



You're invited...

FROM INFOCOM take Route 2 west and get off at the Pleasant Street (Route 60) exit. Turn right onto Pleasant Street.

FROM ROUTE 128 take Route 2 east and get off at the Pleasant Street (Route 60) exit. Turn left onto Pleasant Street.

Past Route 2 on Pleasant, make the eighth right onto Wellington. The previous street is Addison. Wellington curves into Pond Lane, at the bottom of Wellington is the Boys and Girls Club of Arlington. Around the corner from the Club is the Elks Lodge building. It's yellow. And if you drive past it, you'll see a parking lot. The address of the Lodge is 56 Pond Lane in Arlington.

You can also get to the Lodge from Mass Ave in Arlington by taking Pond Lane. The Lodge is at the end of Pond. You'll pass through a narrow tunnel under the railroad tracks, then pass the Elks parking lot, and then you'll see the yellow elks building.



Holiday Party 1986

Tuesday Evening
December 16, 1986
8pm to 1am

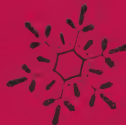
The Lodge of Elks
56 Pond Lane
Arlington, MA
(map on back)



- a stunning array of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres
- eggnog punch plus a hosted and cash bar
- finger pastries, coffee, decaf, and tea
- music brought to you by Frank Zaganjori, DJ par excellence
- snowball fights and ice skating (weather permitting)



An RSVP to Lirda C. is requested for you
and your guest by Friday, December 5.



HELPFUL HOLIDAY

HINT # 152

Wondering how to spend the time between the end of work today and the commencement of Infocom's gala holiday bash? The anticipation of such an outrageous extravaganza as an Elks Club blow-out can make an ~~ext~~ otherwise brief span of time seem like an eternity!! So try ~~this~~ ~~HELPFUL~~ this HELPFUL HOLIDAY HINT - it's sure to make those anxious minutes FLY and put you in the Yuletide spirit to boot!!

GO BUY A GIFT FOR THE INFOCOM
SECRET SANTA GIFT EXCHANGE. IF YOU'VE
ALREADY PURCHASED A GIFT, USE THIS TIME TO
WRAP IT IN FESTIVE PAPER. BE SURE TO
ATTACH THE RECIPIENT'S NAME ~~TO~~ SECURELY TO
THE PACKAGE! WHAT FUN! DON'T FORGET -
GIFTS ARE DUE AT THE SECRET SANTA
STATION* TOMORROW!

* Gayle's office!

BREAKFAST

Hot Coffee
Juice
Fresh Fruit
Eggs
Bacon
Danish/Muffins

Morning-After Breakfast

Early morning relief after a night of
holiday merriment and party-making.

Wednesday
December 17
9:20 a.m.
Info-kitchen

1987 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Year's	Thursday, January 1
Presidents' Day	Friday, January 2
Patriot's Day	Monday, February 16
Memorial Day	Monday, April 20
Fourth of July	Monday, May 25
Labor Day	Friday, July 3
Thanksgiving	Monday, September 7
	Thursday, November 26
	Friday, November 27
Christmas	Friday, December 25

INFOCOM

BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Thursday
December 18
12:30-ish

Happy Birthday This Month To

Linde D.
Mary Ellen
Stu
Mike
Brian

Menu

Franks & Beans

Birthday Cake

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Joining us? Let Linda C. know by Wednesday, please.

ACTIVISION, INC. INTEROFFICE MEMO

DATE: December 12, 1986

TO: The Activision Family

FROM: Jim Levy *JL*

RE: Bill Cleary

It is my unfortunate duty to confirm the rumors that Bill Cleary is leaving the position of Vice President of Marketing.

Bill has decided to become an independent consultant in the areas of marketing, advertising, promotion and PR. He has made a substantial contribution to Activision over the last eight months, particularly in those areas in which he will now consult. Fortunately, we will become his first client, and he will continue to provide us with some marketing and creative strategy work during the new year.

Bill leaves the marketing group in the very capable hands of Rob Holmes, who will now be Director of Marketing, reporting directly to me. Mark, Loretta, Jan and Bonnie will report to Rob and the marketing group will also continue to receive support from the indomitable Johnny Ma.

It's been really fun having Bill around here, and I know we will all miss his full-time enthusiasm and "can-do" attitude. I am glad we will continue to have some of his attention.

As for our good friend Rob, he has always demonstrated the true character of a member of the Activision family--high energy, great intelligence, an unflagging spirit, and the great desire to win. I have every confidence that he will take the reins of the marketing group and lead us strongly forward into 1987.

I know you all join me in wishing only the best for Bill in his new endeavors, and I know we all will give Rob our full support in the times to come.

Ho! Ho! Ho!

It's the holiday season once again!
And you know what that means?

Christmas bonuses ?!! **Ho! Ho! Ho!**

No, but the next best thing - A Secret Santa
Gift Exchange !! Sign up now at the

reception desk. We'll draw names with
much merriment on Friday, Dec 12.

Gifts (in the \$5-ish range) will be gaily
wrapped & then eagerly placed in Grayle's
office by Wednesday, Dec 17. Finally, on Friday
Dec 19, as we tremble with anticipation, Santa
himself will distribute the gifts to all the good
hard-working boys & girls. Hope to see you there!

Ho! Ho! Ho!

INFOCOM

TO: All Infocom Employees
FROM: Joel Berez
SUBJECT: New Department
DATE: December 5, 1986



As you probably know, Suzanne Frank has recently resigned, effective December 31. While I am sorry to see Suzanne leave us, this does give us an opportunity to implement an improvement to the organizational structure that I have long considered.

As of January 1, 1987, we are creating a new department, called Quality Assurance. The QA Department will be responsible for ensuring product quality both through direct testing and through communications with our consumers.

Specifically, QA will absorb the responsibilities of the current Product Testing and Customer Support Departments, which will be merged into it. In addition, it will be responsible for proactively contacting consumers, by phone, by mail, or by focus groups, to give us regular feedback about reaction to our products and to our competitors' products. This will enable us to maintain a high level of quality while also catching changing consumer interests.

The new QA Department will be headed by Kathy Bagdonas, who will report to Chris Reeve. The Testing Group will be headed by Liz Cyr-Jones, who has been promoted to Testing Supervisor, reporting to Kathy.

I expect that all of you will give Kathy and Liz your full support as they work out the logistics of this reorganization. In the long run, I feel that this makes sense and will provide significant benefits to Infocom.

JMB:lsc
cc: Larry Hicks
Jim Levy

INFCOM


TO: Everyone
FROM: Heidi /PR
RE: ANALOG'S FEATURE ARTICLE ON INFCOM
DATE: 12/3/86

The schedule for Thursday, December 4, 1986 is as follows:

- * TESTING 9:30, breakfast
- * CUSTOMER SUPPORT 10:30
- * CREATIVE 11:00
- * MARKETING 11:30, lunch
- * WRITER'S 1-3:00

Thanks for contributing!

INFOCOM

TO: Everyone
FROM: Joel Berez 
SUBJECT: Travel Coordinator
DATE: December 9, 1986

In the past, employees have been making their own air/hotel/rental car arrangements and reservations. We have discovered that for Infocom, this is not the most efficient, nor most cost effective, method; and as a result, I have designated Linda Carlough as the company Travel Coordinator.

Linda will work in conjunction with Angora Travel for all air, hotel, and rental car requests.

Following is a brief description of the new procedures.

- * A traveller profile questionnaire will be kept on file for each traveller. Current frequent travellers will be given one shortly to complete. Employees who are infrequent travellers may complete one the next time you need reservations.
- * You will no longer need to use your personal credit cards for air reservations. (With the exception of weekend/night travel changes. See note below.) However, the ticket must still be identified on your expense report for the trip, and the stub must be attached.
- * Your personal credit cards will continue to be used for hotel and rental car reservations since you must produce your credit card at the time of check-in for either of these services. You will be reimbursed after your expense report is submitted in accordance with current procedures.

On the traveller profile form, space is provided to list your credit card for hotel/car reservations, so Linda will still be able to make those reservations for you.

- * ALL business-related air, hotel, and rental car reservations will be made through Linda from now on.
- * What do you do if during a trip you need to change your plans?

Weekdays: Call Linda. She'll make the changes for you.

Weekends & Nights: You may make changes using your personal credit card. Attach receipts to your expense report for approval for reimbursement.

NOTE: EXTRA EXPENSES INCURRED BY CHANGES SOLELY FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE TRAVELLER WILL BE CHARGED TO THE TRAVELLER.

- * Trade Shows. Flights, hotel, and cars are precious commodities during trade show periods. The earlier we book, the better off we'll be. And remember, it's never too early to do so.
- * Unused Tickets. If for some reason you don't use a plane ticket, give it back to Linda immediately. This is important so that we may be reimbursed for the cost.
- * Travel Request Forms. A supply of these will be available "on the wall" outside of Linda's office. When you need air, hotel, or car reservations, please complete one of these forms and leave it with Linda.

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The objective of having a Travel Coordinator is to reasonably meet your travel needs while obtaining for Infocom the most economical travel fares.

Probably not every detail is covered in this brief outline. As circumstances occur or questions arise, please speak with Linda.

JMB:lsc

LETTER TO TENANT

TO: All Tenants at 125 CambridgePark Drive
FROM: Sue Fuller - CambridgePark Management Office *Sue*
SUBJECT: ACCESS TO PARKING FACILITIES
DATE: November 19, 1986

On Monday, November 24th, the parking gates located across from the entrance to the 125 CambridgePark parking lot will be operational. It will thus be necessary to use the access cards, already distributed to all tenants for building access, to gain access into this parking facility.

An intercom has been installed at the entrance gate which will enable the guard stationed at 150 CambridgePark to admit incoming visitors.

Entrance and exit gates have also been installed at the parking facility located further down CambridgePark Drive. Access cards can be used to enter this facility; however, until further notice, the exit gate will remain closed and will not automatically open to outgoing traffic. It will thus be necessary to exit through the exit gate closest to 150 CambridgePark. An intercom is not available at the second entrance gate.

Feel free to call with any questions.

:nje

INFOCOM

Infocom, Inc. 125 CambridgePark Drive Cambridge, MA 02140
(617) 492-6000

News Release

TO: Everyone
FROM: Lorri
RE: The all new Info Book Exchange

Recently, some enterprising unknown among us mentioned that a used book exchange might be a good idea here at Infocom. The idea was appealing to most people polled (especially us desk-bound types), and so an area of the library shelves has been designated for this use. The idea is this:

Book donation - Find that stack of old books that has been laying around the house for months, bring them in to the "library area" (otherwise known as the Imps/Designers suite), and I will alphabetize them by author on shelves.

Book borrowing - If you find a book that you are interested in spending one or several nights with, write out title of book, your name and date taken on sheet provided. There is no time limit, unless someone else so desires said book in which case common courtesy calls for a timely return. Simply cross out title, your name, etc. upon return - and please, reshelve properly.

So - What do you think...?

INFOCOM

BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Thursday
November 20
12:30-ish

Happy Birthday This Month To

Gary Brennan
Tom Bok

Menu

Pizza
and stuff

Birthday Cake
and
Ice Cream

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Will you be there? Let Linda C. know by Tuesday.

INFOCOM

TO: All
FROM: The Party Planner *jc*
DATE: November 17
SUBJECT: Holiday Party Site

This being an election year, I'd like you to cast your vote on this bagel ballot for where you think the holiday party should be located this year.

So while your enjoying your bagel or coffee or both this morning, please ponder the following, check off your preference, and return it to me no later than noon today.

Of the ballots returned by noon, the majority will rule on location. But no matter where the party's held, a fun time will be had by all, I'm sure.

_____ Party here at Infocom.

This would be on a weekday, mid-afternoon into the evening. Catered. Roving musician during the afternoon. Tapes on our own stereo towards the evening. Probably no room for dancing. Guests/Spouses welcome whenever they can arrive. Maybe do the Secret Santa during the party.

_____ Party in Arlington at the Elks Lodge.

This would be on a weeknight, from about 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Catered. DJ. "Built-in" dance floor. The room is equipped with its own bar. The building is situated on Spy Pond, and the room has a picture window view of the pond. Guests/Spouses invited. (Secret Santa would be done at another time.)

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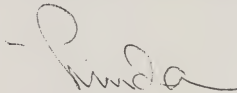
TO: Everyone

FROM: Linda C. a.k.a. the "personnel person"

I am very pleased (finally) to announce that we have found a person to fill the position of Accounting Coordinator.

Her name is Diane Morlock, and she will be starting with us on Monday, November 17.

She's great; she's wonderful' and you're all going to really like her. So stop by her office Monday and please introduce yourself to her.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the main text block.

Holiday Party Planning Session



Thursday 10/30
in the Conference Room
4:00

INFOCOM

BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Thursday
October 23
12:30-ish

Happy Birthday This Month To

Dave Lebling
Duncan Blanchard

Menu

Tacos and....
Birthday (Cup) Cakes

Please R.S.V.P. to Linda C.
by Tuesday, October 21

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Halloween Hijinx™

Halloween Hijinx is the Infocom Halloween Party!

DATE: Friday, October 31

TIME: 5:00pm until the witching hour

WHERE: The Infocom Party Suite

Halloween Hijinx will feature:

- * a costume contest with valuable prizes like a car, a VCR, or more probably some plastic trinket
- * an international potpourri of gourmet delicacies, or whatever else everyone brings in
- * halloween skits presented by each department
- * a company-wide pumpkin carving contest
- * pumpkin drops, bobbing for pumpkins, and other pumpkin-related sports
- * a super-spooky decor by Hollywood's of Brighton

Here's what you should do right now:

- * sign-up in the kitchen area for the potluck dinner
- * give suggestions for costume contest categories to Jon
- * keep an eye peeled for further info about the skits and contests, coming next week
- * invite your spouses, your friends, ex-employees, future employees, sheep

Help make this THE InfoCostume Party of the Year!!!



POTLUCK DINNER



COSTUME CONTEST



PUMPKIN-RELATED SPORTS

INFOCOM

September 18, 1986

To: Joel, Gabrielle, Mike, Spencer, Gayle, Susan, Alan,
Jon, Dave L., Stu, Steve, Brian, Jeff
From: Debbie
Re: Sell Sheets

It was decided at last month's Sales Meeting at Activision that we would produce for each of our games a Sell Sheet for sales reps and a Product Summary Sheet for the reps to show customers. These sheets will be included in the sales reps' separate sales books and we want to have them ready for the next sales meeting (10/2).

The Product Summary Sheet will be a Fact Sheet and the Sell Sheet will include basically the same information. Also included in the Sell Sheet will be sales information about the game - ex: sold n copies within n months. We want, too, to point out information such as Trinity runs on the C-128 and not on the C-64. Of course, we're basically looking for positive sales information, about three sales facts per game.

Anything you can provide me with about all of our games (especially the pioneer ones) will be greatly appreciated.

DR/bc

MEMO

TO: EVERYONE
FROM: JOSIE
DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 1986
RE: LGOP T-SHIRTS

THE LGOP T-SHIRTS ARE ON SALE NOW!!!! THE PRICE FOR ONE T-SHIRT IS \$4.50 AND \$5.00 FOR ANY THEREAFTER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE ONE PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO JOSIE.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO COULD NOT WAIT TO HAVE ONE IN YOUR POSSESSION WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD SLIP YOUR \$4.50 IN AN ENVELOPE (NO NAMES NEEDED) AND LEAVE IT ON JOSIE'S DESK (WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING).

THANK YOU!!!!

JOSIE

T-Shirt Order Form

1 LGOP T-SHIRT	\$4.50
_____ ADDITIONAL T-SHIRTS @ \$5.00 ea.	_____
TOTAL	_____
SIZES (PLEASE INDICATE QUANTITY):	
_____ SMALL	_____ MEDIUM
_____ LARGE	_____ X-LARGE

INFOCOM

SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Thursday, September 25
12:15-ish

This Month's Birthday Babies

Chris
Jon

Menu

Lasagna
Italian Bread
Tossed Salad

Birthday (Cheese) Cake

Please R.S.V.P. to Linda C.
by Tuesday, September 23

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INFOCOM

TO: Everyone
FROM: Linda C.
SUBJECT: New Receptionist

MEO's comin' back!

On Monday, September 22, Mary Ellen will be back with us on a part-time basis as our Receptionist. Her hours will be 1-6 p.m. daily.

mtf

Time to Re-order

your 1987 Refill for your Calendar Base

PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHICH REFILLS YOU NEED BY 9/30

THANKS

LINDA MAZZOTTA

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a/10/86

INFOCOM

The phone
System will
be down this
afternoon for
about 1/2 hour
Starting at 5pm
Sorry for any inconvenience
LM

MEMO

TO: Everyone
FROM: Susan
DATE: September 2, 1986
RE: Fall Status Line

IT'S TIME TO START WORKING ON THE FALL ISSUE OF THE STATUS LINE. A MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 AT 3:00PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM. ANYONE INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING ARTICLES, PHOTOGRAPHS, IDEAS, ETC. PLEASE COME.

YET ANOTHER INTRA-COMPANY SOFTBALL GAME?

What do you think, should we give Linda's team a second (well, more like fourth) chance? I have had several requests for a rematch - so:

This is a poll. (Please answer either verbally or in writing to moi asap.)


- _____ Yes, I would like to try again / win again (circle appropriate response) this Thursday - same place, same time.
- _____ Yes, (etc., etc.) but not on Thursday ... how about _____ . (Fill in preferred day.)
- _____ No thanks. (I hate losing. / Why should they get another chance?)
- _____ I missed out last Friday but want to join the winners team / losing team this Thursday.

NAME

Thanks!

Lorri

INFOCOM

TO: Everyone
FROM: Linda C. 
SUBJECT: New Employee

I kid you not. We have a new person joining us Monday.

Her name is Josie Santa Fe (yes, like the city), and she's joining us as Marketing Secretary starting Monday, August 25.

Please take a minute during the day Monday to introduce you self to Josie and give her a rousing welcome.

mtf

TO: ALL SOFTBALLERS

RE: ONE LAST GAME!

DATE: AUG. 22 - THIS FRIDAY

This is our very own "pseudo-championship". (But totally for FUN!) So weather willing, we will play at 6:00 at a field nearby (T.B.A.).

*TEAMS are also to be announced.

Anyone interested in playing - who has not already been approached by moi - please let moi know by Friday afternoon. Likewise people who said they could make it, but cannot.

Thanks,

moi
(a.k.a. Lorri)

P.S. - Spouses, "Squeezes", buddies, etc. welcome.

Let's Party

Friday Party Schedule For Remainder of 1986

Squad 1: 8/22 9/19 10/17 11/14 12/12

Squad 2: 8/29 9/26 10/24 11/21 12/19

Squad 3: 9/5 10/3 10/31 11/26 (Wed.) 12/26 (Wed.)

Squad 4: 9/12 10/10 11/7 12/5

Squad 1: Mike, Gayle, Susan, Carl, Spencer, Elizabeth,
Victoria, Angela, Cynthia

Squad 2: Heidi, Curtis, Lisa, Tim, Chris, Linda M.,
Tom, Gabrielle, Joel, Debbie, Lorri, Amy R., Linda C.,
Alan, Harry

Squad 3: Jon, Dave, Brian, Stu, Hwood, Jeff, Amy B.,
Steve

Squad 4: Max, Liz, Suzanne, Gary, Tomas, Linda D.,
Duncan

INFOCOM

AUGUST
BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Thursday, August 21
12:15-ish

This Month's Birthday Babies

Dave "Hollywood" Anderson
Spencer Steere

Menu


The Colonel
(a.k.a. Kentucky Fried Chicken)
Mashed Potatoes
Cranberry Sauce

Birthday Cake

Please R.S.V.P. to Linda C.
by Tuesday, August 19

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INFOCOM

TO: Everyone
FROM: Chris Reeve 
SUBJECT: Micro Group, Testing
DATE: August 13, 1986

Effective immediately, Duncan Blanchard has taken over the responsibilities for leading the micro group. Tom Veldran and Linde Dynneson will report to Duncan.

Suzanne Frank, Manager of the testing group, and Duncan will report directly to me.

Since we are still in the process of defining the products we will work on over the next one or two years, we have not made any decisions about additional staffing for the micro group. We intend to finalize our product development plans by the end of September.

CR:lsc



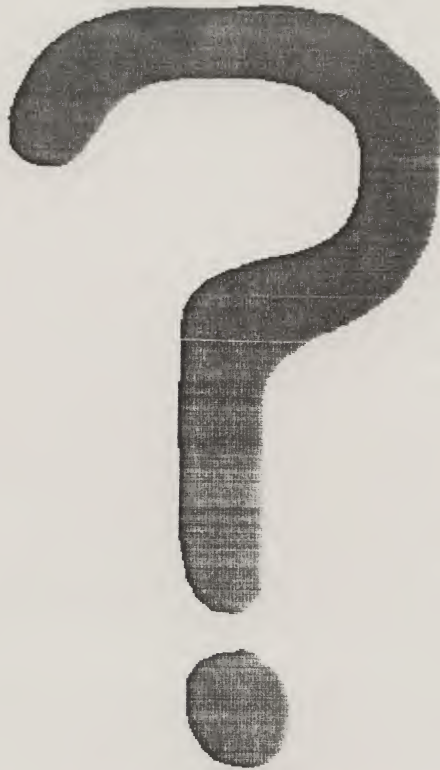
MYSTERY EVENT REVEALED

Today is Ed Black's last day. As a good-bye to Ed, the powers-that-be will be showing old episodes of the TV show "Mr. Ed." In addition, various Mr. Ed memorabilia will be on display, such as the horseshoes worn by Mr. Ed during the first episode of the third season, and the cat bag that Wilbur Post gave to Mr. Ed for his eighth birthday in the classic episodes "A Horse Has A Birthday, Of Course, Of Course." Rare outtakes from the episode in which M... crushing Wilbur's wife, Carol, the pilot episode for... talking barnacle, e... evening, we...

NOTICE:

THE POWERS-THAT-BE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE THEME FROM MR. ED CONTAINS SATANIC MESSAGES. THEREFORE, THE MR. ED EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED, AND A NEW GOODBYE MYSTERY ENTERTAINMENT FOR ED HAS BEEN SCHEDULED AT THE LAST MINUTE AND GREAT EXPENSE. ALAHA! NEIGHHH!!! AT WISH ED WELL.

harness breaks, own, as well as in-off about a water in the bones from the wited to suck on additional bestial acts rayed until after all the ed. Unless they really want children are perverts also, right? Even away, including inflatable, functional gift certificates good for an operation to turn a human into a horse. That's all tonight, beginning at 5:00 in the lunchroom area. Be there early so that you can get a good saddle. Please bring some oats as a goodbye present for Ed. Be there. Neighhh!!!!



RABBLE: Nothing fun ever happens anymore.

POWERS-THAT-BE: Say what?

RABBLE: The Quinn Trial ... Let's Make a Deal ...
Dan Horn Day ... how come we never do
stuff like that anymore?

POWERS-THAT-BE: You asked for it ...

MYSTERY EVENT

Friday, August 8

5:00 pm

Lunchroom/Kitchen Area

Be there. Aloha.

Spaulding & Slye

LETTER TO TENANT

TO: All Tenants at 125 CambridgePark Drive
FROM: Management Office
SUBJECT: RESTRIPIING PARKING LOT
DATE: July 29, 1986

Because of adverse weather conditions during past weekends, the parking lot located across the street from 125 CambridgePark Drive is being restriped starting at 7:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 30, 1986. It will thus be necessary for all tenants to park in the lot further down CambridgePark Drive until the restriping is completed.

Thank you for your cooperation. We apologize for the inconvenience.

:nje



CHILD CARE UNLIMITED, inc.

Dear Infocom Employee:

CHILD CARE UNLIMITED has been retained by Spaulding & Slye to assess the present and future child care needs here at CambridgePark. Although this may not be one of your concerns today, you may one day find yourself addressing this issue.

Please assist us in developing a profile of the employee population at CambridgePark by taking five minutes of your time to fill out this important survey **WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE CHILDREN.**

SURVEY TIME: WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 10:00am
LOCATION: CONFERENCE ROOM A - at Infocom

All information on this questionnaire will be kept strictly confidential and will be seen only by CHILD CARE UNLIMITED.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Peggy Reardon

Please stop by the conference room anytime between 10:00-11:00 on Wednesday to complete their questionnaire. Child Care Unlimited would like as complete a population profile of the building as possible, regardless of whether or not you presently have children and/or are planning on children.

Thank you.

Linda C.

INFOCOM

JULY
BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Tuesday, July 29
12:15-ish

This Month's Birthday Babies

Ed	Suzanne
Gayle	Gabrielle
Ernie	Angela

Menu

Assorted Sandwiches Buffet
Potato Salad
Crunchies

Ice Cream Cake

Please RSVP to Linda C.
by Friday, July 25

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INFOCOM

EVERYONE

We received today the following
invitation.

RSVP not necessary.

SPAULDING & SLYE
invites you to attend
a Chinese-style tenant block party.

Join us in the atrium lobby
for sake, egg rolls, good fortune
and other oriental delights.


Thursday, July 24
5:00-7:00 p.m.

H E L P W A N T E D

Position Title: Company Bar-b-que Helpers
Date Needed: Wednesday, July 23, around 10 a.m.
Qualifications: A willingness to give an hour of your time to help with preparations for the company bar-b-que.
Experience: No prior experience needed (although familiarity with handling a sharp knife would be useful).

Complete list of job responsibilities
AND SIGN-UP SHEET
are posted in the kitchen.

For further information, contact "you-know-who"...Linda C.



This is a follow up to the most recent invitation. The bar-b-que is
B.Y.O.T.

That is...Bring Your Own Tuppeware
(for leftovers)

IT' TIME TO PLAY...NAME THAT NEWSPAPER!!!

And now here's your hostess with the mostest -- Taaaaa
aaaMARA LYND!!!!

Hi there !!

You'll never believe what's happened! I think someone is trying to KILL our newspaper!! I know it sounds dramatic, but I really am scared!! Joel told me if we didn't change the name of The New York Times that THE NEW YORK TIMES would shut us down!! ~~at first I thought it was just~~ a horrible nightmare, but then I saw the letter from their lawyers. So I know it's true!!

I don't know what to do!! I know it's a big favor to ask, but could you please help me find a new name??* You've solved so many copyright infringements, ain't sure you can figure this one out!!

Love,
Tamara

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

* Please choose your top five names from the lists posted next to the micro room rank them above. When complete, return to Tamara (alias Gayle) ASAP. Oh, and while your at it, please check out the entries for the envelope design contest and vote on the reverse side. Thanks! (over)

ANNUAL COMPANY BAR-B-QUE

Wednesday, July 23
Abt Rec Center
4:30-9:00 p.m.

MENU

Scallop Skewers
Bar-b-que Chicken
Sausages
Kielbasa

Tossed Salad
Pasta Salad a la Liz

Steamed Corn on the Cob
Cherrystones on the Half Shell

Watermelon
S'Mores

Beer * Wine * Soda * Juice

Music

(Your on your own for other entertainment)

Tennis Courts & Swimming Pool Available

A guest or your spouse are welcome for
the small fee of \$10.

R.S.V.P. to Linda C. by Friday, July 18
(if you haven't done so already)

Rain Date: Wednesday, July 30
(Mother Nature forbid)

A GOOD TIME PROMISED FOR ALL

ENVELOPE DESIGN CONTEST

In order, list below the number of each of your three favorite designs.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

REMINDER - COPY TO JON DUE TOMORROW (7/10)

(Please contact me if there are going to be any delays. Thanks)

MEMO

TO: Jon, Steve, Mike, Tom V., Tom B., Hollywood, Gayle,
Elizabeth, Victoria, Gary, Heidi, Curtis, Lisa, Dorene,
Dave L., Stu

cc: Cindy

FROM: Susan

DATE: July 9, 1986

RE: Summer NZT

Listed below are the results of yesterday's meeting. If there are any changes please let me know asap. Thanks!

ARTICLE	WRITTEN BY
Leather Goddesses	Steve
Moonmist	Elizabeth
Infocom Fans	Gary
CES Event	Dave L.
Museum of Science Mini Marathon	Gary
?	Tom B.
Jim Lawrence	Stu
Brief Synopsis of all Games	already typeset
Letters to the Editor	Jon
InfoNews Round Up	Victoria
Puzzle	Steve

Cartoons

New Readers Poll & Results

Customer Support Issues

Envelope Contest

Home Town News

Fake Ad

Dear Gabby

Yak Recipes

Steve & Jon

Gayle

Customer Support

Gayle

Tom V.

Tom V.

Hollywood

Chef Dornbrook

SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:


Copy to Jon due 7/10

Final copy to Cindy 7/15

Mechanicals to Printer 8/15

INFOCOM

TO: Everyone

FROM: Linda C. 

SUBJECT: Job Postings...(Job Postings?)

DATE: July 3, 1986

It's been a long time since any of us has heard these magical words: job postings. But it's true. We have some openings now and will have more in the future months.

So I've resurrected the "job openings" portion of (one of) the personnel bulletin boards. So check it out. They'll be posted as they become available. It's the bulletin board with the mug shots on it.

If you're interested in a position or if you know someone who you think would qualify for a position, you need to speak with me.

INFOCOM

TO: Everyone
FROM: Linda C.
SUBJECT: July Company Bar-b-que

Wanna help plan our bar-b-que? I knew you'd say yes.

Well, then, let's get together on Monday, July 7, at 4 p.m. in the kitchen and plan our little heads off.

Come with lots of ideas from all the 4th of July bar-b-ques you'll be going to.

Linda ☺

BAR-B-QUE

Annual
Company Cookout

Wednesday, July 23
Abt Rec Center

4:30-9:00 p.m.

R.S.V.P. to Linda C. by July 11

INFOCOM

TO: Everyone
FROM: Joel Berez
SUBJECT: John O'Leary
DATE: June 26, 1986

Effective immediately, John O'Leary has resigned from Infocom for personal reasons. John stayed to support us during a most difficult period, and I am sorry to see him go. Now that the crisis is past, and John is leaving, we should all wish him success in his future endeavors.

Mike Dornbrook will be taking charge of all marketing activities and has been promoted to Director of Marketing.

Gabrielle Accardi, as Sales Development Manager, now has primary responsibility for Infocom's direction of the Activision sales force.

Both Mike and Gabrielle will report to me.

JMB:lsc

MEMO

TO: Everyone
FROM: Susan
DATE: June 23, 1986
RE: Summer NZT

IT'S TIME TO START WORKING ON THE NEXT
ISSUE OF THE NEW ZORK TIMES. A BRAINSTORMING
SESSION HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR 3:00PM ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 24 IN THE KITCHEN CONFERENCE ROOM.

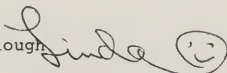
ANYONE INTERESTED IN WRITING ARTICLES,
TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS, ETC. PLEASE COME.

INFOCOM

TO: Everyone

FROM:

Linda Carlough



SUBJECT: Benefits

On Monday, June 23, Larry Hicks, Director of Personnel for Activision, will be here for the week.

You will receive on Monday an up-dated packet of information on benefits. Basically, what's going to happen is that all but three of our current benefits will stay the same. The exceptions are long-term disability, supplemental life insurance, and dental insurance. On these three, we will change over to the insurance carriers used by Activision because their policies offer better, more comprehensive coverage than ours do.

These three changes will become effective July 1. I want you to make a special mental note of this date for dental purposes as there will be no "carry over" provision into Activision's policy for dental work you may already be having done now and that will continue. If you fall into this category, come see me without delay.

Does all this mean there is no change in our current vacation time plan and medical/health insurance coverage? Yes. No changes. We'll continue earning our current rate of vacation time. And employees will continue to pay a portion of their medical insurance.

So you'll get new packets on Monday, and both Larry and I will be available Monday afternoon for questions & answers.

mtf
6/18/86

INFOCOM

JUNE
BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Thursday, June 26
12:30-ish

This Month's Birthday Babies

Curtis Tom V.
John O'L. Carl

Menu: "Back to Basics"

Pizza (regular & Bel Canto)
Soda/Juice

Birthday Cake

Please RSVP to Linda C.
by Monday, June 23, 1986.

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INFOCOM

DATE: June 12, 1986
TO: Everyone
FROM: Amy R.
RE: FREE SOFT DRINKS !!

One of the new benefits we have received from Activision is FREE soft drinks. I would like to take a poll to see what the most popular brands are. Please check off your favorite brands and return to me by, Friday June 19. The next order will be placed on Tuesday June 24. The order will consist of the brands that are selected the most.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coke Classic | <input type="checkbox"/> Coke |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diet Coke | <input type="checkbox"/> Caffeine Free Coke |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caffeine Free Diet Coke | <input type="checkbox"/> Cherry Coke |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sprite | <input type="checkbox"/> Diet Sprite |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tab | <input type="checkbox"/> Caffeine Free Tab |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rambling Rootbeer | <input type="checkbox"/> Barrell Head Rootbeer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunkist | <input type="checkbox"/> Diet Sunkist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Pepper | <input type="checkbox"/> Diet Dr. Pepper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mellow Yellow | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahitian Treat (punch) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fresca | <input type="checkbox"/> Canada Dry Ginger Ale |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diet Ginger Ale | <input type="checkbox"/> Fanta Grape |

Soft drinks will be stored in all three of the company refrigerators.

THANK YOU.

Softball

Yes, there is a softball league this year. It just took time for Tufts University to decide what fields they wanted to let us use. Anyway, we have a game this

Thursday, 5:30 p.m.

As you may know, after last year's team won the league championship, many players fell prey to the promise of big contracts playing for the Massachusetts Unemployment Department League. This has left us with a lean squad this year. We need every man, woman and child in the company on the field playing or cheering and drinking for our team.

We will be playing at a new field this year. It is just up the road (College Ave.) from the old fields. If you need more directions call Hollywood.

Wear last year's uniform or any Hawaiian shirt you have. Uniform info coming soon.

INFOCOM

TO: Everyone
FROM: Linda Carlough
SUBJECT: Three-Part Survey

We promised you a survey at the company meeting last week; well, here it is.

It's a three-parter, two parts of which are below. If I could have your answers by the end of the week, that would be great.

The third part is attached. It's a little more substantial information-wise. If before answering it you have any questions, just ask. Otherwise, I'd appreciate your answer to this part by Friday, too.

Thank you.

mtf
5/12/86

Your Name: _____

Part I: Abt Summer Recreation Center

Infocom is willing to pay 50% (\$70) of the summer recreation fee. Will you be joining Abt's rec center this summer? _____ Yes _____ No
(Your 50% of the fee will be payroll deducted.)

Part II: Summer School

Infocom will begin to pay for tuition once again. Are you taking a/any course(s) this summer? If yes:

How many courses? _____ What do you estimate the per course fee/cost? _____

(Don't forget to fill out a request for tuition reimbursement form and have your supervisor sign it. This should be done first. Forms are in my office.)

Part III: Health Insurance vs. Vacation Time

Below is a comparison of Infocom and Activision's vacation time accrual rates and health insurance premium payment plans.

While Infocom's vacation accrual rates are more generous than Activision's, you'll notice that Activision pays 100% of the health insurance premium vs. the employee contributions required at Infocom.

If you had to choose between:

- a. having 100% of your health insurance premium paid, but earning fewer vacation days per year - or -
- b. making contributory payments to your health insurance premium, but earning more vacation days epr year...

which would you choose? _____ .

VACATION TIME

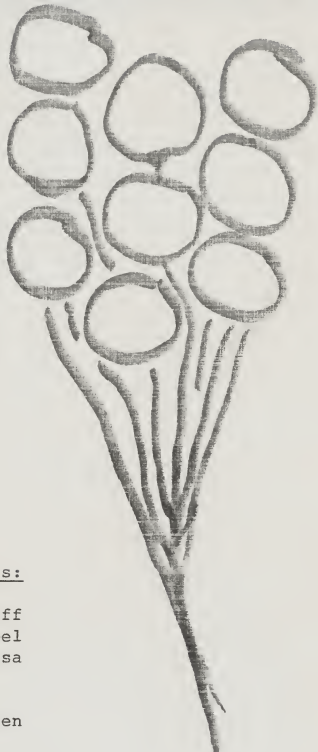
<u>Infocom</u>		<u>Activision</u>
Year 1:	10 days/year	Years 1-4: 12 days/year
Years 2-4:	15 days/year	Years 4+: 15 days/year
Years 4+:	20 days/year	

HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM

<u>Infocom</u>			<u>Activision</u>
<u>Insurance</u>	<u>Infocom</u> <u>Pays</u>	<u>Employee</u> <u>Pays</u>	
Banker's Life			Health insurance premium is paid 100% by the company.
Single	\$ 38.97	\$ 12.99	
Family	\$118.20	\$ 39.40	
Harvard Community			
Single	\$ 38.97	\$ 49.53	
Family	\$118.20	\$123.30	
West Suburban			
Single	\$ 38.97	\$ 57.91	
Family	\$118.20	\$114.44	

(rates are subject to change.)

INFOCOM



MAY
BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Thursday, May 22
12:30-ish

This Month's Birthday Babies:

Steve	Linda M.	Jeff
Debbie	Amy B.	Joel
Amy R.		Lisa

Menu: Kentucky Fried Chicken
and trimmings

Soda/Juice

Birthday Pies (including
apple pie a la mode)

Please RSVP to Linda C. by
Monday, May 19.

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(Infocom is once again the proud sponsor
of the 1986 Birthday Lunches)

- October 1, 1982: Brian Berkowitz joins Infocom to begin developing The World's Greatest Data Base. Tells reporters, "I want to develop The World's Greatest Data Base."
- November 13, 1983: Berkowitz kills seven members of opposing Lotus team during Wallyball match; earns nickname "Spike."
- December 11, 1983: FBI nabs Berkowitz for lascivious behavior while crossing state lines following Infocom Christmas Bash.
- February 1, 1984: FBI nabs Berkowitz for drug smuggling; InfoDope breaks story to win Pulitzer.
- May 7, 1985: Berkowitz breaks the poor teenage hearts of a million American girls by announcing his betrothal, to Molly Ringwald. Wedding called off when Berkowitz is nabbed by FBI in love nest with Ally Sheedy.
- September 23, 1985: Infocom wins final game of Software Softball World Series; Berkowitz wallops four home runs to lead team.
- May 8, 1986: Berkowitz announces imminent departure for Seattle; Big Bedford Bash scheduled...

Yes... It's Spike's Big Surprise Farewell Bash

DATE: Thursday, May 8, 1986

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: Steve & Betty's
15 Selfridge Road
Bedford (maps and directions available on request)

(check all that apply; return to Steve or Hollywood)

I am _____

Sure, I'll come, and I'll even bring some booze or some food for that big netluck dinner!

American girls by American
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I am _____

Sure, I'll come, and I'll even bring some booze or some food
for that big potluck dinner!

Sure, I'll come, and I'll even bring some loose women for Spike!

Sure, I'll come, but only 'cause they'll be free booze and
don't count on me for nothin'!


Not only am I coming, but I'm also bringing ___ other people.

Even though Spike is one of the sweetest people I've ever met,
I can't make it that night. I feel like crying.

Are you kidding! Go to a party for a scumbucket like Berkowitz?
I'll be home watching Hill Street Blues.

INFOCOM

TO: Everyone

FROM: Linda Carlough 

SUBJECT: "Calling All Cards" - Part III

PARKING CARD LOTTERY DRAWING
(and monthly company meeting)
Friday, May 9, 4:30 p.m.

The day you've all been waiting for (and asking about). Your chance to become a lucky recipient of a blue lot parking card.

We have 14 blue cards to draw for.

On Friday, I'll be around to collect blue cards from all current blue card holders.

But everyone, please. Bring your parking card with you Friday--be it a blue or a red card.

We'll swap reds and blues around once the drawing is done.

INFOCOM

BIRTHDAY

APRIL
BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Wednesday, April 30
12:30-ish
The Usual Place

This Month's Birthday Babies:

Dorene
Heidi
Alan

(Alan Chaplin will be here 4/30, which
is why Birthday Lunch is later than
usual this month.)

Menu: Assorted "Flavors" Sub Sandwiches
Chips/Munchies
Soda/Juice
Birthday Cake

Contribution: \$3.50

Please RSVP to Linda C. by Monday,
April 28.

INFOCOM

TO: Everyone
FROM: Linda Carlough
SUBJECT: Parking Card # Check - Sequel to First Memo

At the bottom, I've indicated the card I show assigned to you on my master list, which I'm trying to verify.

Please let me know if you do/don't in fact have this card. The sooner the better. No card lottery until I get all these numbers verified.

Linda

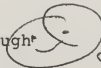
Steve - 0

Blue # 828

INFOCOM

TO: Everyone

FROM: Linda Carlough

 a.k.a. "the gimp"

SUBJECT: Parking Cards

Since assuming the duties of the personnel department, the single question which I have been asked most often is "is there any chance I can get a card for the back parking lot?"

NOW'S YOUR CHANCE

It's parking card lottery time.

But. Before we can have the lottery drawing, I need to know from all of you who wants their name included for the drawing. So if you do, let me know by next Friday, April 18.

In the meantime, I will work out with Spaulding & Slye how many parking cards (red and blue) we're entitled to now that we have a new lease and less square footage of space.

Stay tuned.

(P.S. For those of you who decide they don't need a parking card, we can get for you building access cards. You'll have access to the building, but won't be able to operate the parking gates.)

INFOCOM

TO: Everyone

FROM: Linda Carlough *LC*

SUBJECT: Health Insurance Costs

DATE: April 2, 1986

Effective April 1, our medical/health insurance rates change for the next 12 months. Those new rates and the employee contribution amounts are listed below. Your April paycheck will reflect the new amount to be deducted.

Any questions, come see me.

BANKERS LIFE

<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Employee Contribution</u>
\$ 51.96 (Single)	\$ 12.99
\$ 157.60 (Family)	\$ 39.40

HARVARD COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN

<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Employee Contribution</u>
\$ 88.50	\$ 49.52
\$ 241.50	\$ 123.30

WEST SUBURBAN HEALTH PLAN

<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Employee Contribution</u>
\$ 96.88	\$ 57.91
\$ 232.64	\$ 114.44

We do have some alternative plans available through the Massachusetts Businessman's Association. The above are the "big 3".

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Join us in celebrating

Dos de Mayo

That's right, the second of May. Celebrating several glorious occasions. First, the second of May is three days away from the fifth of May, which as we all know is Mexican Independence Day. Second, it is the 10th anniversary of the installation of a computerized inventory system at Jose Cuervo Tequila Inc. And last, but not least, what a great excuse for a

Mexican Potluck Dinner

This will give each of us a chance to try our hand at preparing a semi-mexican native dish. In order to avoid having 41 plates of nachos (Steve's joke), there will be a sign-up list posted in a few days. In the meantime, for those of you who already have a dish in mind, let Hollywood know so we have a somewhat balanced meal.

Don't fret if you can't cook anything--we'll need plenty of lemons for the shots of tequila.

Adios amigos

INFOCOM

MEMO*MEMO*MEMO*MEMO*MEMO*MEMO*MEMO*

TO: Everyone
FROM: Susan
DATE: April 3, 1986
RE: SPA Awards

Attached is a copy of the ballot form for the SPA "Excellence in Software" Awards. Please vote and return to me no later than April 10. If you're not familiar with titles in a particular category, please don't vote in that category. All ballots will be compiled to arrive at Infocom's vote.

THANKS.

**The SPA Awards
For Excellence in Software**

Every industry that produces "intellectual property" takes time out once a year to honor significant achievement in their particular medium of expression. The motion picture, recording, advertising, dramatic arts, and publishing industries all sponsor their own awards programs. The microcomputer software industry, the newest major medium of human expression, is now joining these older industries in sponsoring its own awards program.

Rules of Eligibility

Any microcomputer software product that was shipped commercially for the first time during 1985 is eligible to win an SPA Award. Products must be copyrighted in 1985. The awards, however, distinguish between title and machine specific implementations. A product may qualify for award numbers 1-10 only if the product's first version shipped during 1985. Award numbers 11-15 are based upon a specific implementation of a title, and that version must have been commercially shipped in 1985. Eligibility for award number 16, Best Software Packaging, is based upon the first date on which the particular packaging was shipped. Therefore, new packaging (1985) for an older title would be eligible for the Best Software Packaging award.

There are no restrictions on the origin of the software and there is no requirement that the publisher of a nominated product be a member of the SPA.

Nomination & Award Procedure

- 1) During February, 1986, the SPA mailed an Awards ballot to each member in good standing.
- 2) Nomination ballots were received until Friday, March 14, 1986. At that time, the SPA staff verified that the products receiving the most nomination votes were indeed eligible for an award. This procedure generally entailed requesting verification of the product's first ship date.
- 3) You are now being asked to vote for the "Best" among the nominated products in sixteen categories.
- 4) Ballots must be signed, dated, and sent to the San Francisco office of the accounting firm of Arthur Andersen & Co., 1 Market Plaza, San Francisco, California 94105, attention: Richard J. Rogers. The deadline for the receipt of ballots is **Monday, April 14, 1986**. Ballots that are received after that date will not, under any circumstances, be counted. No individual outside the San Francisco office of Arthur Andersen will have access to the voting results until the awards presentation, April 18, 1986.
- 5) Awards Presentation: The Awards Presentation will occur on Friday, April 18, 1986 at 9:00 P.M. We would like to extend our appreciation to the San Francisco law firm of **Howard Rice Nemerovski Canady Robertson & Falk**, and to **Family Computing Magazine**, for sponsoring the receptions immediately preceding and following the Awards Presentation.

SPA "EXCELLENCE IN SOFTWARE" AWARDS

FINAL BALLOT

<p style="text-align: center;">Best Software Product 1.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fantavision-- Broderbund Software</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deluxe Paint-- Electronic Arts</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Blueprint for Decision Making-- MCE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Windows-- Microsoft Corporation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Newsroom-- Springboard Software</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Business Filevision-- Telos Software Products</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Best Business Product 2.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> D Base III+- Ashton-Tate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Excel-- Microsoft Corporation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Windows-- Microsoft Corporation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MacOneWrite-- Sierra On-Line</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Business Filevision-- Telos Software Products</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Best Productivity Product 3.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pagemaker-- Aldus Corporation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MacDraw-- Apple Computer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Excel-- Microsoft Corporation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> HomeWord Plus-- Sierra On-Line</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Newsroom-- Springboard Software</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sylvia Porter's Financial Planner-- Timeworks</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Best Learning Product 4.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Where in the World is Carmen ...-- Broderbund</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Blueprint for Decision Making-- MCE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Balance of Power-- Mindscape</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Homework Helper /Math-- Spinnaker Software</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Best Creativity Product 5.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gamemaker-- Activision</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fantavision-- Broderbund Software</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deluxe Paint-- Electronic Arts</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> VideoWorks-- Hayden Software</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Newsroom-- Springboard</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Stickybear Printer-- Weekly Reader</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Best Simulation Product 6.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kennedy Approach-- MicroProse</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Silent Service-- MicroProse</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Balance of Power-- Mindscape</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Jet-- Sublogic</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NFL Challenge-- Xor Corporation</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Best Entertainment Product 7.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hacker-- Activision</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deja Vu-- Mindscape</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ultima IV-- Origin Systems</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> King's Quest II-- Sierra On-Line</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Airborne-- Silicon Beach</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NFL Challenge-- Xor Corporation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Best New Use of a Computer 8.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Little Computer People-- Activision</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PageMaker-- Aldus Corporation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Blueprint for Decision Making-- MCE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dinner at Eight-- Rubicon Publishing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Business Filevision-- Telos Software</p>

Voter _____
 Company _____
 Date _____

Ballots Must be Received by
 Arthur Andersen & Co., San Francisco,
 no later than April 14, 1986

SPA "EXCELLENCE IN SOFTWARE" AWARDS

FINAL BALLOT

<p style="text-align: center;">Best New World 9</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hacker-- Activision</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Little Computer People-- Activision</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A Mind Forever Voyaging-- Infocom</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deja Vu-- Mindscape</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ultima IV-- Origin Systems</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Best Adaptation from Another Medium 10.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Hobbit-- Addison/Wesley</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The New Electronic Encyclopedia-- Grolier</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dinner at Eight-- Rubicon Publishing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Black Cauldrion-- Sierra On-Line</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Perry Mason-- Telarium/Spinnaker</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Best Sound (Effects, Music) 11.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deluxe Music Constr. Set-- Elec. Arts <i>Mac</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> One-on-One-- Electronic Arts <i>Amiga</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Kennedy Approach-- MicroProse <i>C-64</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Black Cauldrion-- Sierra On-Line <i>Apple II</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Airborne-- Silicon Beach <i>Macintosh</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Best User Interface 12.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deluxe Paint-- Electronic Arts <i>Amiga</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Windows-- Microsoft <i>IBM</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deja Vu-- Mindscape <i>Macintosh</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> HomeWord Plus-- Sierra On-Line <i>Apple II</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Best Adaptation to a New Computer Format 13.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mindshadow-- Activision <i>Amiga</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> One-on-One-- Electronic Arts <i>Amiga</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Skyfox-- Electronic Arts <i>C-64</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Xyphus-- POLARWARE/Penguin <i>Mac</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Best Graphics 14.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hardball-- Accolade <i>C-64</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fantavision-- Broderbund Software <i>Apple II</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deluxe Paint-- Electronic Arts <i>Amiga</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> VideoWorks-- Hayden Software <i>Macintosh</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Perry Mason-- Telarium/Spinnaker <i>C-64</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Best Technical Achievement 15.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fantavision-- Broderbund <i>Apple II</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deluxe Paint-- Electronic Arts <i>Amiga</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Skyfox-- Electronic Arts <i>C-64</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Windows-- Microsoft <i>IBM</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Jet-- Sublogic <i>IBM</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Best Software Packaging 16.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fight Night-- Accolade</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cornerstone-- Infocom</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Jazz-- Lotus Development Corporation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Halley Project-- Mindscape</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MacOneWrite-- Sierra On-Line</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gato-- Spectrum Holobyte</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Perry Mason-- Telarium/Spinnaker</p>

FREE CANDY

INSPECTION

Food & drug sabotage : Unfortunately it's no longer child's play - such as chocolate Exlax brownies - rather it's become a deadly game - The Tylenol Scare.

And who's to say that jellybean or chocolate egg you find in the hallway hasn't been tampered with by late-night workers like Janitronics crew members or Mike Dornbrak.

Play it safe. Bring all your Easter candy to the NZT meeting in the kitchen conference room on Friday March 28 at 4:00. We'll be discussing the spring issue of the NZT and if you agree to contribute your talents (writing, editing, producing, photographing, illustrating), I'll inspect your candy at absolutely no charge. In the event that your Easter candy is unsafe or in anyway questionable, I'll gladly relieve you of the ugly poison.

P.S. Even if you foolishly don't want your candy inspected, we'd still greatly appreciate your help on the upcoming New York Times. Please come to the 4:00 meeting with or without your Easter candy

53rd Annual Infocom Egg Hunt!

As usual, on Thursday night (that's tonight, after hours) the Official Easter Bunnies will hide about 20 lbs. of Easter candy all over the Infocom area. It's up to you to find it, at your own speed, all day Friday, storing all those goodies in the plastic bag you will find on your desk. But remember, don't eat any! Grand Prize for whoever finds the most candy (proved by weighing it in the Official Easter Basket at Friday Party), is a yummy Chocolate Easter Bunny, or an audience with the Pope on Easter Sunday (which includes an all expense paid trip for two to Rome, PLUS \$4000 spending money) – whichever is cheapest. There will also be second and third prizes.

For those of you who may have forgotten the rules, or weren't around for the 52nd Annual Hunt, here they are:

1) **You can look, but you may not touch:**

Candy may not be gathered before 9:00 am. Friday morning. In fact, you can't even **look** before 9:00 am. Naturally, people will be on their honor about this. The contest ends at 5:00 pm. (or the start of Friday Party), so you may not submit candy discovered after that time for weighing, but you may (and probably will) continue to gather candy until the advent of the 54th Annual Hunt in 1989.

2) **All's fair in love and war:**

You may search anywhere within the Infocom area, not just in your own area. The amount hidden in each private area will be approximately the same (per person).

3) **Confidentiality assured:**

Although candy will be hidden in private offices, rest assured none will be hidden in private desks or filing cabinets. It will also be in public areas (hallways, kitchen, conference rooms, reception, and the library for example).

4) **There ain't no such thing as a free lunch:**

(Couldn't think of a rule that applied, but it's such a good saying!)

5) **There will be honor among thieves:**

Since the Infocom Egg Hunt Security Force (IEHSF) has been repossessed, there will be no enforcement of these rules, except the honor system. The Official Easter Bunnies will not be searching (since they know the hiding places).

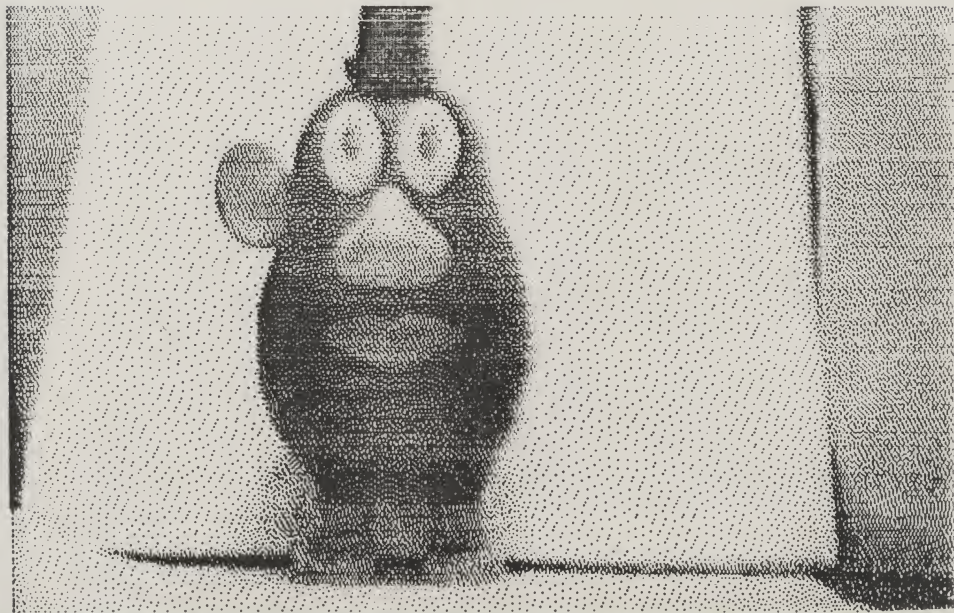
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

FOR A SECOND YEAR

MR. POTATOE HEAD HOSTS THE

St. Patrick's Day Party

Hi! You all know who I am don't you? What you don't know is I'm hosting this year's St. Patrick's Day Party. I'll begin swilling the green beer at 5 p.m. this Friday. If you would like to bring a tape or two for dancing a jig, (not the mash potatoe) please do. So put on your brogue, get out of your bog and I'll meet you at the food table (I'll be with some friends in the bowl next to the Irish guacamole). I'll keep an eye out for you (I've got eighty-eight, so I'll expect everyone). And don't forget to wear your green.





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MARCH BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Thursday, March 20

Menu: Lasagna and Eggplant Parmigiana
Soda/Juice
Birthday Cake (with a better frosting this time)

Contribution: \$4 per person

Please give your money to Linda C. by Friday, March 14
(or sooner, if you want).

LUNCH * LUNCH * LUNCH * LUNCH * LUNCH * LUNCH * LUNCH * LUNCH * LUNCH * LUNCH

TUESDAY, MARCH 11 AT 5:00 -- GET READY TO...

PARTY !!!

GOOD BEER!!! GOOD MUSIC!!! GOOD COMPANY!!! GOOD FOOD!!!

GOOD GOD!!! WHO AM I KIDDING!!! This is obviously just another slimy ploy to suck more work out of all you over-worked, under-paid Infocom employees.

Here's the ugly truth: We need to send out a mailing to announce Fooblitzky. Of course, no mailing house in this hemisphere would do it for us because we owe them all billions and billions of dollars for past mailings. Now I have to do the Fooblitzky mailing myself - me, being a member of the lower echelons, the peons, the dirt-balls. So tomorrow night I'll be back in Infocom's cramped, steamy kitchen stuffing and stamping, licking and labeling thousands and thousands of announcements. Yet, on the same evening, some members of upper management will undoubtedly be driving their expensive cars to their expensive homes to enjoy expensive meals followed by an expensive night on the town.


It's not a pretty picture. But if I don't do this mailing, it will probably be the last mailing Infocom will ever have to worry about, if you know what I mean. So I beg of you, please help me!! I can't get it done all by myself! I need your help! I'll give you pizza. I'll give you beer. Just please, please help.....

CHECK ONE AND RETURN TO GAYLE:

- Oh alright! I'll help even though I just moved my office today for the umpteenth time only because I can't afford to pass up a free meal on my salary. Beside I think Paula, Lim, and Brian would appreciate my support of all their hard work.
- Yes, with pleasure!!! Although I'm a member of upper management, I realize the importance of the success of Fooblitzky and will eagerly roll up my sleeves and pitch-in in any way I can.
- No way sucker!! Piss and moan and grovel all you want, but I'm a member of upper management (if not by title then by having endeared myself to one or more of them by some sleazy means...just use your imagination) and such work is below me.

INFOCOM

TO: Everyone

FROM: Linda Carlough 

SUBJECT: Open Enrollment - Harvard Community Health Plan

From March 1 through April 1 you will have the opportunity to join the Harvard Community Health Plan (HCHP).

HCHP is a health maintenance organization (HMO), combining health care services with health insurance coverage. HCHP provides the following services:

- * All office visits \$3 (including routine preventive care);
- * Your choice of a personal physician from the HCHP staff to coordinate all your care;
- * Seven health centers in convenient locations throughout the greater Boston area;
- * Physicians, specialists, laboratory, pharmacy, optical shop, and many other services all located at your health center;
- * Complete coverage for outpatient, hospital, and emergency care.

If you are interested in changing from your current health care coverage to HCHP, it must be done between March 1 and April--HCHP's only open enrollment period for the year.

I have a copy of the HCHP benefits brochure if you would like more information to make a decision.

mtf
2/24/86



CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

(or...Chance of a Lunchtime, depending on how you look at it)

In response to the overwhelmingly positive reaction of last Friday's company gathering, I'd like everyone to answer the following questions for me about changing birthday lunch menus each month.

* Do you like the idea of having a different menu each month, or should it always be pizza? _____

* If "different each month" is your preference, how about some menu suggestions:

(Remember: we need food that is (1) easy to prepare/assemble, (2) can be purchased in large quantities, and (3) is inexpensive.)

* In order to change/upgrade the monthly menu, would you be willing to pay as much as \$5 a month? _____

Or pay somewhere between \$3.50 - \$5.00 a month? _____

Return to Linda C. as soon as you can, please.

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The Mint Is Joyful Over Sudden Supply Of Common Cents

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The Penny Shortage Is Over, But No One Is Sure Why; The 97.5% Zinc Solution

By ALAN MURRAY

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
WASHINGTON — Americans last year
took leave of their cents.

For reasons clouded in mystery, they
decided to crack open their piggy banks
and empty their Mason jars, returning
pennies to banks in record numbers. The
demand for new pennies nosedived, and
the penny shortage ended. The U.S. Mint
and the Federal Reserve System suddenly
found themselves saddled with 5.7 billion of
the copper-colored coins. The Denver Mint
had to take over an abandoned weapons
arsenal for penny storage.

"It was a surprise," says the Mint's di-
rector, Donna Pope, an Ohio conservative
who counts her pennies carefully. "But I
was glad we'd finally licked that penny
shortage." In the early 1980s people were
hoarding so many pennies that many re-
tailers couldn't get enough of them to

Yes, it is finally over!

Join us Friday at 5 p.m. for a senseless

CELEBRATION!!!!

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**This piece of paper entitles you
to a chance to win fantastic prizes
on America's favorite game show...**

The Price is Right

**Today, after Rumor Control and
a few beers. Be there!**

INFOCOM

TO: Everybody
FROM: Linda C. 
SUBJECT: Birthday Lunch (Bet You Thought I Forgot)

Yes, Virginia. There is a birthday lunch. It just got off track (sorry you January birthdays).

So, next birthday lunch will be for January and February birthday-ers; and let's do it Thursday, February 13.

I'll be around to collect your money (\$3.50) in the next couple of weeks.

BIRTHDAY*BIRTHDAY*BIRTHDAY*BIRTHDAY*BIRTHDAY*BIRTHDAY*BIRTHDAY*

INFOCOM, INC.

1986 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1
President's Day	Monday, February 17
Patriot's Day	Monday, April 14
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26
July 4th	Friday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, September 1
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28
Christmas	Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26

NEWS FLASH

EMPLOYEE VOLUNTARILY LEAVES INFOCOM

**Going away party set for this Friday.
Intense bar hopping to follow.**

CAMBRIDGE PARK, MA-- As I'm sure many of you know by now, Betty Rock, an early employee of our beloved employer has chosen to seek her fortunes elsewhere in this high tech world. This Friday will be her last day and we wouldn't want her to get away before all of us can say good-bye and buy her a drink.

So this Friday, after our "executive informational briefing" the Bon Voyage festivities will commence. After a drink or two to get the taste of the work week out of our mouths, we'll repair to a local eatery for a quick bite. Then it is on to the most intensive and extensive bar hopping yet undertaking on the east coast.

Bring your dancing shoes and dress accordingly for an evening of heinous fun. See you in the punch bowl!

One more thing--it's a secret. Don't tell Betty. We want to see her blush.

INFOCOM

January 21, 1986

TO: EVERYONE

FROM: MICH

I WILL BE CLEANING OUT THE LIBRARY SOON. DOES ANYONE OBJECT TO THE
DISPOSAL OF ANY MAGAZINES PRIOR TO JANUARY 1986?

PLEASE LET ME KNOW BY FRIDAY 1/24. THANKS!

Michi

1/10/86

Friday Party

Congrats Pats

Join us today at 5 p.m. to celebrate the Patriots victory over the Dolphins. Cheer our boys on to the Superbowl!

Special guest: Irving Fryer, who will prepare a fresh-cut vegetable platter in true Patriot's style.

On to the Superbowl and let's beat those Rams!

INFOCOM

To: Everyone
From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Insensitivity
Date: December 8, 1986

Some time between 9:00 PM yesterday and 10:00 AM today a person or persons unknown removed a partially filled out performance evaluation form from [REDACTED]'s desk. Said individual(s) then made a copy of the form, circled a particular item and placed it on [REDACTED]'s desk.

Unfortunately, it is unlikely that I will ever know who the insensitive clod(s) is(are). To the perpetrator(s) I would say, this action was inexcusable and juvenile. In the future, act in a professional manner. To everyone else, I apologize for flaming and I hate to say it but be careful what you leave on your desk.

Official Crazy Eights Rules
(Drinking Version)

Eight cards are dealt to each player, one card is turned face up (as the discard pile), and the remainder of the deck is used as the 'pick-up' pile. Players proceed, in turn, to play their hand (one card per turn) by discarding a card of the same suit or denomination as the last card discarded. Alternately, a player may play an eight of any suit, naming a new suit of his choice. If a player has no cards playable, he or she must draw from the 'pick-up pile' until he or she finds a suitable card. The player who discards all of his cards wins the game.

Any violation of the following rules will result in a liquid penalty.

1. No swearing.
 2. No pointing, except with one's elbow.
 3. No playing out of turn.
 4. No asking ANY questions.
 5. An offender must finish the entire contents of the penalty glass. (No backwash!!)
- Once an offender drinks his penalty glass, he pours the next penalty glass, as he sees fit.
 - Leaving the game, to use the facilities or permanently, is permitted, providing one "drinks out." (To reenter the game, one must "drink in.")
 - Any confusions or ambiguities shall be brought before the charter members of the Crazy Eights Foundation.

"Bud" Coors

INFOCOM

TO: Everyone
FROM: Linda Carlough
DATE: July 14, 1986

Now that the July 1 salary review process is finished, we've also finished the changing over of our job titles into the Activision counterpart.

Some people's titles changed; others, didn't.

So that everyone knows what everyone's title is, I've attached a list, for your information.

mtf
Attachment

Amy Briggs
Amy Remigio
Angela Crews
Brian Moriarty
Carl Genatossio
Chris Reeve
Curtis Montague
Cynthia Curtis
Dave Anderson
Dave Lebling
Debbie Reilly
Dorene Woodrow
Duncan Blanchard
Ed Black
Elizabeth Langosy
Ernie Brogmus
Gabrielle Accardi
Gary Brennan
Gayle Syska
Harry Regan
Heidi Korn
Jeff O'Neill
Joel Berez
Jon Palace
Linda Carlough
Linda Mazzotta
Linde Dynneson
Lisa Fratto
Liz Cyr-Jones
Lorri Fischer
Mark Buxton
Mary Ellen O'Connor
Mike Dornbrook
Spencer Steere
Steve Meretzky
Stu Galley
Susan Goldman
Suzanne Frank
Tim Anderson
Tom Bok
Tom Veldran

Product Tester
Secretary/Receptionist
Graphic Services Supervisor
Designer
Creative Services Manager
Vice President-Product Development
Customer Support Representative
Graphic Services Buyer
Designer
Senior Designer
Credit Collection Supervisor
Customer Support Manager
Software Engineer
Senior Project Manager
Staff Writer
Production Manager
Sales Development Manager
Product Tester
Assistant Product Manager
Division Controller
Customer Support Representative
Designer
Chief Executive Officer & President
Creative Development Manager
Administrative Assistant
Office Services Supervisor
Software Engineer
Customer Support Representative
Senior Product Tester
Secretary/Receptionist
Product Tester
Accounting Coordinator
Director of Marketing
P.R. Associate
Senior Designer
Senior Game Writer
Marketing Assistant
Product Testing Manager
Senior Product Engineer
Junior Product Tester
Technical Assistant

MEMO

TO: Whom It May Concern
FROM: Joel
DATE: April 15, 1986
RE: First Annual Infocom Guess-the-Future Quiz

Attached is a surprise quiz for you to complete. Unfortunately for those of you who cannot write, it's essay, not multiple choice.

You have one week to prepare your answers, which are due by 10 AM, Tuesday, 4/22 at Linda Carlough's office. You may consult with others, but try not to unduly influence them. Extra credit will be given for original thoughts.

The reward for the best scores on these quizzes will be to have your very own thoughts included in Infocom's five-year plan. Best of luck to all participants!

First Annual Infocom Guess-the-Future Quiz

In this quiz we ask you to predict the future of Infocom over the next five years. You, of course, have an unfair advantage in that you can influence our future course to help make your predictions come true. That's okay, because we are cleverly using subtle management science techniques here to build a consensus for Infocom's future direction. As long as we pick an achievable and desirable future, we'll all be happy.

Now, on with the quiz. If you get stuck on something, don't panic. Partial credit will be given for reasonable (or particularly humorous) answers. Your guess is as good as mine!

- 15% 1. What will the marketplace look like in 5 years?
- a. How well will computers have penetrated the home?
 - b. How much of an impact will the new technologies (CD-ROM, voice synthesis, etc.) have had on the home computer?
 - c. What on earth will people be doing with their home computers?
 - d. How about computers in schools and businesses? (Do we care about those?)
- 35% 2. What will Infocom's product line(s) look like in 5 years?
- a. How much emphasis on home, school, business, or other?
 - b. What types of products?
 - c. How many?
 - d. Who will be developing them?
- 50% 3. Justify your answer to question #2.
- a. How well does it fit the marketplace?
 - b. How does it utilize Infocom's current strengths?
 - c. What new strengths will Infocom have to develop or acquire to get there?
 - d. Why do we want to do that, anyway?

Dimwit Flathead
proudly announces
the engagement of
INFOCOM, INC.

to
ACTIVISION, INC.
of Mountain View, CA
on Wednesday

the 19th of February, 1986

A party will be held in their honor
today at 5:00 p.m.

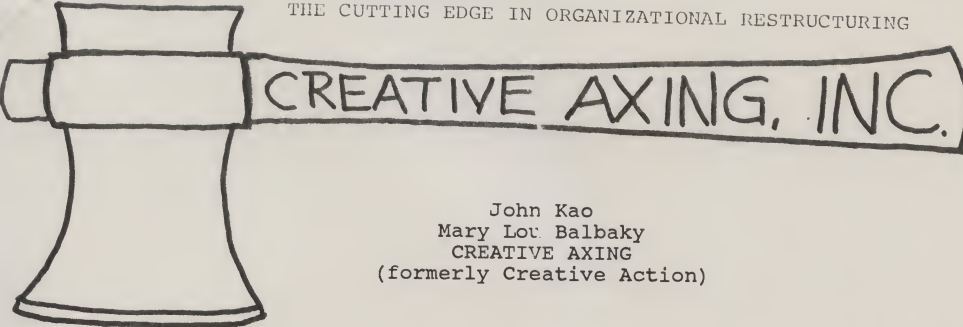
at

The Kitchen

5th floor

125 Cambridge Park Drive
Cambridge, MA

Please bring Monetary Gifts
No RSVP required



CREATIVE AXING, INC.

John Kao
Mary Lou Balbaky
CREATIVE AXING
(formerly Creative Action)

January 12, 1986

To the Desk of the Personnel Department:

Dear Desk:

Notwithstanding the severance of our contract with Infocom last June, Mary Lou and myself continue to take a parasitic interest in your company and its employees. Therefore, it was disheartening to receive your negative feedback on our recently proposed series of luncheon seminars: "Interfacing with Your Manager -- What Manager?", "You and the Embryonic Corporation: The Decision to Abort", and "The Corporation in Transition: When Should I Jump?" (to be led by Paul Gross). Well, pursuant with the course of change in the fortunes of the submerging high-tech industry as exemplified by Infocom, it was necessary for Mary Lou and myself to adapt our pitch to these new conditions (to wit, our slight name change). I regret the above proposals were not positively recognized by you. We therefore provide you with concrete suggestions to go about, on an individual employee basis, effecting the changes within Infocom. In the following context-sensitive, Infocom-specific ways this task can be accomplished.

If any of the following instances befall the targeted employee, he/she should thereby have "gotten the message" and our goal at Creative Axing will have been actualized:

- . having your loki surreptitiously changed to "ADIEU"
- . being invited to lunch by Marc Blank
- . being told it "wouldn't be a bad idea to network with Judith Forsythe the next time you're in California"
- . being given indefinite maternity leave for smiling at Robbie McCarron
- . being reassigned to work for John O'Leary
- . being designated to pitch batting practice to Dave Anderson
- . being invited to a Concord River employee outing and receiving a canoe but no paddle
- . receiving a series of disturbing phone calls in the middle of the night by a man who calls himself Tom Peacock
- . being appointed Director of Marketing, Business Products

- . being waived by the softball team. and asked to turn in your Hawaiian shirt
- . being appointed CEO
- . being asked by Linda Mazzota, who's holding a magnet, to "see your Spaulding and Sly card for a minute"
- . being told your number is being retired for outstanding performance on the softball field
- . being asked to collaborate on a game with Lenny Bruce
- . being reassigned Dan Horn's old password
- . being given the straight-jacket version of the Cornerstone windbreaker
- . having your name added to the WHOWAS list on TOPS-20
- . being voted the Mayor of the City of Fooblitzky
- . being relocated to a windowless, and doorless, office
- . being awarded an AIDS-infected ceramic Info-Mug (embossed with your name) at a company meeting
- . being invited, late in May, to Info-Ice-Skating Day on the Charles
- . being asked to taste-test the punch preceeding a company meeting
- . being asked to pitch the "games side" at the Bambergers in Sri Lanka on a one-way ticket
- . showing up for Info-Production day and being asked to fill out a W-2 form

Sincerely,



John Kao

1986