Precursor Fax News

NEW: PowerMac 9500; Apple Color LaserWriter!

They're here. Check out the P.R. on the new PowerPC 604-based Power Macintosh 9500 and Apple's new Color LaserWriter 12/600 PS in the Precursor BBS News:Apple P.R. conference.

LaserWriter 8.3 Now Final!

With the introduction of the new Apple printers, (see above), Apple has released the final candidate of LaserWriter driver 8.3. The new version replaces the developer version mentioned last month and has many significant improvements over earlier versions of the LaserWriter driver. [From the Precursor BBS Desktop go Files:Apple Stuff:Print Drivers].

Apple Cuts Prices!

With the intro of the new PowerMac, Apple has cut some prices. Look for reductions in the 6100/66 DOS compatible, the 8100/110, and the PowerBook 500 series.

Corel Draw Woes; Try FH5 for Windows!

Macromedia is now shipping FreeHand 5 for Windows. If you are having trouble handling Corel Draw files from your PC customers why not recommend they get the competitive upgrade to FreeHand 5 for Windows for only $149 (suggested retail upgrade price). [Check out the Press Release in Files:Macromedia Stuff]

Iomega To Follow ZIP With JAZ!

Holy Syquest-Killer Batman! Iomega has announced it is planning a new high performance drive that will use inexpensive removable hard drive cartridges. The new 3.5" drive should retail for under $500 U.S. with 1 Gigabyte cartridges available for under $100 U.S. [See the press release on Precursor BBS News:Press Releases]

HSC Ships Kai's Vector Effects

HSC Software, distributors of Kai's PowerTools for Photoshop, has now come out with a series of Vector Effects plug-ins that provide incredible extensions to Illustrator and FreeHand. [From the Precursor Desktop go News:Press Releases]

Quark 4.0, PageMaker 6.0!

Look for the Page Layout wars to heat up later this summer when Adobe should debut the new PageMaker 6.0 at MacWorld. Rumoured improvements include frames, Acrobat and HTML support. Quark 4.0 rumours are surfacing as well. Look for a redesigned interface and better support for longer documents. Stay tuned to the Precursor BBS for details.