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## digital multifunction devices by HP and Canon, U.S.A

In last year's February 2002 issue of Digital Times, I reviewed my newly purchased Hewlett Packard multi-function [fax machine, copier and scanner] device, the OfficeJet V40. Within one week after the warranty expired, the drum somehow developed a nasty scratch.



Reviewed!

The 3-in-one device that interests me now is by Canon U.S.A. On April 24th, Canon announced two compact and affordable digital multifunction units at \$549.99 and \$499.99 respectively, the **imageCLASS D340 and D320**.



The **imageCLASS D660/D680** [pictured at left] are designed with business office functionality and are sister products to the newer and smaller imageCLASS D340 and D320... Both feature the Canon Single Cartridge System, which contains the drum, development unit and toner in one easily replaceable cartridge. These devices are for customers who are looking to upgrade from single to multi-function, and analog to digital capability.

The low-end units are robust digital laser copier/printers that deliver crisp, clear letter-size output with virtually maintenance-free performance. The S35 cartridge, which ships with the D340 and D320, yields approximately 3,500 black-and-white letter-size copies. The D340 50-sheet automatic document feeder accepts originals up to legal size making the imageCLASS D340 ideal for real estate or law offices. Reducing, enlarging, making draft copies and collating multi-page documents are all handled simply from the easy-to-use front control panel. Canon's patented RAPID Fusing System provides instant warm-up and eliminates waiting time. The D320 and D340 will be available through nationwide retailers next month. For dealer information in your area, please call 1-800-OK-CANON.

### Tomorrow's Supermarket: Digital, Digital, Digital

The supermarket of the future has cool technologies, such as wireless express checkout and a "VeggieVision" produce scale -developed by IBM designed to recognize fruit and print out the price sticker. The German retail chain Metro AG is promoting their new store that [showcases a number of new technologies](#). Customers cruise the aisles with a touchscreen on their shopping carts--they log into the system by scanning a customer ID card. By calling up a store map on the screen, customers can get directions to items they want to buy. The device lets them scan bar-coded goods as they toss them in the cart, then sends the prices for quick checkout, through the wireless network.

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## SONG, All-Digital Airline by Delta

How to entertain adults and kids on an airplane? Try interactive entertainment in the skies via Delta's all-digital SONG airline, Delta's entry into the low-cost airline market. SONG debuted April 15 and offers pay-per-view programming (complete with credit card slot to slide your card) via EchoStar's DISH network.



Seat-back video screens let you play interactive video games against other passengers, rent movies, and watch satellite TV programs. You can also stream

MP3s to your seat.

Why Song? According to John Selvaggi, President, "Song really represents that everyone has a song they love or a song that puts a smile on their face. It really represents independent choice."

Delta's SONG airline is initially servicing the very strong leisure base from New York to Florida. Beginning in June, Song will fly between [New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport](#) and [Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport](#). [Orlando to San Juan](#) and [Orlando to Las Vegas Routes are to Start in July!](#) There are plans to offer 144 flights on 36 Boeing 757 planes between more cities by year's end.

## Digitally Cool

### Media Center PC



A new type of desktop PC is being offered by Gateway, Hewlett-Packard, and other retailers. It uses a special version of Windows and comes with a compatible remote control for playing music and videos, viewing digital photos and even for watching T.V.

### Cool - Analog and Digital Technology



FoneStream is a new, inexpensive webcast service providing on-demand audio creation and delivery to Internet users, without requiring broadband or special software.

Content providers can update audio to their website without HTML changes, using a touch tone phone.

FoneStream is priced "per minute" with rates as low as \$.01 per minute, making it economically viable for any business. More information [HERE](#).

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## ANNUAL WEBBY AWARDS

The International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences in San Francisco, California have announced that the 7th Annual Webby Awards will take place online this year, on June 5, 2003. Check out the [nominees](#) for the five best Web sites in 30 Webby Award categories.

The Academy vote determines the winners, however, your [People's Choice](#) vote, [by May 30] is important.

### Categories:

- . activism
- . best practices
- . broadband
- . commerce
- . community
- . education
- . fashion
- . film
- . finance
- . games
- . government + law
- . health
- . humor
- . living
- . music
- . net art
- . news
- . personal web site
- . politics
- . print + zines
- . radio
- . science
- . services
- . spirituality
- . sports
- . technical achievement
- . travel
- . t.v.
- . weird
- . youth

The Webby Business Awards will be presented in the Fall of 2003. It is the Academy's second awards program. If your site represents the best in online business practices, place an entry by [May 30, 2003](#). You can also submit a site in the Honorable Mention category to earn special recognition for certain business objectives it has

## \*NEW -- Palm Zire 71 with built-in Digital Camera



If you're into sharing memories over email or on the Web this new multimedia PDA by Palm is for you! The Zire 71 has a built-in color camera that slides out, like a spy camera.

The camera is cleverly concealed behind a slick new metal-looking slide-back. The back slides down to unveil a low-resolution 640x480 (0.3 megapixel) digital camera. The lens is on the back, the shutter button on the front, and the corresponding software application automatically launches. The photos show up well on the impressive transfective display, and the ARM processor is zippy enough to handle video, as well.

The Zire 71 also works as an MP3 digital music player and, for Windows users only, as an Audible audio-book player.

The new, blue Zire 71 (\$299) has all the standard PDA stuff too--date book, address book, calculator. The drawback? Unsteady hands will cause blurry snapshots. By syncing with a PC or Mac, however, it's easy to download color photos taken with a better camera, for handheld slide shows.

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