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### Recent Announcements & Releases

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**SimTown.** Designed for children aged 8-12, SimTown lets children design, build, and manage their own neighborhood, complete with people, pets, various types of houses, streets, parks, stores, public buildings, pizza parlors, and video arcades. With SimTown, children can start with bare land, and construct a town with ready-made houses — including adobes, snow-covered cabins, Victorian mansions, little grass shacks, and more. SimTown requires a Macintosh 030 or above with CD-ROM, System 6.0.7 or above, and 4 MB RAM.

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**ChoiceStick.** Kernel Productions, Inc. announced today that the ChoiceStick™ - a joystick adapter which allows Sega Genesis, Atari 2600 and 7800, Sega Master System and 3DO joysticks to be used on the Macintosh - will be released January 30, 1995. The ChoiceStick also has two ports for two-player simultaneous play, works with commercially available 4-player adapters, and is the only product for the Macintosh that lets consumers use wireless controllers for the ultimate in gaming excitement.

The ChoiceStick works with any ADB-equipped Macintosh from the SE through the latest Power Macintoshes running System 7.0 or greater. The two port ADB design of the ChoiceStick ensures its compatibility with all ADB configurations without the need for ADB "Y" adapters.

The ChoiceStick has a powerful, easy-to-use, programmable interface. Any button on any attached stick can be programmed to perform a wide variety of mouse and/or keyboard activity. Each button on attached joysticks can generate up to eight user-definable keystrokes, or simulate mouse movement or mouse clicks. Any button can be set to auto-repeat, with independently adjustable rate. The ChoiceStick also supports two novel methods of keyboard character generation, one that generates "indexed" characters (i.e. "A", "B", "C" ...), and one that generates "record" character sets (i.e. "the", "quick", "brown", "fox"). Indexed character generation is useful for entering names in video-game fashion, and record character generation is useful for pressing sequences like "command-1, command-2, command-3...".

The settings for each game are independently configurable, and are automatically set up for the user as individual applications are run. Settings for all popular Macintosh games are included with the ChoiceStick, and new ones are incredibly easy to configure. A user-definable hot-key sequence (the default is control-option-command) brings up the ChoiceStick settings edit screen automatically, so settings are amazingly simple to add or change.

The ChoiceStick is available in three configurations: the ChoiceStick adapter alone (retail \$70) for those consumers who already own controllers supported by the ChoiceStick, the ChoiceStick adapter and an Asciiware joypad with directional pad and eight buttons (retail \$80), and the ChoiceStick adapter and an Asciiware joystick with directional stick and eight buttons (retail \$90).

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**Shadows of Carin.** Masque Publishing (303-290-9853) is shipping a new CD-ROM action/adventure game for Macintosh. The title is Shadows of Cairn. You, as Quinn, must foil a plot to murder the Duke. With 3D art, CD quality audio, live rotoscoped character movement, this cinematic adventure game takes you back to medieval times to quest and fight. The game will support a maximum of 1024x768 at 256 colors. There are over 50 minutes of digitally recorded soundtrack with 190 levels of detailed backgrounds filling more than 3,000 screens. With three difficulty levels, you'll journey through a trap filled dungeon, slimy sewers, an evil wizard's tower, a monster-filled hedge maze and streets and buildings filled with guards. Thief skills include running, walking, sneaking, crawling, climbing, fighting and lock picking. When fighting, ten different attack moves plus defensive moves comprise your activity.

**Blood Bath.** UnderWorld announces "Blood Bath", a new action game on Macintosh CD-ROM and floppy disk.

You're a cop in a small California city. Not much action. It's nice work, even if it does get a little sleepy. But wake up. Today's a new day. What do you want first--the good news or the bad news? An attempted take-over of a maximum security prison transfer has failed. That's the good news. The bad news is the breakout failed on your beat. Now hard core cons are running rampant through the streets. It's your job to hunt these bastards down. Grab a gun--it's time to clean up the streets.

"Blood Bath" is a shoot-em-up with an attitude. The video quality and playability of this game surpass even the best arcade and home games of this type. Your PC and home game machine friends will drool in envy when they see it. "Blood Bath" makes a corpse of the competition.

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