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SOFTWARE PUBLISHER ASHTON-TATE

NAMES RONALD POSNER TO BOARD

CULVER CITY, Calif. -- Leading microcomputer software publisher Ashton-Tate has appointed Ronald Posner to its board of directors, announced George Tate, company chairman.

Posner, 42, is chairman of the board, chief executive officer, and founder of the Santa Monica-based National Training Systems (NTS), a leading provider of microcomputer training programs to large corporations, computer dealers, computer manufacturers and end users. NTS is a subsidiary of Safeguard Business Systems.

He also is currently chairman of the Training and Support Committee of the Microcomputer Software Association branch of the Association of Data Processing Services Organization (ADAPSO), the largest trade association for the computer industry.

"Ronald Posner's leadership and vast experience in the computer industry will be a welcome addition to our board," said Tate. "His background will add new depth to our planning and decision making."

Prior to founding NTS in 1974, Posner served as vice president of marketing and a director at Tratec, a publicly traded computer sales training company. Posner holds a MBA from Harvard Business School.

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Ashton-Tate is a leading publisher of microcomputer software, including dBASE II, the largest-selling relational database management software for microcomputers. Other products include Friday!, an easy-to-use file management system, dBASE II RunTime, a product that allows third-party developers to create dBASE applications and market them as stand-alone products, dBASE II Multi-User, a database that supports local area networks and Framework, a new concept in productivity software scheduled for release on July 2.

Ashton Tate is traded OTC on NASDAQ under the name Tate.

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