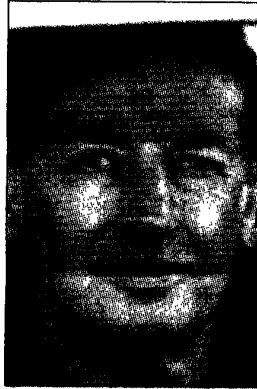


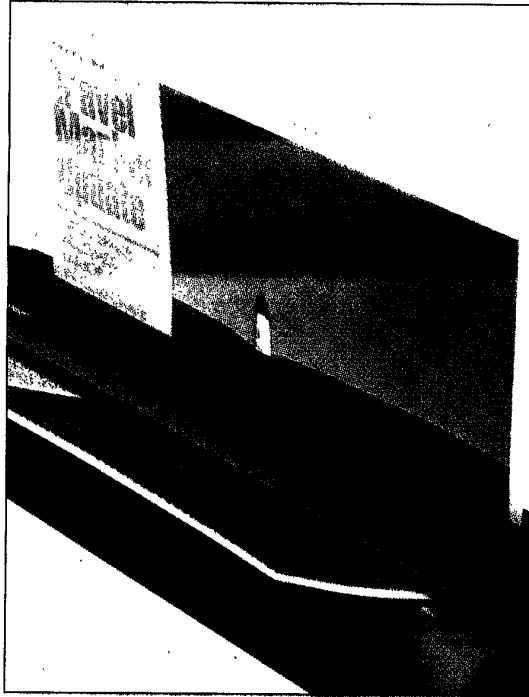


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Lauren McCormack on the 'must have' technology for today's professionals



**Heron Bellhouse**  
 Private investor  
**Visioneer**  
**strobe pro NT**



Heron Bellhouse, 56, has been running his own financial advice and investment company for the past 30 years. He is the youngest son of seven brothers, and says that the names in the Bellhouse family became more bizarre as baby boys kept on arriving.

Since joining the world of personal finance, his working life has involved endless paperwork. As a result, his favourite gadget is the Visioneer Strobe Pro sheet-fed scanner, which he says he relies on. "In my job, I have to deal with a lot of paperwork. Before I invested in the Strobe Pro, I had six filing cabinets full of papers. Now I have done away with them and everything is on my computer.

"The Strobe Pro is about the size of a wine bottle and sits on top of my PC. Whenever I am given any paperwork, I simply feed it through the scanner which then transfers it onto the desktop of my PC. Once it's on my computer, I can then play around with the document by editing or adjusting it, and then e-mail it if necessary. The feeder is just a bit wider than A4 and

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will take everything from newspaper cuttings to colour photographs and business cards."

Heron paid £169 for his Strobe Pro a year ago. "Filing is the main thing with my job, and paper management is essential. With the Strobe Pro, I can click on my mouse rather than wade through reams of filed paper to find a certain document," he says.

Heron, who was born in Kenya but now lives in London, does not consider himself very gadgety. There is no place for other gizmos in his life. However, he is

very impressed by the Strobe Pro as it has made his job so much more efficient – although it does have its drawbacks.

"The one thing that could be improved upon is that you cannot feed in more than one piece of paper at a time, which can be annoying with large documents. And one thing that surprised me is how badly the product has been marketed. Whenever I show the scanner to people, they think it's fantastic but have never heard of it and don't know where to buy one."

□ Heron bought his Visioneer Strobe Pro sheet-fed scanner for £169 a year ago.

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