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ASHTON-TATE ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION OF VICE PRESIDENT, FINANCE

CULVER CITY, CA., February 15, 1985 -- Ashton-Tate, a leading publisher of microcomputer software, today announced the resignation of Frank E. Murnane as vice president of finance. Murnane plans to resume his career as an independent financial planning consultant.

"We are sorry to see Frank leave the company," said Norman H. Block, executive vice president, finance and administration and chief financial officer of Ashton-Tate. "We wish him the best of luck in his future career endeavors."

Ashton-Tate does not plan to fill the position vacated by Murnane.