please return the attached form to: Public Affairs at Mail Stop A-235 in Westboro.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Will attend the Data General open house

I plan to bring \_\_\_\_\_ family members.

All forms must be returned to the Public Affairs department by October 5.

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### Research Information Center Has Access To The Answers

Perry Coppola is asked all kinds of questions about computers. And usually, she can provide an answer, or at least point the person asking in the right direction.

Perry, a senior research specialist in Milford, has headed up the Research Information Center (RIC) since joining the Field Engineering Division in 1984. It is a position which requires her to help employees find answers quickly so that they may accurately complete business forecasts and proposals. Today, the position is as great a challenge and as fascinating as it was when she first took the job.

"Information specialists play a different role now from the traditional librarian. We're teachers and trainers," Perry says. "In the past, it was an art to be able to find the right reference book for someone looking for information. Now, since so much of the information in the RIC is based on computers, it's just as much of an art to find which database to access for information. It's often like looking for a needle in a haystack.

"I like that aspect of my position. It's a challenge. One has to have a logical mind. In turn, one must be able to teach someone else how to access that information they need to complete a given project."

The RIC was given its name to emphasize that the center is different from a traditional library. It is more outgoing since it has access to information contained in many other libraries and research centers. It is no longer necessary to have thousands of books on hand. Field Engineering's RIC resources are very current, and are geared to every employee in the facility.

While there is still a need for the traditional library, Perry says, what Field Engineering's RIC has is better suited to its employees' needs. It caters to Field Engineering. The library at 4400 Computer Drive in Westboro has broader needs to address, because the headquarters' facility houses many different departments.

"Anyone can come in and browse," Perry says. "I welcome any questions. In fact, I get questions while waiting in the cafeteria lunch line, or walking down the hall. I like to think I have established a certain accessibility. I would also like to think that people think of me, and the RIC, when they need information."

### People

#### *In Communications Systems*

**Allen Falcon, Bruce Kahn, Brian Milas and Michael Sellers** have joined the Information Network Products department as software engineers, reporting to Manager Carol Porter. They will be responsible for the design and development of data management, application, and network software between personal computers and ECLIPSE MV/Family systems.

Allen holds a bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of Michigan. Bruce and Brian hold bachelor's degrees in computer engineering from Case Western Reserve University. Michael holds a bachelor's degree in information and computer science from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

#### *In Systems Development*

**Everette Jordan** has joined the Software Development department as a software engineer, reporting to Paul Kaplan, project manager. He supports the further development of CEOwrite software. Everette recently earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Brown University.

**Cynthia Katz** has joined the CEO Comprehensive Electronic Office software group as a senior software engineer, reporting to Doug Geller, section manager. She will design future enhancements for the CEO control program.

Before joining Data General, Cynthia worked for Intermetrics and Prime Computer. She holds a bachelor's degree in math from Bates College.

#### *In Educational Services*

**Elaine Karis** has been appointed Lecture/Lab product manager for the Educational Services organization. She is responsible for marketing the lecture course product line, as well as managing employee training. In Elaine's four years with Data General, she served as an instructor and software section manager within Educational Services.

Before joining Data General, she worked for NEC and Computing Community Services Corp. Elaine holds

a bachelor's degree from Fitchburg State College and a master's degree from American University.

## Benefits

### ***Savings And Investment Plan Reminder***

Whether you are currently participating in the Savings and Investment Plan, or planning to enroll on October 1, you should be aware of upcoming plan deadline. **Friday, September 18**, is the deadline for submitting all new enrollments and quarterly contribution changes to the Savings and Investment Plan. The enrollment forms (used for new enrollments, changes and fund transfers) must be returned to your local Benefits department by Friday, September 18, for enrollments/changes effective October 1. If you have any questions regarding the plan, contact your local Benefits administrator or corporate Benefits department in Westboro.

## Westboro

### ***Be Careful When Walking***

Nice weather prompts many Westboro employees to take a few minutes for a breath of fresh air and a walk around the building during their lunch breaks.

If you are a walker, you should remember that the roads around the building are intended primarily for two-way vehicular traffic. There are no provisions for pedestrians.

Exercise caution when walking, use good sense and be courteous at all times. Walking three and four abreast creates a hazard, not only for you, but also for drivers. This is especially true when two vehicles are traveling in opposite directions.

Employees can walk safely by never walking more than two abreast, and always leaving sufficient room for two vehicles to pass each other safely.

### ***A Security Reminder***

Data General employees are reminded that all visitors must be escorted and identified with a visitor's badge at all times when in any Data General building. This should be done to ensure the safety of the visitor and the security of Data General proprietary information.

## Training

Educational Services is offering the following courses in September. Prior approval of your supervisor is required for course registration. Call (tie line) 221-1647 to enroll in these classes or other classes. All classes

are held at the Education Center at 2400 Computer Drive in Westboro.

- ***XODIAC System Manager (S220)*** - This course is designed for AOS or AOS/VS programmers, analysts, and system managers who wish to learn the use, installation, and management of the Data General XODIAC network management system. To be eligible, employees should have taken S209 (AOS and AOS/VS User) and either S219 (AOS System Manager) or S219/VS (AOS/VS System Manager). S140 (Introduction to Data Communications) is also recommended. This three-day class starts on Wednesday, September 23.

- ***Introduction to Data General 16-Bit Computer Systems (H100)*** - This course teaches the Data General basic instruction set, standard and virtual console operations, and I/O operations. A knowledge of circuitry, number conversions, Boolean concepts and oscilloscope usage is needed to attend this ten-day class, which begins on Monday, September 21.

- ***Decision Base: Spreadsheet, Data Tables, Charting (OA200E)*** - Employees taking this class will learn how to build a spreadsheet and calculate numerical data within the spreadsheet. Through Decision Base Business Graphics, employees can learn how to create a chart and how to select data from a data table or spreadsheet to create and format a chart. This three-day class begins on Tuesday, September 29.

## Activities

### ***Discount Tickets For Renaissance Faire***

Discount tickets for the annual King Richard's Renaissance Faire, which opens Saturday, September 12 in South Carver, are now available for employees through the Data General Employee Activities Committee.

The Faire features jugglers and jesters, storytellers and magicians, music and dance, food and drink, jousting matches, games, crafts, and more, all in the spirit of the Renaissance era. Adult discount tickets may be purchased at \$6.00 each (regular price \$9.75). Children's tickets (age 2 to 10) are \$4.00 each and may be purchased at the time of admission. Children under 2 are admitted free. These discount tickets are valid on the following dates: September 12, 13, 19, 20 and 26, and October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.

Adult discount tickets may be obtained by sending a check, payable to Data General Activities Committee, to King Richard's Faire at Mail Stop 4-78A in Southboro. Please include a stamped, home-addressed envelope.

### ***Ski Club To Begin Season***

The Data General Ski Club is gearing up for its new season. Employees interested in receiving an advance copy of trip listings and other club information can send name, mail stop and CEO address to T. Forster, at mail stop C-134 in Westboro. Watch the Mini News for more ski news and updates.

## Dasher Road Races Will Be Held Today

The Dasher Road Races are scheduled to take place today.

Included will be 3-mile and 10-kilometer foot races, a 15.5-mile bike race, and a biathlon, which will combine both the 3-mile race and the bike race. Bike race participants are required to wear hardshell helmets.

### Here Are the Race Routes

All races will begin at 5:15 p.m., from the rear of Building 14A in the east corner of the north parking lot. The map included in this issue of the *Mini News* gives details of the race courses. Copies of the map are also posted on bulletin boards in Data General buildings. Explained below are the start and finish procedures.

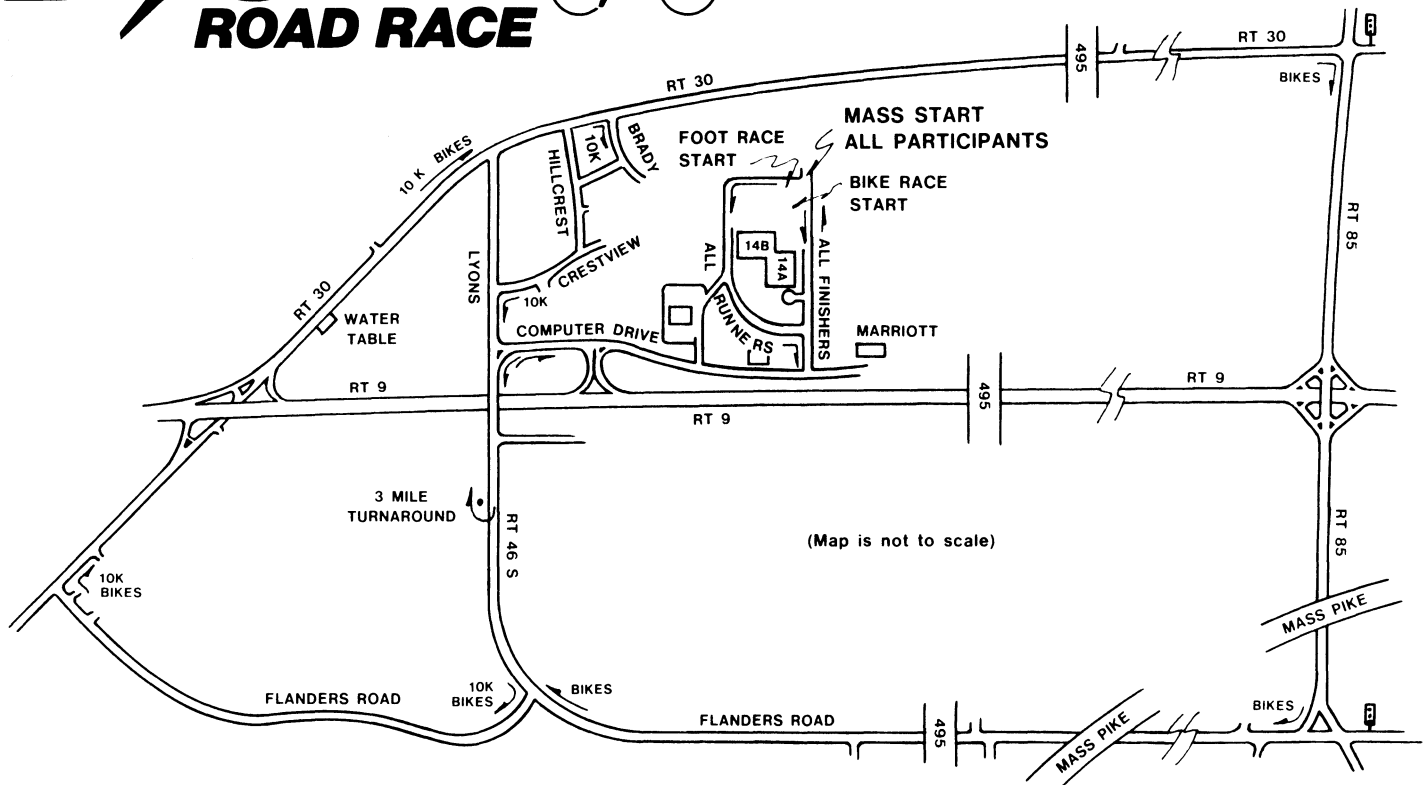
**Ten-kilometer and 3-mile foot races:** The starting line will be in the rear north parking lot. Runners will head off behind Buildings 14A and 14B, past the access road to 2400 Computer Drive, out the main driveway

onto Computer Drive. Upon returning to Computer Drive, all runners must enter the main driveway, run straight back to the rear of Building 14A, and finish where the race began. (10K runners will have to run around the concrete barrier at the end of Computer Drive when returning to Computer Drive.)

**15.5 mile bicycle race:** Bikers will start at the same time and place as the runners except bikers will proceed directly out of the driveway, with Building 14A on your right, and onto Computer Drive. The finish is the same as for the runners.

At the end of the race you will be handed a stick with your finishing position on it. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT** that you hand in this stick to race officials (the same place where you will pick up your T-shirt.) If you do not hand in your stick, your time and your name will not be included in the list of race results.

**Note:** At 5:05 p.m., all outgoing traffic will be diverted through the 2400 Computer Drive access road. At the start of the race (5:15 p.m.), all vehicles will be asked to stop until the racers have passed.



**MARKETPLACE****FREE**

**Kittens** , 2 mo old, twin orange tigers, male, friendly & playful, 875-6683 (Framingham).

**Kittens** , 6 weeks old, 278-2521 (Uxbridge).

**WANTED**

**Roommate** , non-smoking female to share 2 bdrm/2 bath apt, AC, Natick Green Condos, pool/tennis, laundry facilities/parking, \$400/mo + 1/2 util, 653-6250 (Natick).

**Roommate** , to share 3 bdrm town house, non-smoker, appl incl, laundry, \$325/mo + 1/3 util, 756-9912 (Worcester).

**Roommate** , female, to share 2 bdrm apt, pool/tennis, laundry, balcony, avail 9/19, \$367 + 1/2 util, 872-6269 (Framingham).

**35mm Camera** , w/built-in or hand-held light meter, 852-6002 (Worcester).

**FOR SALE**

**Items** , General Electric refrigerator, white, 11.8 cu ft, \$100; GE electric self-clean oven, white, \$125; 756-0188 (Worcester).

**Items** , Olin Mark IV skis, 180cm, w/Tyrolia bindings, \$150; Raichle Flexon 5 ski boots, sz 10, \$90; Barrecrefter poles, \$10; Rossignol Stratix S skis, 150 cm, w/Solomon 202 bindings, \$60; Nordica ladies boots, sz 7 \$40, 366-1681 (Westboro).

**General Electric Refrigerator** , TBX23Z, 22.5 cu ft, \$550, 881-4173 (Ashland).

**Condominiums** , 2 in Westboro area, 2 bdrm, laundry hook-up, dishwasher, small yd, remodeled, \$105K/ea, 481-3242 (Marlboro).

**Furniture** , maple desk and chair, 4 drawer, \$100; rattan Peacock, \$50; rattan tea-cart, \$125, 393-7294 (Northboro).

**House** , 7 rm, 3 bdrm, frpl w/wood stove, 1 bath, \$130,000, 534-4484 (Leominster).

**Snow Tires** , 2, studded, R165-14, mounted/balanced on rims, \$35/pr, 839-6777 (Grafton).

**Items** , audio lab professional speakers, \$375/pr; girls canopy dbl bd frame, \$100; twin bd frame, \$100; 366-7079 (Westboro).

**Above Ground Pool** , disassembled, 18' x 33' x 4' , \$600, used 3 seasons, 278-2521 (Uxbridge).

**Upright Freezer** , 17.6 cu ft, Sears Coldspot, \$200/BO, 838-2274 (Berlin).

**21' Blue Fin Boat** , w/90 hp Johnson & Shoreline trailer, canvas, CB, depth-finder, Coast Guard equipped, \$8500, 481-5401 (Marlboro).

**Items** , rug, hi-pile, green 11' x 11', BO; blue porcelain sink, w/fixtures, BO, 473-4347 (Milford).

**Thermal Living Room Drapes** , off-white, negotiable, 739-5845 (Brookline).

**Items** , bdrm set, 7 pc, Italian Prov, queen sz, pecan, \$1495/BO; waterbed frame, king sz, \$600/BO, 879-6654 (Framingham).

**Items** , Sharp microwave oven, \$125; kitchen set, chrome pedestal, 42" round w/padded chairs, \$225; sofa & love seat, brocade, traditional, \$300; Whirlpool refrig, 26 cu ft, side/side, gold, \$500, 877-8610 (Framingham).

**Whirlpool Refrigerator** , 14.1 cu ft, refrig/freezer separate, 11 mo old, \$300, 870-5946 (Westboro).

**Items** , '80 Honda CM400T motorcycle, 4200 mi, access incl, \$850; Panasonic car stereo, AM/FM cass, \$50, (401) 765-0446 (Slaterville, RI).

**House** , cape, 4 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, garage, encl porch, near recreational facilities/grammar & high school, \$145,900, 835-2725 (West Boylston).

**82 Kawasaki 550 LTD** , 4400 mi, blk, garaged, \$1200, 481-9360 (Marlboro).

**Condominium** , for sale/rent, remodeled 2 bdrm, top floor w/ balcony, appl incl, tiled kitch, custom bath, master bdrm w/walk-in closet, \$112k, 393-2314 (Northboro).

**Antique Oak China Closet** , \$350; maple microwave cart, \$20, 478-0756 (Hopedale).

**Sony Turntable** , PSXL-2, direct drive, \$75, 485-4007 (Marlboro).

**Living Room Drapes** , custom, gold, \$60; kitchen fixture, green w/5 bulbs, \$60/BO, 655-3039 (Natick).

**'80 Yamaha 850 Special** , \$850/BO, 791-5445 (Worcester).

**Items** , Fisher stereo tuner/amplifier/trntbl, 100 watts, BO; AKAI tape deck w/Dolby, \$50; Sharp/Panasonic portable stereos w/trntbls, \$60/\$75, 435-5430 (Hopkinton).

**Okidata Printer** , Okimate 10 w/Commodore interface & spare ribbons, \$75, 234-7108 (Northbridge).

**Thoroughbred Gelding** , 6 yrs old, needs experienced rider, \$1000/BO, (401) 568-4158 (Rhode Island).

**Items** , '87 GM UX1 car stereo w/cassette/equalizer, \$319; '87 Firebird subwoofers, \$79, 843-0209 (Braintree).

**Items** , 32" dbl bowl stainless steel sink, \$40; elec range, w/hood, \$25; 8' sliding glass dr, w/screen, \$50; 24" x 40" casement window, \$10, 779-5353 (Bolton).

**Whirlpool Washer/Dryer** , super capacity, gas dryer, \$575, 881-4173 (Ashland).

**Items** , fur coat, blk rabbit, mid-length, sz Lg, \$50, 485-4007 (Marlboro).

**House** , English Tudor split, cathedral ceilings, 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 baths, garage, frpl, Indscpd, \$172,900, 842-6872 (Shrewsbury).

**Items** , 2 snow tires, B78-13, mtd/balanced, Colt/Plymouth Arrow; suspended ceiling tiles, 100 + pieces, \$1/ea, 842-6872 (Shrewsbury).

**Items** , Haitian cotton sleeper sofa & love seat, \$400/both; lg dk pine rocker, \$65; waterbed frame, queen sz, w/6-drawer pedestal, \$400; waterbed frame, king sz, w/mirror hdbd, velour sides, \$450; Nordica ski boots, men's sz 9-9 1/2, rear entry, \$100; \$15; ladies Fuji 10 spd bike, \$60, 460-9448 (Marlboro).

**Items** , electric lawnmower w/bag, \$30; pr 3-way speakers, \$40; Hirsch saw tbl, \$15, 879-5919 (Framingham).

**Living Room Set** , gold/rust lvg rm set + 1 blue chair, 3 glass-top Italian tbls, 2 lamps, lrg gold framed mirror, \$1500/all, 842-6872 (Shrewsbury).

**AUTOS**

**'79 Chevrolet Chevette** , 46K mi, AM/FM cass, 4 spd, 4 cyl, \$1100/BO, 641-2465 (Arlington).

**'79 BMW 321i** , 81K mi, snrf, \$5000, 497-5163 (Cambridge).

**'80 Dodge Omni O24** , 4 cyl, 95K mi, 4 spd, AM/FM cass, \$1200/BO, 366-1681 (Westboro).

**'80 Chevrolet Camaro** , V6/3SP, AM/FM cass, \$2500, 460-9448 (Marlboro).

**'81 Renault 18i** , 4 dr, 4 cyl, 5 spd, 65K mi, BO, 485-4007 (Marlboro).

**'83 Ford Escort GL Station Wagon** , 5 spd, cruise, AC, rear wiper, \$1800/BO, 435-6494 (Hopkinton).

**'84 Mercedes 300** , diesel, turbo, burgandy, auto, loaded, 72K mi, \$17,500, 520-0183 (Franklin).

**'85 Renault Encore** , AC, AM/FM cass, 35K mi, remainder 5yr/50K mi, warranty, \$4200/BO, 897-4836 (Maynard).

**'85 Caprice Classic** , fuel injection, all pwr, AC, tilt, cruise, \$8900/BO, 966-2455 (Bellingham).

**'87 Nissan Sentra SE Sport** , hatch, AC, AM/FM cass, 5 spd, snrf, rust-proof, 7200 mi, \$8500/BO, 879-6654 (Framingham).

**'88 Chevrolet Berretta** , red, AC, AM/FM, 2.8L 5 spd, 6K mi, \$11,500/BO, 898-3764 (Westboro).

**HOURS**

**Westboro Cafeteria** , full breakfast, 6:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; open from 6:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for beverages.

**Pizzeria** , serving from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Pumpnickel's Deli** , Coffee & pastries, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; full breakfast, 6:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.; deli lunch, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.;

Take-out, 3 p.m.-6:30 p.m.; dinner, 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

**3400 Computer Drive Cafeteria** , full breakfast, 7:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.; lunch, 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; open from 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for coffee and pastries.

**Milford** , full breakfast, 6:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.; lunch 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.; open from 6:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. for beverages.

**Southboro** , full breakfast, 6:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.; lunch 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; open from 6:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for beverages.

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All ads must be submitted in writing and include employee's name, home phone and extension number. Ads will be stamped with the time and date as they are received and will run on a first come basis. Send ads to Laureen Sasseville, MS A-235 or CEO SASSEVILLE L:MSIS03