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Welcome to Hewie's News and Views for March 21, 2000

Industry News

I saw some news items that affects many of us, but the news media, especially the industry media, glossed over it. They are looking at the big picture.

Many of you are familiar with US Robotics, the maker of Sportster and Courier modems. 3Com bought Us Robotics a few years back. 3Com was also the company that manufactured the Palm Pilot, the largest selling handheld computer.

3Com spun off its Palm Computing unit in an IPO in the last month. Now 3Com will get rid of analog modems, namely the fax modems that we are all using. They will also stop producing their high end LAN and WAN products. Their new focus will be on IP telephony, broadband, wireless and web-based products.

The company will sell its analog modem business to a joint venture being formed with Taiwan-based Accton Technology and Singapore-based NatSteel Electronics. 3Com will shut down its LAN and WAN core product lines and contract with Extreme Networks to provide support and give customers access to next generation products in those fields.

This pings a bit in my heart, as I was a long time US Robotics user back in the days of BBS (BulletinBoard Systems). I ran a BBS for over 10 years and used the highest speed US Robotics Modem at any given time. They supported the BBS community with very special pricing for Sysops (System Operators). In return, US Robotics became the largest modem manufacturer in the world.

Browser News

Netscape announced Monday that Navigator 6 is expected to be available in a beta version within in the next 25 days. Opera, another browser program released a beta version 4 this week.

Remember that "BETA" versions are testing versions. If you don't like to crash your system, or your program, don't download these betas. Wait until they are officially released. Then you can complain when they crash!

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