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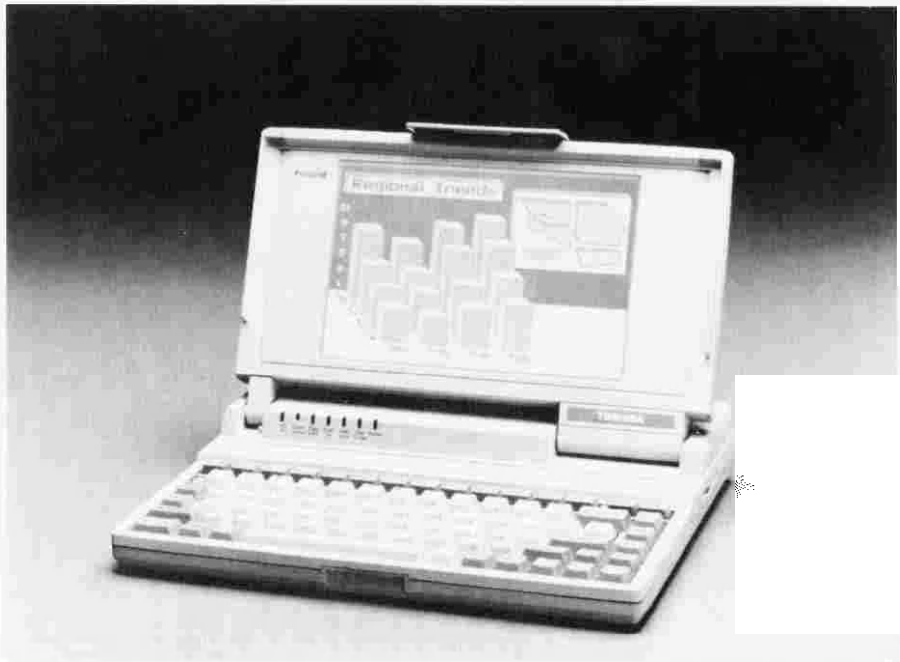

TA Animator

Selection Systems has unleashed TA Animator, a desktop presentation product that provides intelligence with animation for use in point-of-sales presentations, demonstrations, and information booths, among other applications.

TA Animator is a combination of SSI's highly graphic Teachers Aide CBT authoring system and Autodesk's Animator product.

With Animator, images can be drawn using paint-type programs, or captured directly with a video camera and a Jovian video capture board. Output can be displayed on a VGA system or on videotape for traditional VCR presentations.

Animation sequences (with interaction) can be run with as little as 400K memory on any PC-compatible microcomputer equipped with a hard drive and a VGA video card.

TA Animator is priced at $2,700 for each authoring system, and includes unlimited replication and distribution of the presentations.

For more information, contact **Selection Systems Inc.,** Mercer Island, Washington.
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Same But Different

Toshiba has launched two new notebook-size personal computers that combine portability with resolution quality, screen readability, and display design. Both the T1000XE and the T1200XE are for in- or out-of-the-office use.

The T1000XE features a CGA-compatible backlit supertwist liquid crystal display, with 640- by 400-pixel graphics resolution. Unlike standard CGA screens that tend to compress circles, the T1000XE has a one-to-one aspect ratio that makes circles appear round on the screen.

With a comparable one-to-one aspect ratio, the T1200XE offers a crisp blue-on-white sidelit supertwist LCD with a 640 by 400 "double scan" CGA compatibility.

Weighing a mere 6.2 pounds, the T1000XE is Toshiba's lightest PC with a hard disk (20 megabytes). It measures 12.2 inches wide, 10 inches deep, and 1.8 inches high, including a standard key-spaced, 82 key sculptured keyboard with 12 function keys.

Designed with the same keyboard, the T1200XE, at 7.9 pounds, is slightly more powerful. Sporting the same 20-megabyte hard drive as the T1000XE, it has a 12-megahertz clock speed, compared with 9.54Mhz on the T1000XE. The T1200XE has a 1MB standard memory, expandable with credit-card-size memory cards to 5MB, compared to the T1000XE's 3MB memory capacity. The T1200XE measures 12.2 inches wide, 11 inches deep, and 2 inches high.

Both PCs have Hardram, a battery-backed system memory, and AutoResume, which works like an electronic bookmark. The latter allows the user to interrupt an application, turn off the computer, and return to the same application by merely restoring power. No rebooting or reloading is required.

Both PCs come with removable, rechargeable battery packs; visual "gas gauges" that signal low battery levels; DeskStation expansion systems; and pop-up windows that display menus to control many set-up features.

The new Toshiba PCs also come with documentation, including References, MS-DOS, a Portable Companion, a First Time Guide, and Power Pak manuals.

T1000XE is priced at $2,699; the T1200XE is $3,999.

For more details, contact **Toshiba America Information Systems Inc.,** Irvine, California.
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Slide by Slide

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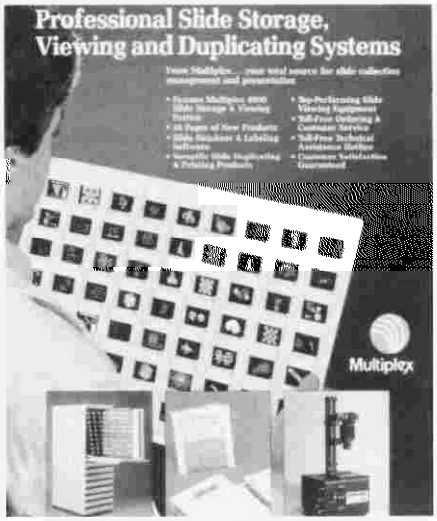

you to organize, locate, track, and label professional slide collections. New slide viewing and duplicating equipment is also included.

Multiplex systems are designed for use by medical, scientific, business, and educational professionals who work with slides and presentations.

The SlideBase software is priced at $89.95. For further information, contact **Multiplex Display Fixture Co.,** Fenton, Missouri.
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The Music and Sound Design Studio at Milbrodt Communications creates original soundtracks for multi-image presentations.

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Breaking the Sound Barrier

Fast-Trax Digital Technologies recently announced it has achieved encoding of 150 hours of audio on one side of a 12-inch CAV video disk.

One outcome of this breakthrough in still-frame audio technology is that users will now be able to present an added dimension of real sound with digital, pictorial, and video text. For educators, the innovation promises to make learning easier and more fun. Fast-Trax's Still Frame Audio in stereo form can further improve the performance of any end-user production.

Already offered by companies like Sony, basic still-frame audio technology allows an audio signal to be changed into an analog video signal and stored as a still frame on a video disk. Increasing compression to a 300:1 ratio with the Fast-Trax encoder disk permits up to 10 seconds of voice-over narration on a single still frame. Because a laser-disk has 54,000 still frames per side, up to 150 hours of good-quality audio can be compressed, as opposed to 30 minutes of audio on a normal disk.

The encoder disk reproduces encoded information by using the Fast-Trax Decoder board, which can be slotted into most IBM PCs or compatibles.

The manufacturers claim that increasing still-frame audio capacity will enable more versatility in authoring, with implications for changes in learning.

For more information, contact **Fast-Trax Digital Technologies Inc.,** Irvine, California.
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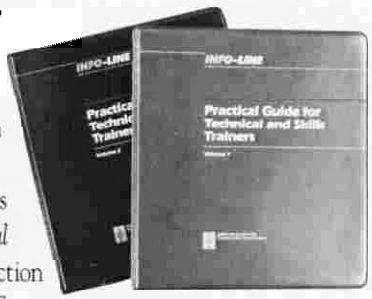

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