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Top News!

It's Official -- Apple to Spin-Off Newton

Apple announced at around 2:00 p.m. on 22May97 (Thursday) that they were going to create a Newton specific subsidiary that will focus on solving the computing and communications needs of today's corporate mobile users. The complete transition is expected to be finalized by 30Jun97. The current CEO of the 'tentatively named' Newton, Inc. will be the previous VP of the Newton System Group -- Sandy Benett. A search is reportedly currently underway to find an experienced and seasoned "CEO to lead the organization and complement the existing management team." Newton, Inc. will take over Apple's MessagePad line and will serve to help Apple continue to build, support, market, and sell the eMate family of products to the education markets through Apple's Education Division.

Coverage of the Newton Spin-Off News

Jodi Mardesich <jmardesich@sjmercury.com> had a pretty good review of the Newton, Inc. news in her article "Apple to spin off Newton: Wholly-owned handheld computer firm to target mobile professionals" published online on Thursday at the San Jose Mercury News site at this URL: <<http://www.sjmercury.com/business/apple/ap052297.htm>>. The article did note that Sweden's Ericsson was courted as a potential buyer of the Newton System Group, but instead will most likely license Newton technology in the near future to be used in Ericsson cellular phone devices. Jodi used Peiter Hartsook as her industry analyst, and included a quote of support from Newton developer Jay Wright at Wright Strategies.

David Morgenstern <david_morgenstern@macweek.com> also had a pretty good summary in his "Apple Spins off Newton" article that was posted to MacWeek: <http://www8.zdnet.com/macweek/mw_1121/nw_newton.html> and to MacWorld: <<http://www5.zdnet.com/zdnn/content/mcwo/0522/mcwo0001.html>>. David uses Dataquest's James Staten as his industry analyst, and also notes that Newton, Inc. will now have the ability to build more laptop like Newton devices that will compete against Apple's PowerBook products.

Catalina Ortiz at the Associated Press had her take on the announcement distributed all over the world -- NewtNews saw the article entitled "Apple cuts loose its cash loser: Newton unit will become independent subsidiary" in the Business Section of the San Diego Union-Tribune published on 23May97. Catalina used the 'dreaded' Dataquest analyst Kimball Brown for her "industry analyst" -- he thinks that this spin-off is just a ploy to sell

the unit as an intact group. The article also included a picture of a MP2K being 'demoed' by Baron Byron at the computer retailer Computerwave based in Palo Alto, California.

Other Sites with News about Newton, Inc.

- Official Apple Press Release can be found at: <<http://product.info.apple.com/pr/press.releases/1997/q3/970522.pr.rel.newton.html>>
- Apple Developer News #58: <<http://www.devworld.apple.com/>>
- NSG's FAQ on the Announcement: <http://www.newton.apple.com/announce/announce_QnA.html>
- Information Week (IW) Daily 5/23/97: <<http://www.informationweek.com>>
- "Apple fails to find buyer for its Newton division, opts to let it swim (or sink) on its own" <http://www.anchordesk.com/story/story_944.html>
- "Apple to spin off Newton unit": <http://biz.yahoo.com/finance/97/05/22/aapl_1.html>
- "Newton Unit Will Separate From Apple's Core" by Julie Schmit, USA Today, <<http://www.usatoday.com/money/mds5.htm>>
- "Users, analysts applaud Apple's move to spin off Newton": <http://www.anchordesk.com/story/story_949.html>

Future of Newton at Apple???

The following was published in a recent edition of Edupage [prior to the recent announcement from Apple on the Newton's future]. Other sites like MacWeek <<http://www.macweek.com>> also covered this story:

Steve Jobs Wants Apple To Dump The Newton

Apple founder Steve Jobs, who was forced out of the company by then-CEO John Sculley but who now serves as an advisor to current-CEO Gil Amelio, says Apple ought to sell off its Newton technology used to produce handheld computers. Wearing worn jeans with patches, Jobs told a meeting of Apple developers that the company could manage two software projects at a time (Mac/OS and the next-generation "Rhapsody") but not three (those two plus the Newton operating system). Instead of working on the handheld Newton, Jobs thinks that Apple should be developing stripped-down "network computers" that could be used by "mere mortals" as alternatives to PCs in accessing information and software from the Internet. (San Jose Mercury News 17 May 97)

And this was posted to TechWeb:

WinSlurp from Rare White Tiger Creations

<<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/heringermr/winslurp.htm>>

WriteRight Screen Enhancements

<<http://www.ConceptKitchen.com>>

Stand Alone, Inc.

For info on purchasing and more, check out our web site at <http://www.standalone.com/newton>, or call us at (773) 471-2492



DateMan 3.0

The complete date manager. Allows drag-and-drop creation of items from almost anywhere on the Newton, provides you with a fully integrated agenda display, and allows you to link together all of your Newton's data. DateMan is fully compatible with all of the Newton's built-in apps.



Super Names

Enhances the built-in Names file of your Newton, adding more comprehensive searching, the ability to tag names and create custom filters, and a small view for quick access to your names.



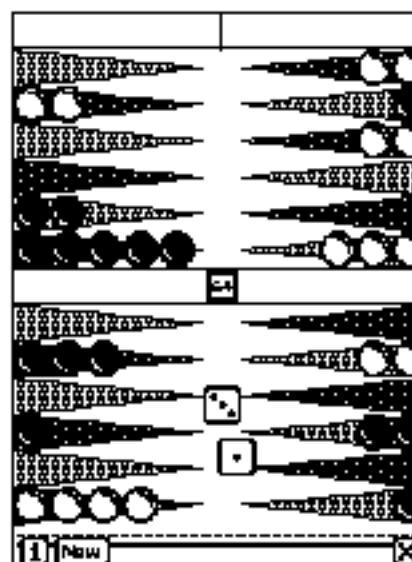
Backgammon 2.0

Backgammon for the Newton for 1 or 2 players. Features 10 skill levels, several play styles, and full game statistics.



BackDrop Plus

Replaces the Notepad as the backdrop app, freeing up heap and give you quick access to frequently used packages and several system functions.



Stationery Construction Kit

Create your own stationery types right on your Newton! Use powerful tool palettes to create views, buttons, input lines, and much more.

For info on purchasing and more, check out our web site at <http://www.standalone.com/newton>, or call us at (773) 471-2492.

In response to a question on whether Apple was brushing up its Newton handheld to possibly sell it off, Hancock said: "Newton is a viable platform. We are looking to our Newton partners for financial help." Sources have said that Apple explored selling the Newton business. In addition, sources said, Apple has talked to venture-capital companies about spinning the business off as a separate company. <<http://www.techweb.com/wire/news/apr/0423apple.html>>

In related news, also at Apple's World Wide Developers Conference (WWDC), Apple Fellow Guy Kawasaki was asked after the H.I.D.E. awards at WWDC in an informal question and answer session about what he 'thought' about the Newton. He said he really likes using the latest Newton hardware products from Apple -- especially the eMate -- and could make a case for the Newton to be its own separate company.

Apple Really Pushing EMate

Apple sent out a series of 'education targeted' Apple eMate 300 press releases last week. One of the press releases talked about how well the eMate 300 is being accepted in the K-12 marketplace, and another noted that Apple is now offering eMates and eMate/Macintosh bundles to just about anyone. For example the Parent Buy Program runs until 15Jun97 and offers a Macintosh Performa 6400/180 with an eMate 300 for US\$2299. For more info call: 800.434.3033 or visit: <<http://education.apple.com/>>. There are other programs available like Campus Direct Individual Purchase Program at: 800.877.4433. And Apple Educator Advantage Home Computer Purchase Program at: 800.959.2775.

In other Apple news, Pete Richardson <webmaster@newton.apple.com> reports that the Newton Systems Group has completely re-designed their WWW pages. Check them out at: <<http://newton.info.apple.com>>. Send comments to Pete at the address listed above.

Newton Tidbits

Newton Gets 9% Of The Market

According to Dataquest, some 700,000 standard handheld units were shipped in worldwide in 1996. The market share was broken up as:

- 51% U.S. Robotics
- 25% Hewlett-Packard
- 9% Apple
- 3% Casio
- 2% Sony
- 10% Other

[Mark Moore, PC Week, 19May97, page 6]

Details On Newton Used On Tibetan Trek

Penny Lunt has several Newton mentions including a picture in an article entitled "Tibetan Trek Takes Imaging To The End Of The Earth: Custom-made digital photography systems lets Sir Christian Bonington's expedition post images never seen before to the Web" on page 36 of Imaging Magazine published on Jun97. The key part of this project was a MP130 that communicated with an INMARSAT Mobiq satellite phone to upload pictures taken using an Agfa digital camera. The whole system was designed and engineered by a company called Logica based in Lexington, MA (617.476.8000). The article mentioned that Sir Bonington was already a Newton user before the trek so using the Newton was a given considering "it's a well-proven platform." For more information check out the following URL: <<http://www.bonington.com>>.

Photographers Using the Newton???

Michael Marlborough <harshpic@wr.com.au> is looking for other photographers who are using the Newton in their work (either professionally or personally). Please contact Michael if you are interested in discussing the world of Newton and taking photos.

Adjustable MP2K Stand

HI-RIZER <info@hi-rizer.com> reports that they are now shipping their HiRizer stands for the MP2K that are built out of machined magnesium, and will work in both an office and/or a car using dual adjustable swivel mounts. For more information: <<http://www.hi-rizer.com>>.

Small Surge Protector

Tripp Lite <<http://www.triplite.com>> has a small 'portable' surge protector that they called the "SMP Notebook Computer Surge Suppressor". The device will protect modem in, phone in (with phone out), and a single power supply. The unit costs US\$24.95. The only draw back is that the power supply plug is on the top of the unit thus if you plugged in the new MP2K power plug you'd cover up the phone line inputs. [Information Week, 19May97, page 136]

New Newtons Available Down Under

Simon Tout <s.tout@unsw.edu.au> reports that NewtonWorld in Sydney, Australia has the MessagePad 2000 (Aus-\$1600) and eMate 300 (Aus-\$1300) available for purchase.

Gecko - A Newton Magazine

Gerald Fox <gfox@bekkoame.or.jp> would like to remind Newton users that Gecko Magazine -- a free monthly Newton Magazine that is published for the Web and for the Newton in Newton Book format can be access via: <<http://members.aol.com/geckoweb/gecko.html>>.

Bulls Use Newtons On TV

Benjamin Smith <benjs@ix.netcom.com> reports noticing the Chicago Bulls personnel using MessagePad 2000s on the sidelines during a recent Bulls vs. Miami Heat playoff game.

Newton To Be Used By USDA

John Moore has an article entitled "Handheld Technology: GTSI nets large USDA buy of Apple's Newton" on page 43 of Federal Computer Week published on 19May97. According to the article, Government Technology Services Inc. (GTSI) will provide the USDA with 484 MessagePad 2000s for a price of US\$457,065 (or approximately US\$944.35 each) for a forms & data management solution for USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service. For more information check out: <<http://www.fcw.com>>.

Newton Chat Event

Raven Zachary <raven@rinzai.com> reports that Newton Intelligence held a very informative chat session with Newton developer Serg Koren on 25May97 (Sunday) at 5 p.m. (EDT). You can learn more about Newton Intelligence and check out text transcripts of all their chats via the following URL: <<http://www.rinzai.com/ni/>>.

Newton Used at Conference for Data Entry

Susan Saporito-Irwin <irwinsue@inlink.com> reports that a recent scientific convention she attended used 150 Newton MP130s for information entry and database entry. Vendors and attendees were reportedly very impressed with the set-up.

FormLogic Beta Testers Wanted

Thomas Meissner <TMeissner@acm.org> reports that Wright Strategies is seeking Beta testers for FormLogic version 3.0 -- an applications platform for developing, deploying, and managing mobile applications which connect mobile workers to enterprise information systems. Version 3.0 adds support for the Windows CE and Newton MessagePad 2000 platforms, and enhances the support for the Newton MessagePad 130. To learn more, and to download the Beta version, please visit their Web site at: <<http://www.wrightstrat.com>>.

Demoing Newton Technology

Hardy Macia <hardy@catamount.com> reports that the Vermont MacJam

97 will be held in Montpelier, Vermont on 28Jun97. The Newton User Group in that area -- NewtChamp -- will be demoing eMates and MP2Ks. For more information check out: <<http://www.together.net/~hardy/NewtChamp.html>>.

Newton Primer Posted

Marton Carungay <martonc@macconnect.com> reports the release of the much anticipated 'Newton Primer' -- a hypertext resource guide (not really a FAQ) for the Newton community that should be especially useful for first-time Newton users -- has been posted to the following World Wide Web site at: <<http://www.macconnect.com/~martonc/newterati/primer.html>>.

Solar Power Your Newton

Darrel Tenter <darrel@wildwestweb.com> suggests that those mobile users with access to the Sun during their busy day, should seriously check out Keep It Simple Systems' (KISS) Luna II solar charging unit for all of Apples Newton MessagePad systems. The unit should keep your internal battery from being drained while hooked up to Luna II and the hardware add-on only costs US\$99. For more information: <<http://wildwestweb.com>>.

EMate Central to Apple Booth at CUE

Mike <Readable@aol.com> reports that at the recent Computer Using Educators (CUE) Show held 09-10May97 in Palm Springs, CA he spotted several eMate 300s at Apple's booth (no MP2Ks were on display, but Mike reports he was hounded by attendees for more info about his MP2K everytime he took it out to use it). Mike was impressed by how popular the eMates were with the crowd, and with most of the features offered to the educator by the eMate.

New Newton Books Available

Jeff Iverson <j5rson@prairie.lakes.com> reports the Release 3 of his 'most excellent' Airports Newton Book reference guide. This book contains over 9,200 airport identity codes for US\$10 shareware. Iverson Software has also posted Release 1 of the Newton Book of Generic Drugs -- a searchable US\$10 shareware package that contains over 300 generic drugs, and lists their manufacturer, tradename, treatment class and indication (reason for usage). For more information check out: <<http://prairie.lakes.com/~j5rson/business/ebooks.html>>.

San Jose Mercury News Has Good MP2K Review

T. Erik Browne <tbrowne@shell5.ba.best.com> pointed out on the USENET newsgroup comp.sys.newton.misc that the San Jose Mercury News has a 'good' MessagePad 2000 review posted to the World Wide Web via: <<http://www.sjmercury.com/business/compute/scrabble042797.htm>> or <<http://www.mercurycenter.com/business/compute/scrabble042797.htm>> or <<http://www.sjmercury.com/business/compute>>.

This excellent, well researched article was written by Tim Colson <tcolson@sjmercury.com>, and according to Tim has an interesting story behind the article. Tim was originally only going to write a sidebar article to 'correct' some of the many mistakes in the dreaded New York Times MP2K article written by Mr. Manes that NewtNews has been commenting on for the last couple of weeks. But Tim did such a good job on the first pass of his 'sidebar' that his editor asked him to extend the article so that it could actually replace the Manes article in the Sunday edition of the San Jose Mercury News. Major NewtNews kudos for Tim!

Recent Newton Mentions

Apple has a full page MP2K ad on page 12 of MacWeek published on 12May97. [Editor: It should be noted that MacWeek has a new look and feel, along with some new features and formats. Check it out!]

Apple also ran their "Only Apple" 8 page ad in the 12May97 edition of PC Week starting on page 42. This series features the Power Macintosh 6500/300, the Power Macintosh 7300/180 PC Compatible, the eMate 300 (big

picture), and the MessagePad 2000 with keyboard (small picture). Apple also ran a two-page ad starting on page 40 of InfoWorld (12May97) for their 240-MHz PowerBook 3400.

Reuters ran a story on 12May97 that included a Newton mention. The article was in reference to the recent news about handheld computer shipments in 1996 -- PalmPilot shipments rose by 29%; should rise by 27% in 1997; and in 1996 the PalmPilot had 51% of the complete market out of a total 1.6 million units. Windows CE device did not do as well as expected, but the Newton "sold relatively well" and "gained popularity [with] order-entry [workers]." There was also a story about this subject posted to: <<http://www.merc.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=2903241-30c>>. DataQuest and PC Data Research were the reported research firms that conducted this data. [inews]

Bill Houle at NCR Corporation has a letter to the editor published in the 12May97 edition of Information Week with a Newton mention. He says nice things about the MP2K but notes that if Apple decides to keep the Newton it must not treat the Newton like they treated their Macintosh product. The article was in reference to a 28Apr97 article called "Newton Dilemma" published on page 85.

According to sources on CompuServe the magazine Nation published on 06May97 has a MessagePad 2000 review in it. The article has 'glowing' things to say about the MP2K, and also mentions that the MP2K will ship in parts of Europe, Australia and select Asia-Pacific countries by the end of the month. Other tidbits include: many applications for the Newton exist on the Internet; the Newton is still popular in the vertical markets like health care, field service, and sales force automation; and that several hardware developers are using the Newton to build custom information appliances with this technology. [EDITOR: The article is called "MessagePad 2000 Sets The Pace" and is copyright by WorldSources Online a joint venture of FDCH & and World Times.]

Still More Newton Mentions

Short pointer to the news that Wynd Communications is now shipping a WyndMail for Newton version 2.5 that runs on Apple's MessagePad 2000, 130, and 120. You can learn more on page 46 of PC Week published on 19May97.

Geoff Baum has a Newton mention in an article called "Bouncing Back: In high tech failure is rarely a dead end. It's just another opportunity" that starts on page 49 of Forbes ASAP published on 02Jun97. Given the title of the article, can you guess in what context the Newton mention is?!? Yes ... it is the "Where are they now?" sideline article that mentions the Newton in John Sculley's biography. Yes ... Mr. Sculley "committed too much capital to the troubled handheld Newton." (page 52).

Apple Developer Technical Support (DTS) Group answered Newton OS and NewtonScript questions on page 101 of MacTech published on Jun97 in their "Newton Q&A: Ask the Llama" section.

Charles Haddad has a Newton mention in the article entitled "Hand-held MessagePad winning rave reviews" published on 04May97 in The Atlanta Journal - The Atlanta Constitution. The article covers the recent positive industry press about the MessagePad 2000, has a good summary of the MP2K's features, and notes that Atlanta's 24-hour Cable TV news channel - CNN -- has plans to test the MP2K for day-to-day news reporting capabilities.

Tom Crowley <crowltom@niacc.cc.ia.us> reports that TV Technology published on 22May97 has a feature about Frank Beacham and how he uses a MP2K with the Newton software solution Shot Logger at WGBH in Boston, MA. The complete article can be found on page 24.

David Kalish at The Associated Press had a Newton mention in an article entitled "Newton Spinnoff Fails To Pare Rot At Core of Apple Computer" published on 24May97 in the Portland Oregonian. David notes that the Newton's future is now a "little clearer, but Apple's is as hazy as ever." The

rest of the article is a mostly a focus on Apple's Macintosh business strategy and how much overall David feels [SDH: Given the quotes and the stats he feeds his readership.] Apple is just a sinking ship that hasn't changed its ways at all. Even with the recent popularity with Apple's latest products, it seems, according to David, to little to late.

Register Your Newton

Anthony Matthews <bnet@pobox.com> has created a new free service called 'The Newton Registry' that lets you "register the serial number of your Newton, for later retrieval if you lose it or it's stolen. You can also register stolen Newtons, and anyone can plug in a serial number to see if it belongs to a stolen Newton." For more information check out this URL: <<http://pobox.com/~bnet/newton/register.htm>>.

Newton Book Versions of NewtNews

Mark Richard Heringer <heringermr@pobox.com> continues to post the latest NewtNews Newton book packages to the following URL on a very timely basis: <<http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/Park/9987>>.

Status Of NIV and Other Bible Parts

David Fedor <servant@pobox.com> at Servant Software reports the availability of NIV New Testament and Psalms/Proverbs/Ecc1/Song via the following URL: <<http://www.pobox.com/~servant/servant.html>>. You must send in a US\$20 check to the following address to get the password: Servant Software, 10113 Parish Place, Cupertino, CA 95014. Expect more parts within the near future.

Cellular Email Success

Paul <paulm@ultranet.com> reported on comp.sys.newton.misc that he has successfully logged on and gotten email using Eudora Pro for Newton on a MP2K using the Megahertz CruiseCard (#XJA3288) and the NOK2 cable with a Nokia 232 cellular phone.

Chinese Language Kit for MP2000

Chun-Hsien Lin <jslin@cc.unalisc.com.tw> reports that he has some posted some details on how to use Chinese on a MP2K on some English and Chinese pages at: <<http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/Pines/9335/MP2KCLK.html>>.

Using The Newton For Lynx Web Browsing

Paul Quinlan <osteo@umich.edu> reports that he has written a detailed article about using a Unix based Lynx browser to 'browse' the Internet using handheld systems. You can find the complete document via: <<http://www.psych.med.umich.edu/web/umpsyh/staff/osteo/LynxBrowsing/index.htm>>. The 'study' uses an Apple Newton MessagePad and the site also includes a QuickTime movie documenting Lynx browsing on a MessagePad.

Palmedic And Transcriptionist Integration Planned

JRAD consulting and Tactile Systems have announced plans to improved the integration between their two products Palamedic and Transcriptionist. This new 'plug-in' technology is documented via the World Wide Web at: <<http://www.maxmac.com/jrad/Palmedic/transcriptionistNote.html>>. For a limited time you'll be able to purchase a bundle of these three packages for US\$300 (a savings of US\$150). For more information about this offer call: 800.5.Newton or 303.841.1114.

New AMUG Mirror

Frantisek Jilek <jilek@mppc.grjablko.cz> reports that Czech Newton VAR and SI "Granatove jablko" has turned on an AMUG mirror at: <ftp://ftp.grjablko.cz/pub/Mirrors/Amug_Archive/>, and that this server will also support European language Newton packages and projects also. If you are a developer that would like to have your Newton software highlighted on this site please send Frantisek email at the address above. You can also get more info via: <<http://www.grjablko.cz>>

Newton Essentials 2.1 Class

Neil Rhodes <neil@pobox.com> reports that he will be teaching a new version of the Apple's Newton Essentials class that has been updated for Newton OS 2.1. The class will be held 08-13Jun97 in San Jose, California. The cost is US\$1500 and the class size is limited. For more info: <<http://www.calliopeinc.com/training.html>>.

More Case Recommendations

Dale Brearcliffe <dbear@crl.com> has found that the laptop case Targus (Model #CLN1) works well with holding his MP2K, keyboard, and Richochet modem. There is also room for file folders and other accessories. The case typically sells for US\$100.

Ashton Vaughs <avaughs@primenet.com> thinks that the Pacific Moon Trading company case that is being used with Ashton's MP110 is pretty good. Pictures have been posted via the following World Wide Web site at: <<http://www.primenet.com/~avaughs/newton.html>>. If you'd like a similar case for the MP2K you should call them at: 800.666.6728 and let either Seal or Elena know your interest.

George Kociuba <GwwwK@aol.com> has a limited quantity of what he feels is a pretty good Newton travel case -- it easily holds a Newton, keyboard, cellphone, etc ... and he is willing to sell them for US\$8 + S&H. The bag measures 6.5 x 2.5 x 16 inches. NewtNews posted a picture of the case via: <http://www.ridgecrest.ca.us/NewtNews/NN_new.html>.

ClubPDA News

ClubPDA List <clubpdalist@list.pacbus.com> had the following specials recently: NEC Mobile Pro 400 4MB for US\$449 (N022-1562); and MAR Software's "The Executive" stand for \$49.95. You can learn more via: <<http://www.clubpda.com>>. When ordering us "Code 931897". ClubPDA will be participating in the MacFair LA 97 (Burbank, CA) on 16-18May97 in booth 610. For more information about the conference: <<http://www.macfair.com/>>. It should also be noted that the ClubPDA Volume 3 Newton Catalog is going to press and will be delivered in a couple of weeks. To get a catalog be sure to sign-up via their WWW site. The ClubPDA MessagePad 2000 Availability Page is also still active at: <<http://www.pacbus.com/ClubPDAHome/PDAResourcesFolder/PDARMP2K.html>>.

NIV Bible Text Now Available For Newton

Servant Software <servant@pobox.com> reports that you can now get the NIV Bible text for your Newton via their password protected WWW site. You must send in a US\$20 check to the following address to get the password: Servant Software, 10113 Parish Place, Cupertino, CA 95014. You can get more information via: <<http://www.pobox.com/~servant/servant.html>>.

Newton & the Web

Newton Discussion Forum

David Gewirtz <david@component-net.com> has created an interactive "Newton Discussion Forum" on a WWW site that you can access via the following URL: <<http://www.component-net.com/webx?14@.ee6b579>>.

Newton Mentions On The WWW

MacSurfer (19May97) had a Newton mention in reference to the need that Apple had to make a Newton decision: <<http://www.macsurfer.com>>. It should also be noted that MacInTouch <<http://www.macintouch.com>> and MacCentral <<http://www.maccentral.com>> also have both recently had a great deal of 'solid' Newton coverage.

The Computists' Communique (TCC) published on 20May97 (Vol. 7, No. 33) had a Newton news section. For more information about this most excellent newsletter check out: <<http://www.computists.com>>.

TidBITS#380/19-May-97 <<http://www.tidbits.com>> reported the release of the update to Newton Connection Utilities 1.0 via Apple's FTP servers. The updater works on Newton Connection Utilities 1.0b6 that shipped with earlier MP2Ks and eMate 300s.

Dan Costa has a MP2K review (not that good though) in the Jun97 edition of Computer Shopper entitled "An Apple for Core Devotees". Dan thinks the unit is too big and heavy, handwriting recognition is "far from acceptable", "the filing system is enigmatic as ever" and will basically only appeal to devoted Newton fans. The complete article (with a couple of positive comments) can be accessed via the World Wide Web at: <<http://www8.zdnet.com/products/content/newrev/cshp/0516cs5.html>>.

Marton Carungay <martonc@macconnect.com> reports that The New York Times Syndicate Web site has an article about what Steve Wozniak thinks about about the new Newton eMate 300. Check it out the article via: <http://nytsyn.com/live/Latest/140_052097_120014_29887.html>.

Marton Carungay <martonc@macconnect.com> also reports that Mac Home Journal recently had an interview with Apple's CEO Gil Amelio who is quoted as saying the that sales of the eMate 300 could reach the hundreds of thousands. More info at: <<http://www.machome.com/Features/gill.html>>.

Newton Info Pointers

Douglas Luckie <luckie@pilot.msu.edu> reports that the Michigan State Newton User Group's (MSNUG) May 1997 'newtletter' is out via: <<http://pilot.msu.edu/~luckie/letters/msnug2.htm>>.

Bryan Oakley <oakley@healthcare.com> recently posted to another edition to his "What's right with the Newton, Part III" opinion pieces to the WWW at: <<http://www1.clearlight.com/~oakley/newton/index.html>>.

Michael Neely <webmaster@newtoninfo.com> has published Issue 5 of this NewtWire newsletter on 10May97. This issue has details on: Top News; Follow Up - Newton 2000 Problems; and Follow Up - NewtonSource's Poor Service. For more information check out: <<http://www.newtoninfo.com>>.

Apple Developer News had a pointer to a new MessagePad 2000 review at: <<http://www.component-net.com/dg/97-04-25-review.html>> and a pointer to the Newton Doctor support Web site that offers solutions, and tips at: <<http://www.pacificnet.net/~businet/newton/doctor/index.cgi>>.

The latest issue of Mark/Space Newsletter has a pointer to a FAQ on using their PageNOW! product with the new Apple MessagePad 2000 at the following URL: <http://www.markspace.com/pagenow_newton_faq.html>.

The latest issue of TidBITS#379/12-May-97 has a Newton article entitled "MessagePad 2000: New Newton Exceeds Expectations" written by David Gewirtz <david@component-net.com>. You can get more info on the WWW via: <<http://www.tidbits.com>>. It should also be noticed that the latest issue of Cyberian Outpost is offering MP2Ks at a special price via TidBITS' DealBITS. You can get more information via the following URLs: <<http://www.tidbits.com/products/message-pad-2000.html>> and <<http://www.tidbits.com/products/message-pad-2000-deluxe.html>>.

Yael Li <Yael_Li-Ron@PCWorld.com> thinks NewtNews readers will enjoy her MessagePad 2000 review entitled "A PDA With an Identity Crisis? -- It's a PDA! It's a PC! It's a floor wax!" posted on the WWW on 06May97 at: <<http://www.currents.net/magazine/backiss/archart.html?gizm1509>>.

Recently Updated Newton Sites

- Newton Web Ring Home Page: <<http://pobox.com/~bnet/newton/webring.htm>>
- TeleType GPS: <<http://www.teletype.com/gps>>
- Ex Machina's PocketCall: <<http://www.exmachina.com>>

- Newton to Camera Project Pointer: <<http://www.eskimo.com/~hayes/camera.html>>
- Softcare's FitLog: <<http://www.softcare.com>>
- FitnessLog: <<http://members.aol.com/fitnesslog>>
- Conway's Life Game [Benchmark]: <<http://www.tiac.net/users/jdb/index.html#LIFE>>
- Digital Gourmet: <<http://www.teletype.com>>.
- Jorg Bauer's NewtTris: <<http://binky.seas.upenn.edu/~jorj/newton.html>>
- Keep It Simple Systems's Luna II solar charging unit: <<http://wildwestweb.com>>
- HI-RIZER adjustable stand for MP2K: <<http://www.hi-rizer.com>>

Mac Sites Continue to Have Newton Stuff on Them

Both MacInTouch <<http://www.macintouch.com>> and MacCentral <<http://www.maccentral.com>> have had several Newton, MessagePad 2000, or eMate 300 mentions over the last two weeks. MacCentral's Bill Morison <bmorison@maccentral.com> reported recently that CNN has been using MP2Ks for their staff reporters, and these two reports were also posted:

- "Newton Rising: Marton Carungay talks Newton and why Apple should hold on to it" <<http://www.maccentral.com/features/050297.shtml>>
- "eMate: Where are You? Simon Nelson expresses his frustration over the limited availability of Apple's super-cool, eMate 300" <<http://www.maccentral.com/features/042997.shtml>>

Good USENET Posts to Track Down

Bryan Oakley <oakley@healthcare.com> has finished another in a series of posts entitled "What's right with the Newton, Part II" to the various USENET handheld newsgroups. You can check out the articles on the WWW at: <<http://www1.clearlight.com/~oakley/newton/index.html>>.

Patrick Tufts <zipy@cs.brandeis.edu> had a good post to the USENET newsgroup comp.sys.newton.programmer entitled "writing NOS PCMCIA drivers: summary" on 06May97. You should be able to track it down via: <<http://www.hotbot.com>>.

Avanti Listserver

Felix Hagno <hgas6@hgas.gu.se> reports that Avanti Software has created a new listserver dedicated to providing their customers with more detailed information about their Newton products -- Shuffler and QuickPress. To subscribe send an email to: <hgas6@hgas.gu.se> with the words "subscribe avanti" in the message body, leave the subject empty. For more information check out: <<http://lthmtek.msek.lth.se/~cim93hf4/avanti.html>> or send email to: <avanti@kagi.com>.

Newton Internet Chats

Raven Zachary <raven@rinzai.com> reports that Newton Intelligence has had Dan Rowley from ICS (04May97) and Ben Gottlieb from Stand Alone (11May97) on their HotLine chat service. You can learn more about future chats via: <<http://www.rinzai.com/ni/>>.

Jim Bailey <jdb@shore.net> reports that there is a weekly IRC chat for Newton Developers called Llamatalk every Thursday at 9:30 P.M. (EST) at: <sparky.online.apple.com> in the #Devchat room.

Ken Germann <keng@winternet.com> has created a Newton IRC channel via EscapeNet <<http://www.escape.net>>. Use the following IRC server: <irc.escape.net> in the #newton channel.

Other PDA News

Xerox Sues Over Graffiti

Patrick Curtain <patrick@swdev.com> and several others sent NewtNews pointers to news about "Xerox sues U.S. Robotics over Graffiti". Apparently Xerox has a patent that "covers the recognition of handwritten text using an alphabet system designed for reliable recognition in pen comput-

ers." Joe Holmes <joeholmes@pobox.com> reported that you can get a postscript version of the Xerox Unistrokes paper via FTP at the following URL: <<ftp://ftp.parc.xerox.com/pub/unistrokes/>>.

PalmPilot

T. Erik Browne <tbrowne@shell5.ba.best.com> pointed out on the USENET newsgroup comp.sys.newton.misc that the San Jose Mercury News has a 'positive' PalmPilot review posted to the World Wide Web via: <<http://www.sjmercury.com/business/techtest/ttest042797.htm>>.

Metrowerks is now shipping CodeWarrior for PalmPilot Developer Release 2 (DR/2) hosted on Windows 95/NT and Mac OS.

Mike Langberg at Knight-Ridder News Service had a PalmPilot review circulate throughout the publishing world recently. NewtNews saw the article entitled "PalmPilot PDAs are (P)retty (D)arn (A)lluring" on page 14 of the Union-Tribune's ComputerLink insert published on 06May97.

Spencer F. Katt's Rumor Central published on 26Apr97 on page 182 of PC Week has a PalmPilot mention. The short blurb is about the rumor that recent 3Com purchaser of U.S. Robotics has plans to sell their U.S. Robotics' Palm Computing division.

Brenda Christensen <brenda_christensen@goldminesw.com> reports that the current version of GoldMine for Windows 95 and Windows NT 4.0 currently support PalmPilot and Windows CE devices. GoldMine is an advanced PIM solution that is designed from the ground up to be a 'salespersons' best friend. For more info: <<http://www.goldminesw.com>>.

Windows CE

Mark Moore has an article entitled "Win CE Slims Down: Next Generation of Handhelds will take aim at PalmPilot" on page 6 of PC Week published on 19May97. The next generation of Windows CE will include a pocket-size device in the US\$300 range to target the U.S. Robotics' PalmPilot market. Expect Windows CE 2.0 to be on the street in Nov97 (announced in Sep97). Some features: handwriting recognition software, software modem, and better PIM functionalities

Mark Moore also has an article entitled "HP Ships Windows CE-Based 300LX Series of Palmtops" on page 48 of PC Week published on 19May97. The article notes the unique features of the 300LX series, and that HP's market share in the handheld marketplace should increase to 23% in 1997.

Computer Reseller News <<http://www.crn.com>> recently reported a host of new rumors surrounding Microsoft's future plans for Windows CE. Microsoft will host a Windows CE Developers Conference during the week of 12May97 in San Diego, California. Demos are expected from Microsoft of a "wallet-sized prototype" codenamed 'Gryphon' and "car navigation device" codenamed 'Apollo'. Another version of Windows CE will also reportedly be shipping on WebTV devices. [Farcast]

HP has a HP 300 Series Palmtop PC ad in PC Week (28Apr97) on page 47, and on page 45 of InfoWeek (05May97). This is one of the latest and 'reportedly greatest' Windows CE HPCs on the market. For more info: <<http://www.hpresource.com/palmtop-2>>.

Mark Moore covers the news of the new NEC VR4102 processor that is Windows CE savvy and the news of NEC cutting the price of their Mobile Pro 400 Windows CE handheld from US\$649 to US\$499 on page 39 of PC Week published on 05May97.

T. Erik Browne <tbrowne@shell5.ba.best.com> pointed out on the USENET newsgroup comp.sys.newton.misc that the San Jose Mercury News has a 'negative' Windows CE review posted to the World Wide Web via: <<http://www.sjmercury.com/business/techtest/tt120896.htm>>.

Jim Louderback <louderback@zd.com> has his "Mind The Gap" opinion article entitled "Got the Deep Blue Blues? It's Just Another Cool Tool" on page 165 of PC Week published on 12May97. There is a Windows CE mention in his 'Other musings' section -- " ... So WebTV really isn't doing

well after all. It looks like Microsoft's Windows CE operating system is bust, too. Could this mean death for the thin client, or is it just a minor setback? ... "

Metrowerks and Motorola have signed an agreement to work together to build a Codewarrior development environment to enable developers to build Windows CE solutions running on Motorola's PowerPC 821 Embedded Microprocessors. [Farcast]

Magic Cap

Expect news within the next 30 to 60 days on more details about General Magic's new Magic Cap 3.0 operating system, and who their hardware partners will be for Magic Cap 3.0 devices. The new OS runs on the MIPS RISC R3000 processor.

Software Releases

New Version Of Form Tools Available

Shana is now shipping Informed Designer and Informed Filer versions 2.0 for Macintosh and Windows desktop systems. Both of these new versions will interact with the older 1.0 versions of Informed for Newton. But there are reportedly some things to look out for. The major push for 2.0 is greater Internet features, and much better form creation and data entry capabilities. For more info send an email to: <info@shana.com> or check out: <<http://www.shana.com>>.

Sound Recording Utility Released

David M. Pompea <74736.172@compuserve.com> at DMP Systems reports the release of a Newton solution called "DSR-1" that enables recording of Notepad sounds via the Power Switch on/off capabilities. DSR-1 will run in fully functional demo mode for 45-days and retails for US\$10. For more information check out: <<http://www.netacc.net/~dmpsyst>>.

Two New Things From Tactile Systems

Robert Bruce <rbruce@tactile.com> has posted a new Newton utility called WordBuddy at: <<http://rainbow.rmi.net/~rbruce/tactile/xWordBuddy.html>>. Robert is also working on a email listserver to link those who have Newton package file storage sites online together, and also attempts to tie in the developers so that it is easier to distribute Newton software. For more information send an email to: <rbruce@tactile.com> with the title set to: "Site Host."

New Version of Slurpee Available

Steve Weyer <weyer@kagi.com> has posted on 22May97 new version of his Newton to/from desktop text/data transfer utility -- Slurpee 2.0 -- which supports transferring paragraphs or tab-delimited text to and from the Newton via a terminal emulator or a serial connection. What is new to 2.0 for Newton 2.x:

- import gray scale graphics
- import/export packages
- support for larger binary objects

The software is US\$10 shareware, and you can get more information via <<http://www.netaxs.com/~weyer/newton/releases.html>>.

C Pocket Reference

Paul Meyers <meyers@cise.ufl.edu> has created a Newton Book that contains C Pocket Reference material including sections on: I/O Functions, String, Math, Time and Date, and Memory Allocation. For more information: <<http://mac-iac.cise.ufl.edu>>.

Update To Newt'spaper

Serg Koren <archimag@netaxs.com> has announced the release of his Newt'sPaper 05/19/97-1 -- a USENET news (NNTP) reader solution for NIE enable Newton devices. This new version includes a host of new fea-

tures and bug fixes. For more information check out the following URL: <http://www.netaxs.com/~archimag/Newton/MyStuff/NewtPaper.html>.

Thesaurus For Newton

Hayes Haugen <hayes@eskimo.com> has posted his program called 'Lextionary' to: <http://www.eskimo.com/~hayes/dictionary.html>. This solution contains definitions for 60,000 words and synonym sets for 119,000 words, plus over 750,000+ cross references between words. More GUI features are going to be added in the near future which should make cross reference access easier.

Two General Purpose Newton Utilities Released

Yischon <yischon@netcom.com> reports that Deep Focus Designs has released Flash Clock 2.0 -- a freeware extension that allows you to modify settings for the clock such as font, size, and style. The clock display can be placed anywhere on the screen and can be made to be persistent. Deep Focus Designs has also released GCStat 1.1 that should help in making accurate heap assessments and memory garbage collection. For more info check out: <http://www.deepfocus.com/>.

New Utilities and Game Package Posted

Allan Wright <aew@pease1.sr.unh.edu> reports the release of Bulletproof Utilities 2.0 (freeware) for Newton 2.x which contains Newton Rebooter and Sleeper2. Allan has also released a freeware 'tile sliding puzzle' called Puzzle for Newton 2.x. For more information check out the following site: <http://pease1.sr.unh.edu/aew/newton>.

New Stuff From Catamount

Hardy Macia <hardy@catamount.com> reports the release of the following Newton software packages:

- Silk: position and resize the backlight toggle button
- MORGAN 1.0.2: The Newton Media ORGANizer (MORGAN) catalogs CDs, books, tapes, comic books, video, and other collections of media.
- PocketMoney 2.1.1: tracks daily expenses, and uploads transactions to the desktop once a week.

For more information check out: <http://www.catamount.com>.

Golf Application Gets Quick Update

Rick Armstrong at Sun Sabre Software reports that a new version of their ScorePad application is now available from their World Wide Web site. Version 3.0.1 fixes a bug with handicap calculation and with routing problems. Rick also reports that the 'Analysis' feature can now analyze your scoring average. For more information check out the following URL: <http://members.aol.com/sunsabre/ScorePad.html>.

New Stuff from NSG

Keith Rollin <rollin@newton.apple.com> reports that the Newton System Group (NSG) has posted an updater for their WinNTK 1.6 (developer tool) via: <http://devworld.apple.com/dev/newton/tools/ntk.html#WinNTK.Updater1.6.1b1>. It should also be noted that Apple has also recently updated their version of Newton Connection Utilities (NCU) to version 1.0 (after being an announced product some 15+ months ago). Check out the recently redesigned NSG pages at: <http://newton.info.apple.com> for more information.

Some Recent Updates

Sanjay Vakil <help@scrawlsoft.com> reports the posting of version 0.981b of PT100 -- their public beta VT102 and Telnet (using Apple's Newton Internet Enabler) package. For more info: <http://www.scrawlsoft.com>.

Keith Erskine <kerskine@fetchsoft.com> reports that Fetch Software has posted version 1.2.5 of their GoFetch NIE-savvy email client with a new schedule feature to: <http://www.fetchsoft.com/gofetch>.

Paul Cimino <cimino@voicenet.com> reports that Trans Lunar Designs has release version 1.5 of ModemBridge for the Newton -- which lets you use your Newton PC Card modem or IR port from a desktop machine using a serial connection. For more information about this US\$25 product check out: <http://www.voicenet.com/~cimino>

Hayes Haugen <hayes@eskimo.com> reports the Release 2 of Lava -- a backlight control and 'screen saver' for the Newton via the following site: <http://www.eskimo.com/~hayes/lava.html>.

Unix To Newton Package Downloader

Richard Li <clli@kagi.com> has posted his shareware Linux & Solaris to Newton package downloader solution called UnixNPI 1.0 to the following site: <http://www.ee.cityu.edu.hk/~clli/unixnpi.html>.

Backlight Utility

Adam Tow <atow@tow.com> has released a new free utility called Backlight Plus that should give you more control and flexibility over your Newton's backlighting. For more information: <http://www.tow.com>

Two Newton Security Products Unveiled

Ted Ling <ted@steamradio.com> has released a new Newton extension called Master Key v1.0.3 that should add "functionality to the existing Newton security PIN protection." This solution adds a 'Master Key' to your Newton that will override a 'normal' PIN. This solution is ideal for vertical markets or in situations where system admins have to control a number of Newton devices. For more information about this solution: <http://www.steamradio.com/SRLpages/Technology/Newton/Masterkey1.0/MasterKe.html>.

Robert Lee <leere@mindspring.com> has released version 1.0 of passKeep via: <http://www.mindspring.com/~leere>. This is a tool that lets you log a series of passwords that you use to gain access to various systems on your Newton. You can also find the software distributed on the Sine of the Times site at: <http://www.sineware.com/products/passKeep/>.

Latest Serg Koren Software

Serg Koren <archimag@netaxs.com> has recently posted updates to:

- Newt'sPaper: NIE NNTP news reader
- WebJump: launch URLs from the Names
- VisualNewt: development environment
- Newt'sWeather: current weather tracker

For more info: <http://www.netaxs.com/~archimag/Newton/MyStuff/>.

Space Adventure Game Almost Ready for Release

Jorj Bauer <jorj@blue.seas.upenn.edu> reports that his DeepSpaceNewt game is almost completed. He has posted screen shots of DeepSpaceNewt to the following WWW page for those interested in this new Newton game: <http://binky.seas.upenn.edu/~jorj/newton/dsn.html>.

New Stuff From Landware

Clinton Logan <clinton@landware.com> reports the release of Lunar Lander PRO v2.1 with new grayscale graphics for the MP2K and eMate 300. The list price is US\$29, and upgrades for 'registered astronauts' is free -- send email to: <clinton@landware.com> for your update. In related news, Landware has also released a new version of proCALC Ex v2.1 that fully supports Newton 2.1 features. This utility is a full programmable scientific and business calculator. The software costs US\$59.95. For more information include screen snapshots check out the following WWW site at: <http://www.landware.com>.

Act! For Newton Updated

Symantec has apparently updated their Act for Newton solution via: <http://www.unboxed.com/newt.business.html#ACT>. This new version will suppose to fix Newton 2.1 woes. [Editor:Thanks to <MLBAKER100@aol.com>

for the pointer.]

New Version Of NewtDB Posted

David Pompea <74736.172@CompuServe.COM> has released version 1.25 of his very useful database Newton solution called NewtDb. This version includes support for the larger MP2K screen, screen rotation, and minor enhancements. There is also an updated XferDB that lets you transfer data to and from your Newton and desktop system. For more information: <<http://www.netacc.net/~dmpsyst>>. David also requests that Newton 1.x users contact him, because he is considering dropping support for older Newton OSes so he can take advantage of many in Newton OS 2.x.

Dates Utility Released

Saint John <morrisoj@dunx1.ocs.drexel.edu> has posted a new utility for the built-in Dates application called "SetAgendaView" to the following URL: <<http://www.dusers.drexel.edu/~stjohn>>. This freeware solution will set your Dates view to Agenda view as a default instead of Day view.

New Stuff From Catamount!

Hardy Macia <hardy@catamount.com> has released version 2.1.1 of PocketMoney <<http://www.catamount.com/PocketMoney.html>> and version 1.0.2 of MORGAN (Media Organizer). For more info: <<http://www.catamount.com>>.

New Stuff From Standalone!

Stand Alone Software has announce several new utilities:

- Heap Saver (US\$19.95): a package for the Newton which frees up between 5 and 20K of heap by removing unnecessary objects from memory.
- Button Bar Plus (US\$25): which includes the following features -- Multiple Thicknesses; Small and Large Icons; Multiple Configurations; Close the Button Bar; and Control System Functions.

For 30-day demos check out: <<http://www.standalone.com>>.

Pocketchart V2.0 Ships

T. Giannuli <tgiannuli@aol.com> reports that Physix has released version 2.0 of PocketChart that is specifically designed for the new Apple Newton MessagePad 2000. PocketChart is the "ideal clinical tool for those physicians and healthcare providers who are seeking increased productivity and reduced dictation costs." For more information call: 713.797.1199, fax: 713.794.0855, email: <sales@physix.com>, or check out: <<http://www.physix.com>>.

Wireless Newton Access

WyndMail is now shipping WyndMail for Newton version 2.5 that provides wireless capabilities for email and Web access starting at US\$29.95 and going up to US\$149.95 for unlimited usage. This version works on Apple's MP2K, MP120, and MP130 devices. For more information check out: <<http://www.wynd.com>> [inews]

New Stuff From Power Media!

Power Media <pmisales@aol.com> has announce three new products:

- The DeluxeCase 2K (US\$59.95): a protective case for the Newton MessagePad 2000.
- UnitMath (\$79.95) and UnitMath Lite (\$39.95): computes equations written on the NotePad
- Power Utilities for the Newton 2.1 OS: includes Works Better (enhancements to built-in Newton Works word processor), SpellMan (built-in spell checker), and Font Pack 2.0 (collection of new fonts)

For more information call: 503.684.8232 or fax: 503.684.6298 or check out: <<http://www.powermedia.com/~pmi>>.

Newton Tips & Tricks

Roger Coleman <Roger_Coleman@compuserve.com>

Expert Dragging And Copying In Notepad

Tim J. Courant <TJCourant@cic.cummins.com> and Nick Mandich <nmandich@netcomuk.co.uk>

Copying items several times can be conducted by first dragging the item to the side of the screen, then double-tap and drag from the side of the screen (clipboard). This will leave the clipboard copy in place while allowing a copy to be placed wherever you desire. (This also works with items in 'Dates')

Copying freeform note text to an outline creates a single topic. Outline to freeform text creates a single text block with headings tab indented.

With bulleted items (also checklist items) you can copy an entire level by dragging the top level item to the side of the screen, then double-tap and drag from the side to place the copy.

The interesting thing about creating a bulleted copy in this manner is that all the copies remain linked. For example, you copy a list that looks like this:

- o Top Level
- o Level 1
- o Level 2

If you drag the "Top Level" or "Level 1" items by dragging to the side of the screen, you will also get its subordinates. Double-tap and drag to place copies, drag from the side to place the final copy.

Now, change a value in ANY of the lists that was copied. Close the list (tap the bullet) and re-open, or go to another note (so this screen is not shown) and return, and you will find that the copies reflect the same change.

I have also found that this link between copies carries between notes (copy from one note to another) and between bulleted items and checklist items (copy the bulleted items to a checklist note to convert formats).

However, the link is NOT maintained when you perform the "Duplicate" function.

Backlight Whine With MP2K Audio Recording

Darrell Ray Elmore <darrell_ray_elmore@cobb.com>

The backlighting makes a highpitched whine and this is picked up by the Newt's microphone when recording audio on an MP2K, so turn the backlighting off while making voice notes! This whine has been referred to in many Usenet posts and Apple Support on the Developers page maintains that the whine is normal.

Quick HWR Gestures On MP120, OS2.0

The features that I use more than anything else on my MP120 are these gestures. These are documented in the Newt manual, but I thought I'd point them out incase anyone has missed them! They seem to work everywhere. To insert a space between to words accidentally joined together, write an upside-down 'v' just below where you want the space to be. To remove a space, write a 'v' just below the space that you don't want. There is a knack to writing the marks in just the right place, but it's worth having a go!

Capitalization Gestures on MP120, OS2.0

Here are some more neat gestures that make using the Newt a little quicker. To capitalize or de-capitalize the first letter of a word, the quickest thing to do is double tap it - the capitalized and non-capitalized versions of the word are always the top two options in the word list that pops up.

To do a whole word, first select the word you want by holding the pen until it squeaks and drawing a line through it. To make the word into all capitals, draw a vertical line up through the selected word from just below it to just above it. To make it all lower case, draw a line that goes down instead of

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Admin Stuff

To receive a notification when NewtNews Pro is first released each month, send email to <nnpro@aol.com> with "Notify NewtNewsPro" in the subject line. Past issues and additional information can be found at the NewtNews Pro website at <<http://members.aol.com/nnpro/newton.html>>. Please contact me with any questions, comments, etc. Any contributions to the content of NewtNews should be sent to Steve Holden <sholden@ridgecrest.ca.us>, Editor and Publisher of NewtNews.

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Products/Services

Solutions From **Landware**. All work in the Newton 2.0 OS.

- *ProCalc Ex*: Programmable calc. w/ SAN & RPN, incl: proCALC 12c.
- *QuickNames Pro*: Rapid access to names and much more.
- *X-Port*: The 2.0 connection utility. Send/receive notes, contacts...
- *KwikMenu*: the Newton dashboard, includes GestureLaunch Lite.
- *NewtPaint*: "MacPaint" on your Newton, w/zoom-in and screen shot.
- *Sync+*: Dates to Schedule+ 1.0 or 7.0

LandWare, 201-347-0031, <sales@landware.com>, <<http://www.landware.com>>

Frustrated by the amount of time required to input long notes? Looking for a faster method? **Gesture Mosaic** is a hybrid keyboard/recognition system which enables the rapid (30-40+ wpm) pen-based entry of text. Now updated for OS2.0, you can use it to quickly input text anywhere in your Newton. FREEWARE versions are available at: <<http://www.amtelcom.com/Mosaic>> For more information contact: <amtelmit@aol.com> or call: 800-696-6724.

ChessPad 2.0 turns the Newton into a digital chess book and a portable chess set. It contains 28 fully-annotated games played by the greatest players of all time, 100 brilliant winning combinations by Morphy, Tal, Fischer, and Kasparov, and 100 chess problems. ChessPad can also import games in Portable Game Notation format. Only \$39.95. Clear Lake Research 713.663.7513 <DavidL62@aol.com> <<http://members.aol.com/clrsch/chesspad.html>>

Stand Alone offers a variety of Newton applications for Newton 2.0:

- *Package PopUp*: instant access to all your packages, launch with a tap, automatically thaw and re-freeze. \$15.
- *Secure-A-Newt*: Password protect folders in your NotePad, Names, and Extras Drawer. Protect your info from prying eyes. \$20.
- *KeyMan*: Adds function keys, a multi-function calculator, and a new keyboard designed for one-fingered typing. \$20.
- *NoteMan*: Instant access to the NotePad from any package. \$10.
- *BackGammon*: The classic board game, brought to Newton. \$20.
- *Super Sorter*: Fast, Usable list management, featuring fully expandable and customizable list creation and editing. \$20

For information about any of these or other Stand Alone products, contact us at: <info@standalone.com>, or (312) 262-5150. Also check out our Web site at: <<http://www.standalone.com/newton>>.

Tim Constantine has several cutting edge Newton solutions: *Flash* - A Speed Reading Tutor; *CrazyDice* - Multi-player Strategy Game, and *Clean Notes* - Stationary w/o Lines. For more info: <timconstan@kagi.com> or <<http://www.kagi.com/timconstan>>. Tim is also available for custom New-

ton application development. Send Tim email if you have a question about custom application development or about his cutting edge solutions.

NEW! 8th Volume of the **Totally Incomplete PDA CD-ROM for Newton!** This CD-ROM from AMUG CD, Inc. contains over 1400 packages, and 600+ megs in Mac and PC format. 2.x & 1.x Packages can be downloaded directly from the CD to your MessagePad. Maximize your Newton experience! \$29 + S/H. Call AMUG 602.497-2244, or email <sales@amug.org> to order! See our Newton CD web page at <<http://cdrom.amug.org/>>.

Business Productivity Packages from **Pelicanware**. All packages for Newton 2.0 OS - Upgrades also available.

- *QuickFigure Pro 3.0*: Spreadsheet application \$59.95
- *NewtCase 3.0*: The Ultimate Utility Suite \$49.95
- *Notion 1.5*: High Performance List Manager \$59.95
- *AvailWorks 2.0*: Text, spreadsheets, drawing, and graphing \$79.95.

All from Pelicanware. For more details email: <info@pelicanware.com>, vox: 503-221-1148, fax: 503-221-8709, or <<http://www.pelicanware.com>>.

Catamount Software offers the following:

- *Pocketmoney* assists you in balancing your checking, savings, credit card and loan accounts. Export and import transactions to Quicken, MYM and other desktop based program.
- *Namigator* gives rapid access to Names. I know, I have over 5000.
- *MPG* helps you keep your vehicle records in order. Track fuel economy, record mileage for tax purposes, schedule repeating vehicle maintenance items for multiple vehicles.
- *Morgan* is the Newton Media ORGANizer. Track CDs, tapes, records books, laserdiscs, videos, and more...

For more information call 802-372-9512, email <products@catamount.com>, or visit our web site <<http://www.catamount.com>>.

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