Precursor Fax News

• SPECIAL WINTER ISSUE: DOUBLE-SIZED !!!

Precursor Offers Better Phone Support!

Many of you have noticed that it has been difficult to get in touch with Alex Narvey lately. For the past two months, Mr. Narvey has been working out-of-town on a contract. Now that Alex is back it will be easier to reach him. To aid that process, Precursor has purchased a cellular phone so that Mr. Narvey can be available when he leaves the office. The cellular phone is tied directly into the main Prime Line number so that when you call 992-3100, Prime Line will automatically search out Mr. Narvey at first the office and then his new cellular line.

Precursor Systems is always looking for ways to serve you better. To that end, we appreciate your input. Please get in touch at your convenience. Just call 992-3100.

FreeHand 5 <-> Illustrator 5.5 News

Precursor Systems has taken advantage of the Illustrator to FreeHand 5 upgrade (see FaxNews 2/6). The new program is quite impressive and addresses many of version 4's shortcomings. The upgrade was only $149 at a U.S. mail order house and at that is a real bargain! For those of you wishing to try before you buy, the demo version of FreeHand 5 is now available on Precursor BBS [from the Precursor Desktop go Files:Demo Stuff]. Macromedia has confirmed one bug in the program: PowerMac users may crash when quitting FreeHand 5 if the Modern Memory Manager is on and Virtual Memory is off. The problem goes away when VM is turned on.

The tryout version of Illustrator 5.5 is also on Precursor BBS (see demos above), and don't forget that Adobe is offering it to FH users at $149 as well. The upgrade is worth it even if FreeHand owners don't use it. Illustrator 5.5 comes with 220 excellent PostScript fonts and its many incredible pug-in filters can be used by FH 5. Don't pass up these bargains. (Phone numbers are listed in FaxNews 02/05).

Control Strip Modules Now For Everyone!

Apple's Control Strip was originally invented to provide convenience features to PowerBook users. Now, these modular additions are available to all Desktop Macs by running the shareware Control Strip replacement called Desktop Strip. Desktop Strip 1.1 actually goes the Apple version several steps better and even provides the ability to have a vertical strip. A collection of the best control strip modules can be found on-line: from the Precursor Desktop go Files:Essential Stuff:Control Strip top Ten.

Apple Multimedia Tuner 2.0.1!

If you work with anything using the QuickTime extension e.g Photoshop don't forget to pick up the Apple Multimedia Tuner 2.0.1 (replaces the recently released 2.0), from our licensed Apple software conference. From the Precursor BBS Desktop go Files:Apple Stuff:Updates & Utils.

PhotoCD 3.1.1 For Photoshop!

Adobe has released version 3.1.1 of the Kodak PhotoCD plug-in for Photoshop. Also available is new native version of the DirectBits plug-in. [From the Precursor Desktop go Files:Adobe Stuff].

Hard Disk ToolKit 1.6.3!

FWB has released an updater for its hard disk utility HDT 1.6x to 1.6.3. The updater is available on-line [go Files:Updaters Stuff.

Claris Works 3.0 / Organizer Demos On-line!

For a limited time Claris Works 3.0 is being shipped with the PIM (personal information manager), Claris Organizer. Precursor BBS is pleased to offer demo versions of both Claris programs [from the Precursor BBS Desktop go Files:Claris Stuff].

NOW Utilities 5.0.1 Demo/Updater On-line!

Now Software has released a 5.01 updater for the Now Utilities. If you don't have a registered copy of the program this utility will install a demo version of Now Utilities on your hard drive [from the Precursor BBS Desktop go Files:Demos Stuff].

Acrobat 2.0.1 Fixes!

Adobe has released some minor fixes for Acrobat 2.0. Check them out in the Adobe Conference in the Files section of Precursor BBS. You will also find some interesting Acrobat items by going Files:Electronic Pub. Stuff from the Precursor BBS Desktop.

New PageMaker 5.0 Import Filters!

Adobe has released new import filters for PageMaker 5.0 which will later be included in the Update Pack detailed in the last issue of FaxNews. New filters import WordPerfect Windows 6.1, WordPerfect Mac 3.1, and MS Word Mac 6.0. You can download the new filters now from Precursor BBS – go Files:Adobe Stuff.

ShrinkWrap 1.2.1!

The amazing disk image utility ShrinkWrap is greatly improved in version 1.2.1. This utility offers many more features over Apple's Disk Copy. It is particularly useful for reconstructing the disk images of software updates. We strongly recommend you take the time to download it. You will find the latest version of ShrinkWrap in Files:Apple Stuff on Precursor BBS.

Adobe PressWise 2.0c!

Adobe has updated its page imposition software PressWise. The update is available on Precursor BBS. [From the Precursor Desktop go Files:Adobe Stuff].