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2. Final Fantasy III (SNES)
3. Mortal Kombat II (SNES)
4. Doom (Jaguar)
5. Earthworm Jim (Genesis)
6. Super SF 2 Turbo (3DO)
7. Sonic & Knuckles (Genesis)
8. Super SF 2 (SNES)
9. Super Metroid (SNES)
10. Road Rash (3DO)



MOST WANTED

1. Mega Man X' (SNES)
2. Killer Instinct (Ultra 64)
3. Virtua Fighter (Saturn)
4. Fantasy Star IV (Genesis)
5. Ultra Vortex (Jaguar)
6. Rayman (Jaguar)
7. Primal Rage (Jaguar)
8. Starfox 2 (SNES)
9. Iron Soldier (Jaguar)
10. Samurai Shodown II (NEO•GEO)

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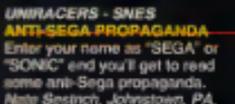
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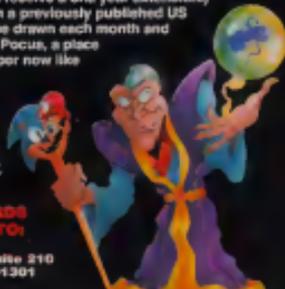
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SEIKEN KREW • GENESIS • CORE DESIGN • RMCG • ISOMETRIC ACTION • 1-2 PLAYER • AVAILABLE NOW



Honestly, an isometric action game that I can use my lunch for. Core's Skid Diner is obviously the result of many hours of intense programming. The art is intricate with hyper detailed characters (look at the cook!) and backgrounds, perfect combat, and an excellent control scheme. The music in this game is much better than most in game with lively arrangements on the ZX2. All in all, it's more fun than a second. Core does it again!

GRAPHICS 9
SOUND 9
CONTROL 10
PLAYED 9
TOTAL 97

Now here's an unexplained genre! Core comes through big time with a unique isometric gaming experience. Although I'm not a big fan of the European stuff, I have to make an exception when it comes to Core's Skid Diner. The staff James Paoli does detail, including choreography and a very good soundtrack add joy to this adventure through the realm of the un-died.

GRAPHICS 9
SOUND 9
CONTROL 9
PLAYED 9
TOTAL 95

What can I say? Skid Diner is indeed incredible! The music fits the mood theme perfectly, the graphics and characters are highly refined, and best of all it's 3D view. Games like this where done correctly, are among the most fun to play of any genre. Is this player made with love or capital on screen... as Skid? With games like this the Genesis will never die!

GRAPHICS 8
SOUND 8
CONTROL 9
PLAYED 9
TOTAL 94

BEYOND DASH • GENESIS • SEGA • 2-4MG • ACTION/RPG • 1-PLAYER • AVAILABLE NOW



Beyond Diner is truly over the top. Action and Role Playing has often not been this good. It has fully animated, huge characters, a user friendly interface, great control, and music by Yuzo Koshiro. Yuzo actually designed Diner, and I must say, for the first time out, he has done an amazing job!

GRAPHICS 9
SOUND 9
CONTROL 9
PLAYED 9
TOTAL 92

A true amazing game masterpiece in the same vein as Zillion and LeMondor. Everything... well, nearly everything (the music was actually just good... far from being dull) was finished perfectly. From the intricate graphics to the tactical artwork and special effects. An absolute must-buy for any RPG or adventure game fan.

GRAPHICS 9
SOUND 9
CONTROL 10
PLAYED 9
TOTAL 95

Assured to have been there and beyond to the Action/RPG category! Beyond Diner is by far, the most intense Action/RPG that I've ever played! The game itself is almost over the top. The music adds a full experience, but it's high quality, so how relaxing during for Street 3. Overall, Beyond Diner is a must-have for anyone RPG and action game fans.

GRAPHICS 9
SOUND 7
CONTROL 9
PLAYED 10
TOTAL 97

BC WARRIORS • SEGA CD • CORE DESIGN • 2-DIM • COMBAT/RACERS • 1-2 PLAYER • AVAILABLE NOW



Sega CD owners get yet another great game. BC Warriors has a main attraction in its great control, but that is not where the fun lies. BC this is a great asset at characters, including some prehistoric dinosaurs, cool fire up music, and it's just plain fun to play. Hook up a second unit, and one guy can cruise while the other does the heavy lifting. And three Thraxosaurs are available on the ZX2's 99 Chuck!

GRAPHICS 9
SOUND 9
CONTROL 9
PLAYED 9
TOTAL 90

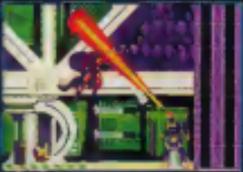
My Sega CD has been a really let-down but I guess that's because I only had a 16-bit one. Core that comes out of BC was worth the wait. Just like I thought it would be. BC looks as well as the Sega CD pretty can. On top of that it's just a fun game. From time, when you have BC, on there, they're not really change with the different levels. You have CD, you buy some, you, huh.

GRAPHICS 8
SOUND 7
CONTROL 9
PLAYED 8
TOTAL 90

At first I thought, Crossover... but BC Warriors is a 16-bit year typical racing game. Now about some incredibly smooth controls, (including bonus levels, and other Play Mechanics) BC Warriors has all of this and more. It's like a little racing in the dark era. The fun continues to be anywhere on the track, and, it's not so subtle, now I've seen some of these, but, like the ZX2 version.

GRAPHICS 9
SOUND 9
CONTROL 9
PLAYED 9
TOTAL 87

3-WARRIORS 2 THE CLONE WARS • GENESIS • SEGA • 16MG • ACTION PLATFORM • 1-2 PLAYER • AVAILABLE NOW



Take 3-War 2, actually it is about 3 times, and you get the sequel game: 3-War-2: The Clone Wars. The game still hasn't lost the greatest collection of music (although it is much improved), but it does have more special effects, great artwork, more levels, and some truly funny bosses. If you liked the first one, you should be sure to buy this with most generous sound.

GRAPHICS 9
SOUND 7
CONTROL 9
PLAYED 9
TOTAL 88

3-War 2 features some exceptional special effects, big characters, and some bosses. 3-War-2 was just plain fun over this one, but not being a big 3-War fan I can't get that excited. I must admit however that this is an impressively designed and executed game. If you liked the first one, this is your game.

GRAPHICS 8
SOUND 9
CONTROL 9
PLAYED 8
TOTAL 85

By all of the 3-War games out there, this is the cool! The game features some boss battles, and some of the most interesting levels. One thing you'll notice from six of the 3-War levels. The music and artwork could have been better, but they're 16-bit, like in an impressive game, especially when you think of the fact that you can play it, and how many times there are levels in the end of the game. A very worthy classic.

GRAPHICS 9
SOUND 7
CONTROL 9
PLAYED 9
TOTAL 90

DELIGHT DIMENSION • GENESIS • SEGA • 16MG • CARTOON/ACTION • 1-PLAYER • AVAILABLE NOW



Wow, this is a mega! These guys began how to program. Truly the best Warner Bros. cartoon game to date, this game reflects the cartoon perfectly, from the animation, to the sound, to most importantly, the whip snap! It's an Acme level on Wile E. Coyote, and a cat & mouse game on the Roadrunner. This comes to you... B-boys, like this one very enjoyable.

GRAPHICS 9
SOUND 8
CONTROL 8
PLAYED 8
TOTAL 89

I don't sleep at the Warner Bros. store and I don't play Warner Bros. games... but I played this one and boy, it's stupid! I guess it was just a matter of time before some competent programmers got a hold of this mega theme. Now you can make up on Saturday mornings and play it!

GRAPHICS 9
SOUND 9
CONTROL 8
PLAYED 8
TOTAL 85

Wile E. Coyote and the Road Runner is a great cartoon that you can be either Wile E. Coyote, or the Roadrunner, or a character, to cartoon reality (including, sound, or...). Even though I disliked the game rather quickly, I found that playing was a great experience. Some of the levels, was more than the first one. Overall, this title has done wonders with it... Well, it's a Warner Bros. game worth owning.

GRAPHICS 9
SOUND 7
CONTROL 8
PLAYED 8
TOTAL 92

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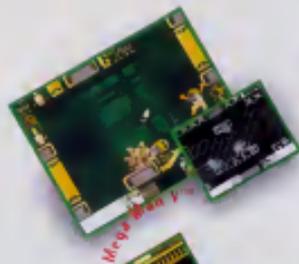


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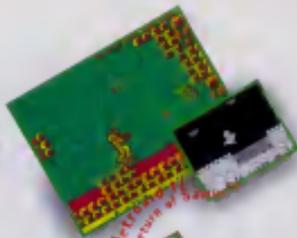
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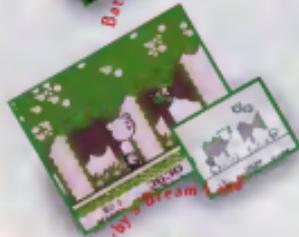
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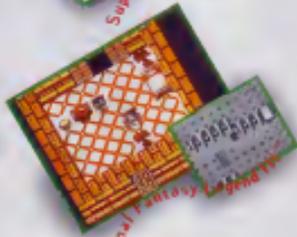
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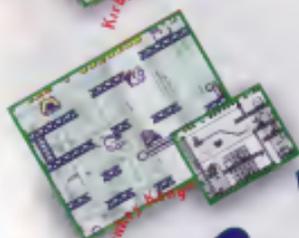
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TRADING GO

With Game Boy, you have the ability to "take it with you," but Super Game Boy lets you show off your favorite Game Boy games in an all-new way. Your Game Boy games will look better, play easier and take on a whole new level of graphic detail. In this case, bigger is definitely better. Instantly mutate Metroids to 10 times their original size! If a picture is worth a thousand words, the "before and after" shots here are saying a lot of good things about Super Game Boy!

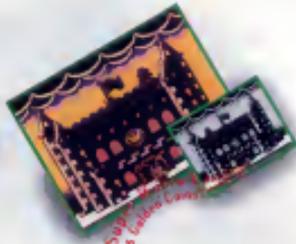
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If you have a Super NES but not a Game Boy, you can access a whole new world of games once you have a Super Game Boy. Exclusive Game Boy titles like Donkey Kong Land, Metroid II: Return of Samus and the entire Super Mario Land series can now be played on your Super NES! Paks like the Legend of Zelda®: Link's Awakening™ and the Final Fantasy Legend™ series take on a whole new level of excitement with Super Game Boy.

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When you plug a game into Super Game Boy—instant color. Some color combinations look better than others, and some might be fitting for one game but not another. It all depends on what looks good to you. If the default color palette isn't to your liking, that's not a problem. Super Game Boy has lots of palettes to choose from, 32, to be exact.

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Choices

As you can see, games like Link's Awakening look great in almost any color palette. When customizing the game you're playing, you'll find that contrasting colors often work best.

BORDER OPTIONS

There is a secret about the border. If you pause your game and let it set long enough, the border image changes and/or sets itself in motion. It's like a Super NES screen saver. Try it!

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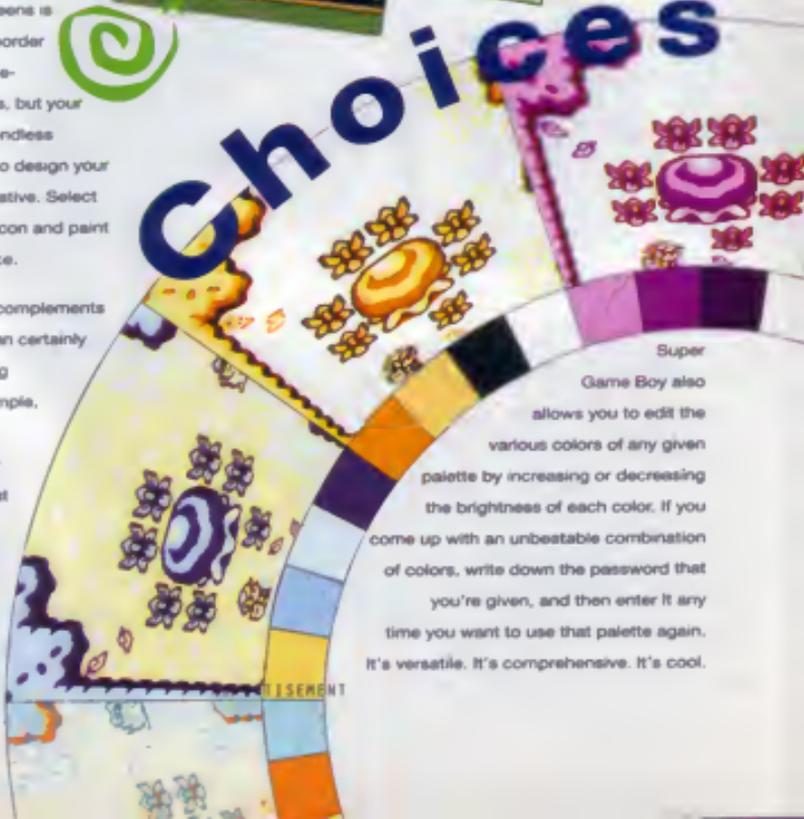
If you really want to go crazy with your borders, we suggest hooking up the Super NES Mouse to port II on your Super NES. It will work kind of like Mario Paint.[®] Just select a color from the color palette, click and hold the bottom, and paint away!

Another custom feature that will help you create stand-out screens is Super Game Boy's border option. It has nine pre-programmed borders, but your choices are almost endless because you can also design your own borders. Be creative. Select the Custom Border Icon and paint your own masterpiece.

Using a border that complements your game screen can certainly enhance your gaming experience. For example, set the scene for Link's Awakening by painting a border that features Koholint and Egg Mountain, or build an arena around your NBA Jam™ court.

Choices

Super Game Boy also allows you to edit the various colors of any given palette by increasing or decreasing the brightness of each color. If you come up with an unbeatable combination of colors, write down the password that you're given, and then enter it any time you want to use that palette again. It's versatile. It's comprehensive. It's cool.



DIAPER TITANIC 2 - SHES - OCEAN - IMMG - ACTION - PLATFORM - 1 PLAYER - AVAILABLE NOW

Super Titanic 2 reveals one of the Super Fanatic games of old. The SHES hardware it brought in is like being in this game, with special effects, intense story details, the developers is loaded with great play mechanics, flawless control, and incredible music. First Mega Titanic, and now this! I'm really starting to like this one!

92

Burn someone is invading my SHES... and I like it! This amount to the classic hit Super Titanic packs about so much in to 16-megs as humanity possible. These guys must have really studied the SHES hardware. Great tunes and much more-7, along with some very solid platforming action (complete with the ever popular grappling arm) make this one SHES game you need!

90

SHES is an explosive cart that shows the SHES's true extent, a game none what I mean. From start to finish this is non-stop lightning action with special effects that truly impress. It was almost of this. It is not Overblast, the most in the best I've heard is a SHES action game to some time, and the cart is right there. If you're starting for a quality action game on the SHES line I want SH should be yours.

90



MR. TUFF - SHES - OCEAN - IMMER - ACTION - PLATFORM - 1 PLAYER - AVAILABLE NOW

Little Mr. Tuff is a pretty cool new character, but besides the impressive graphics he can and operates one of vehicles, this is a very basic platformer. The levels are easy, but they are short, and sounds the one, the difficulty is 7/10 on, yeh... right. It's good that the game is unimpressive very much, but the screams here. I have also finished in this one. It is!

79

Hyper Gun, James Fomosh is the only rating as the young Mr. Tuff (or Ocean answer to Megaman) is headed your way. This is a pretty quality little platformer. It didn't knock my socks off but I found it very playable. It's better than most but with the happy, happy soundtrack I don't know if it's for me.

79

Ocean should have brought out this one a little later. Think like Mega Man, Mr. Tuff uses a sort of power-up and keeps around to a premeditated robot. It's really. This game is much longer, and much longer than MM was. I'm not saying it's a better game, but it's a good one. I think it's the best I've seen. Detailed graphics and awesome gameplay make this a game to be in the SHES platform arena.

87



MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP - SHES - SHES - IMMER - RACING - 1-2 PLAYER - AVAILABLE NOW

Super Motocross. Oh how good. I raced Motocross for seven years, and I ride a Honda in 6/7 every day. I'm taking two spots. Here's the pros. You see all the double jumps... on my English! Pitch that bad boy, s'now! Also, you hit people?..NO! That ain't right. And what is with the piles of gas in the middle of the lanes (which have no benefit... as a hot day)? They cross MK tracks. Also, what is with the massive collisions at the start? This MEVER happens. OK, now the good stuff. This is an excellent two player game, it has impressive texture mapping, and it controls extremely well. Even with all the inaccuracies, it's still really fun to play. So turn off the music, grab a friend, and you will have fun. But Stadium Cross (where it is?) is a lot!

79

Remember how exciting Excitebike was? Well the 32X is here and now you can do it all over again, except with super speed, monster cars and great texture mapping! The controls are very smooth, and the game is very addictive, especially in two player mode. I love this to be and I just wish that it was a bit better. But I love it. I just want that bit!

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MORTAL KOMBAT 2 - SHES - ACCLAIM - IMMER - FIGHTING - 1-2 PLAYER - AVAILABLE NOW

Finally, a worthy version of MKII that can hold its own in the colosseum. Many thousands of excellent MK fans will be proud to play in this new perfect port which includes over before some subtle tweaks, and all the goodies you've come to know and like. It's also the best to have that it sounds as good as it looks!

90

Unlike the whole of America, I am not an MK fan. I will however admit that this is as close to the colosseum as you can get at this time. I'm sure that all of you MK fans (who probably think I'm just a cool guy) will jump for joy when you see this version. Maybe MKII will be my game.

89

It's hard to believe how far ahead on SHES is coming out in the Genesys (and, well!). The new releases were and are now out, but I have seen all about one last in the of tomorrow as it's on the way. For the love of the game! One or two, exciting ones, any games in the list! We could see the best of the best!

95



METAL HEAD - SHES - SHES - IMMER - ACTION ADVENTURE - 1 PLAYER - AVAILABLE NOW

Metal Head is an excellent that gives you 32x game. It has multiple weapons, texture mapping, good music, and extremely addictive gameplay. The frame rate is consistently fast, and your enemies get right in your face with intense gratification. The mission never get boring, and the game is long and challenging enough for the seasoned pro. Nice!

90

Wow, the 32X can do some nifty 3D! Like the Genesis, I think that as time goes on this title system that can, will intensify steadily. SH is twice as good as anything I've played so far. I still crave that CD quality sound but never the less this is an adventure well worth taking. Easily the best game of its kind!

89

If you're a fan of "Ballistics" type simulation games, SH is the game for you! The missions are diverse and great looking, and you can "load-up" your ammo with powerful weapons for speedy destruction. If you do a good job and save enough cash, there is a lot of nice cars that this one is in every building, along with some pretty cool music. SH, did I mention that everything is texture mapped, very smooth and new. One more nice thing is that the more you play, it's in there.

94



RETURN FIRE - 32G - SILENT SOFTWARE - ACTION/STRATEGY - 1-2 PLAYER - AVAILABLE NOW

At first I heard Return Fire extremely top as I thought it was a top of everything in a single perfectly matched classical mode. However, after taking this for an extended amount of time, against the same background, I became more and more interested. Theoretically, the 2-player game is better than the 1-player. After downloading the game, I found it a worthy rival.

85

Drive (or fly) around one blast the crud out of anything that moves, while listening classical music while blaring in the background. What a great Return Fire. It's a strategy... minimal, carnage... abundant, and against a blast it's the Street Fighter 2 of war games! Frighty darn cool!

82

It's a very unique concept in the world of an ever-strategized game. Sometimes, don't you just want to have the most out of everything in the world? In a sense, that's the smallest piece of the world and the arrival of your arrival! It's worth to explore an entire city. In the air and on the ground, I just love the look of any 32X in the morning! You play more, forget it, I always win... my hobby!

92





STREET FIGHTER II

Street Fighter II... a modern legend. With billions of dollars in profit and thousands of teenage fans, it was only a matter of time before Hollywood stepped in and destroyed it for us. Have you seen the Van Damme lick-o'-pain? Don't. For any Street Fighter fan, it's pure torture... Dhalsim's a scientist with hair, Chun-Li's a reporter, Cammy is hyper-thighs Locomotion chick and Blanka is a 12-year-old boy.

The film you see here, Street Fighter II: The Animated Movie, however, is every SFII fan's dream: True Japanese hyperkinetic joy action scenes, characters that actually look like their game counterparts, 30-frame-per-second animation and even a Chun-Li shower scene! The only problem: It's available exclusively in





Japan. Luckily, you can easily buy an imported laserdisc or video version, but the video is 16,000 Yen (\$160) and the LD is 7800 Yen (\$80.) The video is double the price of the disc because it's priced for rental, so unless you have an LD player you may be out of luck! Even if you wind up paying \$160 for it it'll be worth every cent: Nothing beats watching your favorite world warriors pounding each other in beautiful Japanese animation bliss.

The story's relatively simple: Vega (M.Bison in the US) is a big bad guy and Chun-Li, Guile, Ken and Ryu must stop him. There are various plot-twists along the way, but for the most part it's all action. Unfortunately, most characters screen-time was cut extremely short: T.Hawk, Zangief, Blanka, Cammy, Dee Jay, M.Bison, (Balrog in the US) Dhalsim, and E.Honda's screen time were around five minutes each! My only other complaint is the fact that none of the actual game's music was used in the film.

If you can find this amazing movie, by all means buy it. If you're a Street Fighter fan, it's worth whatever price you pay for it. Sadly, no US release is planned, although I have heard that an American film and TV company has bought its rights... - Nick Rax



THE ADVENTURES OF MONITAU

AS YOU KNOW,
LAST EPISODE HAS
LED MONITAU,
POSTMEISTER, AND
KID FANTASTIC
UNDERGROUND TO
AN ENDLESS MAZE
OF CAVERNOUS
CHAMBERS. THEIR
QUEST FOR AN
EXIT MOMENTARILY
DELAYED.





GOOD THING I FOUND THIS GUN!

THING PACKS A WALLOP!

CHOK. WE'D BETTER KEEP MOVING.



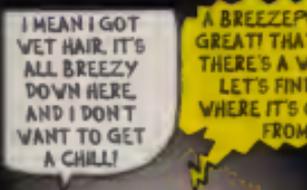
AND SO THE TRIO MARCHES ON...

HEY, WHAT DID YOU FIND?

I DON'T KNOW, SOME KINDA VEIRD ICON

H.W.P. LOOKS LIKE A HUBCAP OFF A LEXUS.

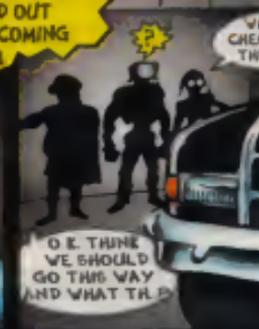
THAT'S REALLY TERRIFIC, BUT CAN WE JUST GET OUT OF HERE! I DIDN'T GET TO DRY MY HAIR AFTER YOU GUYS PULLED ME OUT OF THE SHOWER



I MEAN I GOT WET HAIR, IT'S ALL BREEZY DOWN HERE, AND I DON'T WANT TO GET A CHILL!



SO TRILY FOLLOV KID FAN'S LEAD UNTIL



WHOA! CHECK OUT THE RIG!

O.K. THINK WE SHOULD GO THIS WAY AND WHAT TH'



NOW HOW DID THAT TRUCK GET INTO THE SUB-LEVEL?

FIRST LET'S FIND A WAY OUT OF HERE.



HOL ANOTHER ONE, SOME ONE'S GOT TASTE.

WHAT'S WITH ALL THESE CARS ALL OF A SUDDEN?

THE THREE CONTINUE ONWARD, BUT ONLY GROW MORE CONFUSED AS THEY DO.

LET'S WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER AND JUST KEEP FOLLOWING THIS BREEZE.

MAN, THIS IS JUST TOO WEIRD! WHERE THE *%&# I ARE WE?! I GIVE UP!

COME ON NOW, WE'LL SOLVE THIS MYSTERY

WAIT! THE DRAFT IS VERY STRONG NOW!

LOOK! THERE'S AN OPENING!

THINGS SEEM GREAT WHEN SUDDENLY

ROARRRRRR

HOLEE! WHAT IS THAT?!

CAN'T SEE! IT'S TOO BRIGHT!

AW JEEZ! WHAT NOW?!

SKID?!

HEY GUYS, WHAT'S UPP?

SKREEEEEE

MAN, WE'VE BEEN WANDERING AROUND THIS CATACOMB FOR HOURS! HOW'D YOU GET HERE?!

CATACOMB?! THIS IS THE PARKING GARAGE.

PARKING GARAGE?! WHEN DID WE GET THAT PUT IN?!

WE'VE ALWAYS HAD IT. IT'S WHERE ALL US MAGAZINE PEOPLE PARK.

C'MON I'LL SHOW YOU GUYS THE WAY UP

THANKS SKID

BY THE WAY, DID YOU GUYS MEET BOB THE PARKING ATTENDANT?

GAMP!

UHHHH... OOP!

ARMY
Wolfe

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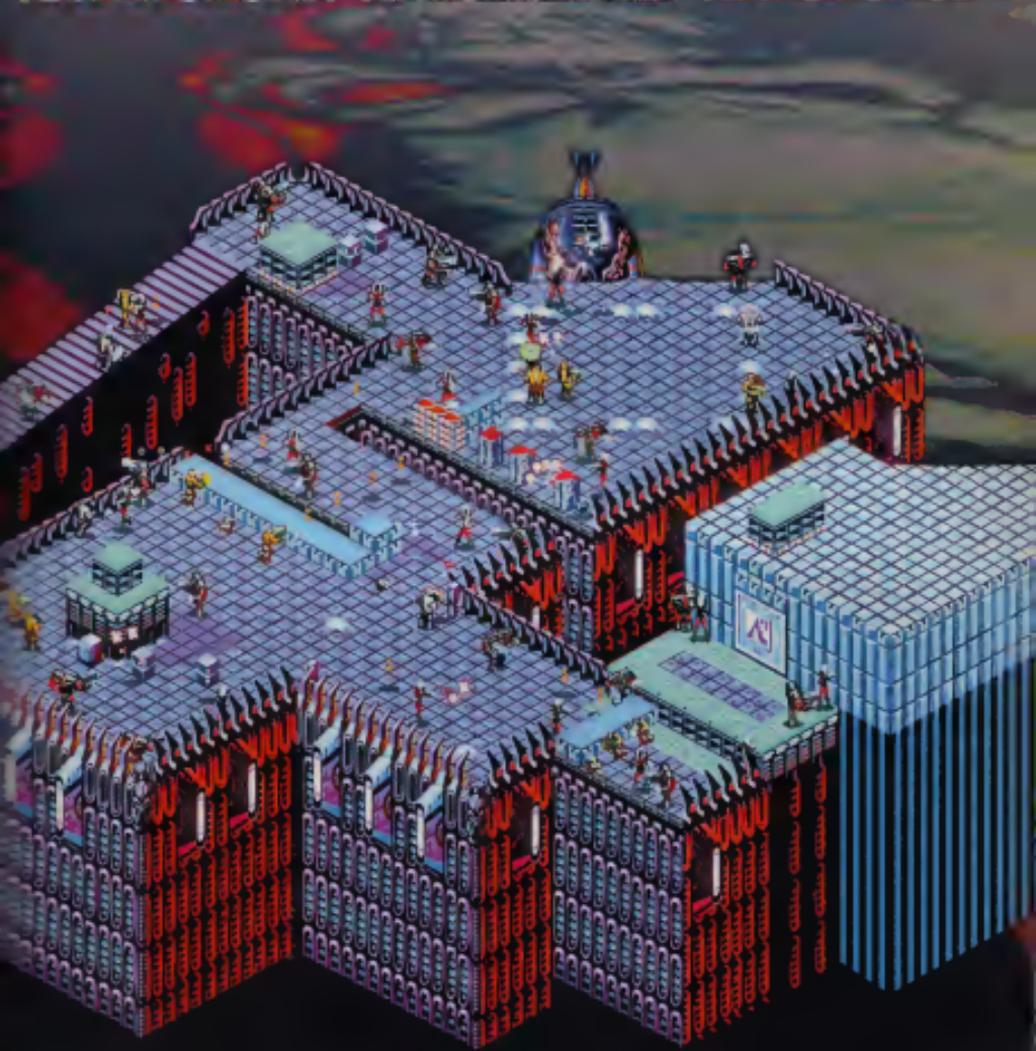
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GENESIS
REVIEW

GENESIS • CORE
16-MEG
ACTION/ADV.
AVAILABLE FEB.





I already know what you're thinking... "This is Core, makers of such happy fun as Chuck Rock and Son of Chuck?" Like any good developer, Core Design is not satisfied standing still. They constantly break new ground in new genres, the best part being that every time they do... we win!

Core's first isometric action game for the console (first over for period actually) is nothing short of brilliant! The



WELCOME TO THE SHOPS, WHERE PLAYING COMPOSES TRY TO BLOW OFF YOUR HAIR, WHILE NASTY BEASTS SOAP UNDER THE DOG. HAVE A NICE RIDE... SEE YOU AT THE CUSTOM.

game is programmed and drawn so well that it is hard to describe, and the gameplay is perfect. I've never played an ISO game with such superb collision detection. SK really gives you the feeling that your looking into their world.

Who are 'they' you ask? They are Joint, Rib, and Spine... the Skeleton Krew. Mission: kill Kedeover (a wickedly evil foe) dead, so he don't come back no mo'. Along the hubbly, slime laden way, you'll blow apart countless creatures, take out chunks of the background, battle huge bosses, traverse slime filled elevators, and even get in some jumping. The adventure is totally non-linear and the action never stops! This is the stuff Play on the more difficult set-



WARNING LIKE A STROLL THROUGH A SEWER (BTW IF THE TENDRIL DOESN'T KILL YOU, YOU MIGHT JUST MAKE IT TO THE PLATFORMS WHERE SLIMY ROOMS AWAIT THE VERY SIGHT OF YOUR FLESHLESS HEAD.

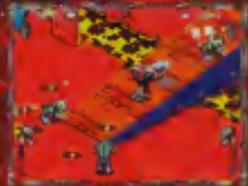
ings and witness hordes of enemies on screen with no flick! SK is 16-bit at its very best. The control over the characters is perfect. You can hold and rotate your upper body, lock in place, or just go free and get in the enemy's face. Each Krew member has a pounding





WELCOME TO MARS, A BELLISH PLANET ALONE WITH HARRING WINDS AND FIRE SPITTING POOLS. WATCH OUT FOR SCORCHING HOT STEAM. EVEN BONES BURN!

prize gun and can hurl forth powerful little bombs to take out crusty on the ground. Oh, by the way, the music and sound effects... quality. Eris, moody takes set the tone on grubsome.
 I'd really like to see these characters catch on and eventually



CONGRATULATIONS, YOU'VE MADE IT TO YEMME. UNFORTUNATELY, TWICE AS MANY CREATURES WANT YOU TWICE AS DEAD. BLOW UP THE RESTERLING POOLS AND PLAY FOR THE EXT.

make their way to 32-bit. This will surely be a hit on Genesis. Personally, I've grown quite attached to Joint. He may be an oily sucker, but he can dish out major carnage and take tons of punishment. I wonder if he even cares? After all, he's already dead. Bay this game. -E. Storm



FINALLY, KADAVER'S LAIR. IF YOU CAN GET TO HIM, LET ALONE KILL HIM, THE FUN IS JUST BEGINNING...



BEYOND OASIS

SEGA • 24-MEG
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REVIEW

Can you believe it? Sega of America is releasing an adventure/RPG! This is a pretty startling decision from a company that had zero RPGs (besides this, of course) in the works or set for release, as witnessed at the recent WCES. And, according to a "friend" at SOA back at the SCES, "It was either Ragnacenty or Story of Thor - we think we're going to go with Thor." Ragnacenty became Crusader of Canty from Atlus, while Story of Thor became this 24-Meg SOA wonder, Beyond Oasis!

And a wise decision it was on Sega's part to release this game instead - while Canty was a rather short, cartoony romp through a less-than-challenging world, Oasis is a true gem!

Since the story was pretty much thoroughly explained in last month's preview, I'll just briefly summarize it: You take the role of All, a prince who, one day while searching a cave, stumbles across a chest which contained an artifact that told him the story of the Golden and Silver Armlets. These artifacts possess great power, having belonged, at one time, to two omnipotent magicians. However, the Silver Armlet has recently been unearthed and is being used for wicked purposes by a villain with the monicker of, aptly enough, "Silver Armlet." Obviously, All's got to stop Silver Armlet at all costs and, with the power of several magical, elemental helpers that All finds throughout his travels in the Kingdom of Oasis, recover the golden armlet's sister artifact!

However, the task of finding this "Silver Armlet" isn't easy. All has to travel from one end of the kingdom to



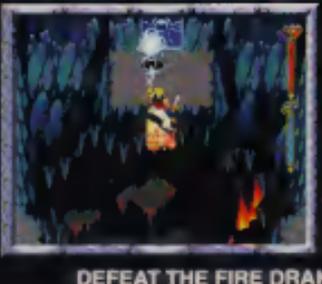
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THE SILVER ARMLET?



PROCEED NORTHEAST UNTIL YOU REACH THE CAVE ENTRANCE . . .



DEFEAT THE FIRE DRAKE AND ACQUIRE SHADE!



USE SHADE'S ABILITY TO ESCAPE AND HEAD WEST UNTIL YOU SEE THE WISE MAN.



IF YOU HAVE AN ATOM BOW, STAND DIRECTLY UNDERNEATH THE MAGE AND SHOOT!



DEFEAT HIM AND ACQUIRE BAUI

another, visiting dark temples and fighting off hordes of monsters. Along the way, you'll be witness to an incredible countryside where you can walk under bridges to discover hidden secrets, visit a beautiful and ornate castle, and traipse through the windy reaches of a continent high in the clouds. But All's wandering needn't be clueless, as with the touch of a button a map of Danie can be brought up on-screen, displaying a marker on the location that All is to go next. The Kingdom can seem quite daunting in its size; however, the bulk of the quest lies not in wandering through towns (There are less towns in the game than there are toes on my left foot; Which is to say, less than six.), but in fighting through the subterranean passageways of temples and the heights of castles.



HEAD BACK TO THE CASTLE AND GO SOUTH TO THE PIER.



USE THE UNDERGROUND ENTRANCE TO SNEAK INTO THE CASTLE.



HEAD EAST FROM THE CASTLE.



IS THIS THE END?!

And it's in these parts that the game truly shines through; Whereas *Crusader of Centy* contained some puzzles that in fact did stump my dog for a few minutes, *Beyond Oasis* rocks by providing extremely well thought-out dungeon design, an aspect of adventure games that requires a certain finesse that, previously, only *Zelda III* and *LandStalker* have truly possessed. Switches, buttons and locked doors constitute the obstacles you'll encounter in the dungeons, but *Waterfalls*, *bottomless pits*, *giant boulders*, *jabbing spikes* and *firetraps* are also worked throughout. This may seem like the normal "good" adventure game fare until you see how effectively meshed-in with the dungeons' environments they are.

And of course, there are plenty of monsters to fight. And I don't mean the basic rabid slaves or growth-stunted orcs - the enemies in *BO* are truly bad-ass! You'll face menacing, *Climax*-style armored guards equipped to the teeth with weapons. Zombies whose torsos continue to attack even after they've been cut in half, and ogres that seem to spaz out in a





horrific, 'roid rage - not to mention the bosses - Oh the bosses! What Thrill! (The Fire Drake, one of the early bosses in the game totally outclasses the final dragon in LandStalker!) All of these creatures have given truly challenging AI; you'll be grabbed, combed, slashed - and if you're not careful, you'll be given a little of the ogre love that no one wants to face! So, in order to prevent this wicked predicament, you'd best make use of the plethora of attack moves that Ali can use! Besides the typical slash, dash, and jump, you've got the ability to do a 360-slash with a twirl of the control pad, a rapid kick by going all-out on the attack button, and a super-cool flip-slash by pressing forward, back, forward, attack, all of which are animated in an incredibly smooth fashion, especially with the B-button pad. But when super moves just can't finish the job, Ali can use, in place of his standard "ALT KNIFE" one of several fab weapons that can be picked up along the way, like "ATM BOW" and the nasty bomb "HYPER"; the only problem is that each special weapon has a limited number of uses before it's kaput.

But don't think the gameplay technique ends with simply pushing buttons in a cove or kicking around some undead carcasses. Those magical helpers I talked about sure come in handy; a lot more than POCHI did, that's for sure! By blasting a specific surface or magical obelisk with power from the Golden Armlet, Ali can summon up one of four spirits that, besides basic attack abilities, have unique powers: Dytto, the water sprite, can extinguish fires; Efreet, the fire djinn, will destroy blocks of ice and light campfires and torches; Shade, the shadow ghost, can reach out and grab items that seemed unobtainable, and let Ali enter transcendental meditation; Bow, (rhymes with "Woo") the Audrey II lookalike, can crash through barred doors and burrow under the earth!

Of course, the graphics are outstanding (even though the colors can sometimes be a little washed out), as you can tell from these pictures. And as for the sound, well... 'tis the fiew of this dusky jewel: What I've feared is true - Yuzo Koshiro has attained the rank of "nothing special..." The Revenge of Shinobi and ActRaiser days are but a memory. Although the sound quality is good for the Genesis, the composition is schrecklich; except for one song that's reminiscent of the Taxi Driver theme, it seems like the notes are scattered about at random: No arranged CD soundtrack will help this score.

But, where Mr. Koshiro is beginning to lack in composition, he makes up for tenfold in game design! Yap, game design: This first-time effort at design by Yuzo is, as this review plainly shows, awesome! Perhaps a new horizon beckons? I hope so - Beyond Oasis is definitely one of the best adventure games ever!

-EvilLights

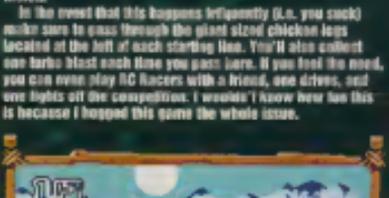
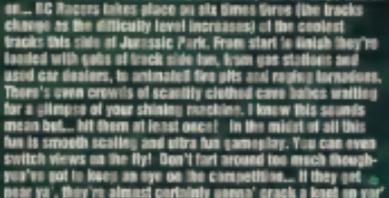
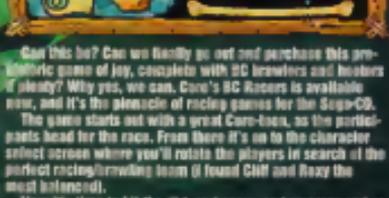


SEGA CD
REVIEW

BC RACERS

 SEGA CD
 REVIEW
 AVAILABLE FROM
 1-2 PLAYER

 ANOTHER FINE
 GAME FROM:

CORE
 DESIGN


Can this be? Can we finally go out and purchase this prehistoric game of joy, cacophony with BC lawnmowers and hooters if sleepy? Why yes, we can. Core's BC Racers is available now, and it's the pinnacle of racing games for the Sega-CD.

The game starts out with a great Core-tan, as the participants head for the race. From there it's on to the character select screen where you'll rotate the players in search of the perfect racing/irritating team (I found Cliff and Roxy the most balanced).

Now it's time to hit the dirt, and snow, and swamps and so on... BC Racers takes place on six times (since the tracks change to the difficulty level increases) of the contest tracks: this one at Jurassic Park. From start to finish they're loaded with gobs of track side fun, from gas stations and sand car dealers, to animated flea pits and raging tarzardos. There's even crowds of scantily clothed cave babes waiting for a glimpse of your shining machine. I know this sounds mean but... hit them at least once! In the midst of all this fun is smooth scaling and ultra fun gameplay. You can even switch views on the fly! Don't fart around too much though you've got to keep an eye on the competition... if they get near ya', they're almost certainly gonna' crack a load on your molars.

In the event that this happens infrequently (i.e. you suck) make sure to pass through the giant sized chicken legs located at the left of each starting line. You'll also collect one turbo blast each time you pass here. If you feel the need, you can even play BC Racers with a friend, see driver, and see lights off the competition. I wouldn't know how fun this is because I hogged this game the whole issue.



TRACKSIDE TROUBLE



In the music dept. BC is heavy on those ooga-booga brega tunes found in Core's other BC adventures. Needless to say, they fit the game well and may cause those around you to do a little jig. So there you have it. Once again Core has mixed out the Sega CD's potential and come up with a first class game. But if you think this is good stuff, wait until you see the 32X version! It is completely off-the-scales amazing! So we'll have more BC Slicers (32X) in the mouths to come. -E. Stone





Prepare for battle against Gotham City's most ruthless criminals!



GENESIS - SEGA
16MEG
ACTION/ADV.
AVAILABLE MAY

Every so often, a Genesis game pops out that makes us stand back and ask ourselves: Is there an end to what this six year old hardware can do? Batman and Robin is one of those games!

Our latest milestone features the amazing vertical sequence shown here, which includes incredible warping graphics and huge explosions, along with a more completed shooting sequence. The shooting portions of this game are unbelievable with line scrolling buildings all the way to street level, where cars are actually moving! Jet pads have also been added to the shooting sequences. The Mad Matter stage is





also starting to come together, with rotating tea cups, and a mind blowing warping table top. Literally every level of this game has some type of killer effect in it. What's even more amazing is that Batman and Robin is a two player simultaneous game! In the one player mode you can play as either Batman or Robin.



The release date for Batman and Robin has been pushed to May (games like this take many painstaking hours to complete), so we thought we'd give you one more look until we review the game. I'll tell you one thing, if you think 10-bit is fading fast... think again! This is just one of many incredible Genesis games slated for '93.

-C STORM





I really didn't find the first X-Men game that exciting. The detail was there, but the gameplay seemed a tad, well, stiff. Nevertheless, the thing was a blockbuster. Many thousands of people really like the X-Men. I am slowly becoming one of those people. Not only is there a phenomenal new coin-op out there, but now there is a truly "next generation" Genesis game as well. This sequel goes where a surprising amount of Genesis games have recently visited, a realm where the Genesis hardware is once again taxed with brilliant results. The 68000 has certainly provided many years of joy.



The game starts out movie style, dropping you right in to the action, similar to a Bond film. That's right, no messy title screen to block your joy, not at first. X-Men 2: The Clone Wars, puts you in control of either The Beast, Psylocke, Cyclops, Wolverine, Night Crawler, or Gambit. Die, and you can retry with any one. Of course, each character has his or her own unique abilities, which you will have to match to the ever changing field of play. That is the essence of the game, finding the character that best suits your style of play, in the level that you are playing. To say the least, the game is overflowing with diversity and play mechanics. Fortunately, it is also larded with hyper detailed scrolling backgrounds, flawless art, and eye popping effects, guests that didn't show up for the first party. Even after dialing in your cast of mutants, get ready for a monumental challenge. If there is one thing this game is not, it's easy. It's not insanely difficult in execution, it's simply a matter of learning enemies attack patterns and the fastest way to the exit, like any good platformer. The music in Clone Wars is only average to my ears, having experienced the recent blissfulness of CV Bloodlines and EWW, but those who actually like those Trademark SOA tunes will probably find it really good. This is without a doubt a quality title in every way and further reason to pursue the 16-bit market vigorously in the month's to come. Tekahera



X-MEN 2



1 PLAYER PROFILE



PUNISHER

YEAR: 1983
 HARDWARE: CPS I
 PLATFORM: ARCADE



2 PLAYER PROFILE

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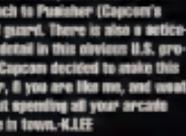
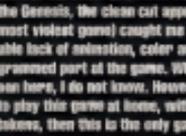
YEAR: 1987
 HARDWARE: CPS II
 PLATFORM: ARCADE



One of my favorite arcade action fighting games is coming to the Sega Genesis. It all started with Final Fight. FF was a game that (like Street Fighter II) revolutionized its genre. Based on Capcom's (at that time, brand new) CPS I hardware, Final Fight inspired many other side-scrolling action-fighting games, from Sega's exceptional Streets of Rage, to Capcom's own award-winning Captain Commando. Flash forward to 1983-Capcom introduces its second generation 16-bit arcade hardware, CPS II. In preparation for its (at that time) upcoming Super Street Fighter II, Capcom introduces 2 new CPS II games: Dynasty Warriors II in Japan (to be later released as Warriors of Fate in America) and The Punisher here in the U.S. The arcade Punisher proved to be everything I dreamed of in a traditional Final Fight-style game.

Now, it's 1995 and Capcom has translated the game over to the Genesis. This version has almost all the features of its coin-op sibling, two players simultaneously, all the levels of the arcade game, cool bosses, and unusual enemies. Although the Genesis version of Punisher has some of the violence and carnage of the arcade game, there are a few unusual omissions. For one, there is no sparring blood anywhere to be found, and after you defeat the boss in level 1 and question him (at gunpoint) about the whereabouts of the other bad guys, you no longer blow him away. You instead throw him off the screen. After seeing the blood and fatalities in

NK and the vomit and electrocutions in Capcom's own SPZ for the Genesis, the clean cut approach to Punisher (Capcom's most violent game) caught me off guard. There is also a noticeable lack of animation, color and detail in this obvious U.S. programmed port of the game. Why Capcom decided to make this one here, I do not know. However, if you are like me, and want to play this game at home, without spending all your arcade tokens, then this is the only game in town.-KLEF



THE PUNISHER

GENESIS+CAPCOM
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GENESIS REVIEW



The Punisher has caused no mouth damage!

IT'S THE WARLOCK'S JOB TO COLLECT SIX ANCIENT DRUID RUNESTONES...IT'S YOUR JOB TO STOP HIM.

WARLOCK

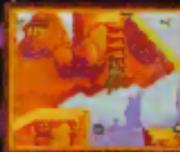


Hey, isn't that the guy who put the girl in the box? That ain't right. One of Acclaim's most recent forays into the cinema genre is Trimerik's 'destined for cable' cult thriller, *Warlock*. It's the Warlock's job to collect six ancient druid runestones scattered throughout time and several continents. If he succeeds, he will have the ultimate power to destroy everything that is. That would suck. It's your job (as the guy with the controller) to stop him.

Honestly, *Warlock* is quite good, in fact, all of Acclaim's new movie titles really impressed me at the recent Las Vegas CES. Besides having excellent graphics and smooth animation, the game is loaded with strategy. There are switches to throw, puzzles to solve, and a wide variety of nicely animated spells to use. It's quite the non-linear action fest. The soundtrack is also quite good and features very clear sampling. A password feature is also on tap. We'll review *Warlock* next month along with the Genesis versions of *True Lies* and *Stargate*. Acclaim is making the games as good as the movies! -Tokoham

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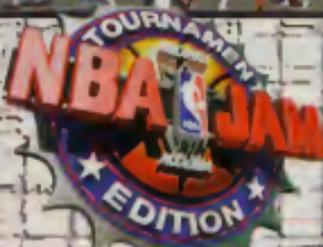
I'm the first one to shudder at the mention of a Warner Bros. game. So many of them have had flabby control and poor gameplay that I have become just a little gun shy. Enter Blue Sky, makers of such bliss as *Ron & Gimp*, *Gimp's* invention, and *Ecco the Dolphin*. They have managed to create a truly original and authentic reproduction of the greatest chase in the history of cartoons, the Roadrunner vs. Wile E. Coyote.

Become the hunted or the hunter and just have a blast. The animation, sound effects, and music fit like year old Nikes and the graphics are drawn to utter perfection. I can't believe what the right developers can do with an 8-meg cart! Don't let this one fly by!

DESERT DEMOLITION



Play as the Roadrunner and laugh your butt off as Wile E. gets worked trying to catch you. He's got Acme stuff...oooh I'm so scared.



IT'LL NEVER FIX

GENESIS REVIEW

GENESIS - ACCLAIM
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YEAH SAYS WHITE MEN CAN'T JUMP



NO MONEY NO MONEY NO MONEY!

He's up - he jam'd it in. One of the most successful arcade games of all time, and one of the fastest selling home conversions ever, is getting an overhaul. NBA JAM: Tournament Edition got fire to the arcade charts in 1994. Now, the Iguares at Acclaim are presenting us with a 24 meg ball-squid to the core of B-Ball game on the Genesis. I consider NBA JAM:TE a 1/2 sequel to SFB. NBA JAM:TE has new slam dunks, new sound samples, new team rosters, a new tournament mode, new power-ups, new improved gameplay, faster play speed, tons of new tricks and codes, and even more new Nissan stuff! In fact, if not for the similar graphics, sounds and basic controls, Acclaim would've been forced to label this game NBA JAM 2. As it stands, even the most skeptical JAM fan wouldn't dare call this game a rehash after he/she sat down and played TE for a few minutes; this is the good stuff, but better! K. LEG



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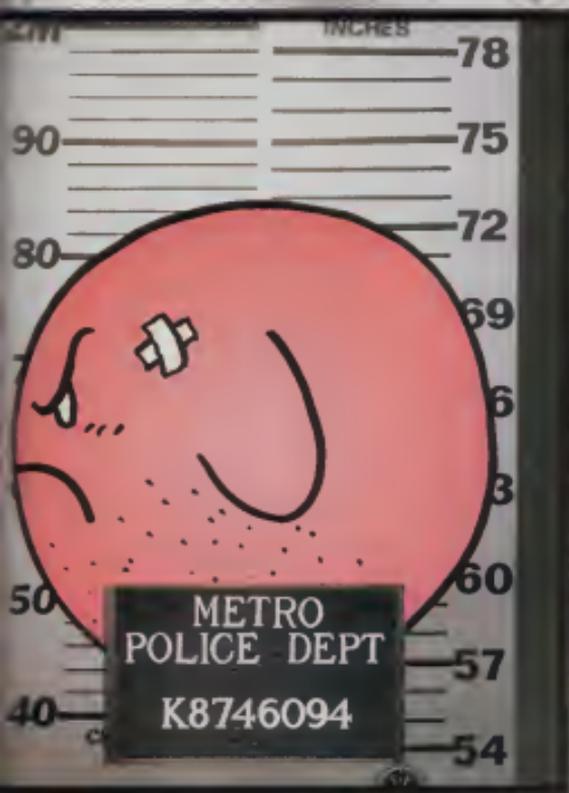
Connect 3 cubes on your slide, then watch your bud get

Then facing some of the nastiest
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(OK, so "The Mangler" and "Scarface" they ain't.)

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it a wacky



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and,

"Voilà!"

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eight courses each to bop around in. There's even a hidden bonus level (if you're really good).

Yes, **His Flabbiness** is back in two new games for SNES.

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SNES • OCEAN • ACTION
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Ocean is set to bring out yet another phenomenal SNES game. The long awaited sequel to Super Turrican, aptly named Super Turrican 2, is finally here, and are you in for a shock! The graphics in ST2 are, quite literally, astonishing. The SNES' scrolling, Mode 7, and music capabilities are fully



taxed. This is what a true SNES game is supposed to look like!

Several power-ups can be collected and powered up, like the Spread Shot, Laser, Flame Shot, and Rebound. Try not to get stuck with the Flame Shot, it can't be fired rapidly.



Climbing and swinging from ledges is executed by using the grappling arm. This play mechanic is reminiscent of "Bionic Commando" - but it works even better here, as much of the game relies on proper execution of this play mechanic. Rather than providing Turrican with the standard horizontal shooting, the designers have outfitted him with an ultra cool, rotating





freeze laser. This renders enemies helpless while you position yourself for the kill. Has it been awhile since



you've heard a quality third party SNES soundtrack, reminiscent of those great Super Famicom games of old? Well, here too, Super Turrican delivers, with a meaty soundtrack that lends itself perfectly to each of Turrican's many areas.



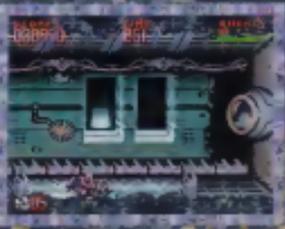
The intermissions in ST are impressive little CG shipments complete with a touch of animation. In fact all of the attract screens are worth waiting for. The creators of ST were obviously granted a





sufficient amount of time to fully realize their vision of this important sequel. After all, these designers are responsible for single-handedly bringing the Turrican character out of video game hell after two dreadful Genesis games. After the amazing Mega-Turrican on Genesis and now this Turrican is sure to be a mainstay among the platform elite!

-TAKAHARA



When evil has been unleashed, a feeling of impending doom has entered the cold night air. Over seven thousand years, an ominous being called The Evil One, strives to reach his son (the Wariock) to gather up the six "Druid Runestones" with the sole purpose of using them to call forth the power of evil. It is now up to you, a modern druid wizard, to defeat the Wariock, save your ancestors' spirit and restore peace and tranquillity to all of mankind!.....no worries.....

Welcome to the world of Wariock, KQ/Wariock's latest offering. Programmed by Realtime Associates, Wariock on the SNES represents more than just action/platformer fun. The main character has the ability to cast various magic spells ranging from minor bombs which can destroy enemies on screen, to the major spells which unlock level hidden objects and pathways. The favorite feature in this game is your orb companion. If there is an enemy you want to hit, or an item you want to collect that is too far above or below you, presto-change, you can let your magic orb do the deed. You also have the ability to throw a projectile horizontally and diagonally. Throughout each of the 7 levels, you will encounter a vast assortment of both cunning and bane, birds, ghosts, ghouls, gnomes, gnomes, hell hounds and gnomes placed in your way, to make your quest all the more difficult. Even, we will delve further into Wariock, until then, here's a few dozen shots of the new evil. -SC3/352



WARIOCK

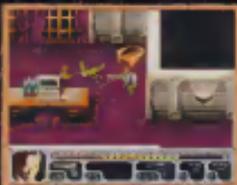


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FIND THE SIX LOST DRUID RUNESTONES... OR PERISH!





The game opens just like the movie...



once your cover is blown, the action starts!



You undoubtedly saw the flick, now it's time to play the game. Yes, the bliss of playing a game as Arnold S., with T. Arnold as your side kick, is now right at your finger tips. One word of warning though, if you don't like the red stuff, you need not apply. Nintendo said "play it loud" and Acclaim said, alrighty then! This game spurts and squirts as enemies buckle and creak at your feet, it's just the coolest.

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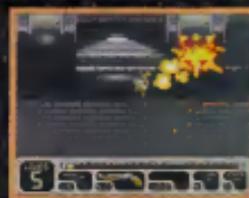
Cool layout huh?

I'm telling you



TRUE LIES

The gameplay is pure, non-stop overhead mayhem, but it is both non-repetitive and non-linear. You don't just defeat the enemies in each level, you have to find your way out! This is often times extremely difficult, as a varied assortment of enemies, using several different types of weapons, are closing in at all times. You won't rush through this one, angling your shots and maneuvering perfectly are a must for survival. On the bright side, once you roast an enemy, he stays dead! Sprites do not reappear... brovot! The



graphics in TL are extremely detailed, the brawny little Arnold character is drawn and animated very nicely, and Tom is along for the whole ride. In other words, True Lies lives up to its license. We'll have a review (like we just didn't) next month. -Mr. Goo



Harry battled to stop delivery of a major arms shipment.



TIME COP



SNES • JVC
16MB
ACTION
AVAILABLE MARCH

SNES
PREVIEW

Time Cop, Jean-Claude Van-Damme's big budget action thriller, is making it's motion picture to video game transition, courtesy of JVC. The evil Professor Hank Kleindast is again attempting to harness the power of time travel through technology. Naturally, it's up to Max Walker (that's you) to put an end to Kleindast's ambitious plans and make certain the power of time travel will never be misused again. Jean-Claude and co. are completely digitized, which adds to the overall realism of the game. Besides this main feature, Time Cop is your basic side-scrolling, kick and punch action genre, where you run through each level annihilating everything and everybody standing in your way. The main objective seems to be: kick bad guys, grab all icons, race against the clock and find the exit. The main character also has the ability to shoot his pistol and use his super bomb, which comes in handy anytime the action gets a little too hot and heavy. The music is derived from the movie but has unfortunately been video game-ized, and the results are not all that impressive. Time Cop is an unfinished game as we go to press, so a full blown review will have to wait until next time.

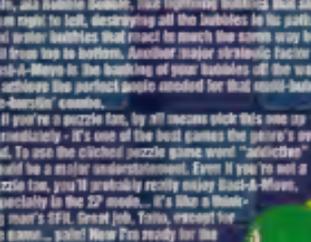
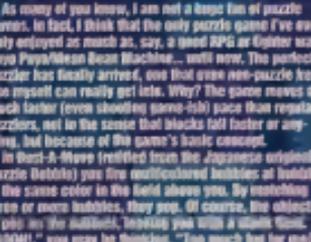
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BUST-A-MOVE

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As many of you know, I am not a huge fan of puzzle games. In fact, I think that the only puzzle game I've ever truly enjoyed as much as, say, a good RPG or fighter was Puyo Puyo/Beas Bean Machine... well now. The perfect puzzle has finally arrived, one that even non-puzzle folks like myself can really get into. Why? The game moves at a much faster (even shoddy game-ish) pace than regular puzzlers, not to the same that blocks fall faster or anything, but because of the game's basic concept.

In Bust-A-Move (re-titled from the Japanese original, Puzzle Bobble) you fire reticulated bubbles at bubbles of the same color in the field above you. By matching three or more bubbles, they pop. Of course, the object is to pop as the bubbles, because you will a game time. "BOOM!" you may be thinking, "Too much for me!" So what... there's more! Several power-ups are available, like Bubble Bubble, like lightning bubbles that shoot from right to left, destroying all the bubbles in its path, and water bubbles that react to each the same way but fall from top to bottom. Another major strategic feature in Bust-A-Move is the bubbling of your bubbles off the wall to achieve the perfect score needed for that multi-bubble-into-one-bubble combo.

If you're a puzzle fan, by all means pick this one up immediately - it's one of the best games the genre's ever had. To use the clichéd puzzle game word "addictive" would be a major understatement. Even if you're not a puzzle fan, you'll probably really enjoy Bust-A-Move, especially in the 3P mode... it's like a Wario-man's SFL. Great job, Taito, except for the game... gah! Now I'm ready for the NeoGeo version! -Nick Rux



Here he is, again, that Super steel, hyper little robo masher, Mr. Tuff. It's far in the future... way far. The Earth gets so polluted and grossed out, the humans leave! It seems they've finally found another planet to pave. Well, to make a short story short, they leave behind all the little house droids to fend for themselves. Not

unlike the human race, it isn't long before a band of bad-ass little military droids decide to take over... Mr. Tuff 'ain't buyin'!

Although Mr. Tuff is an intense little thrasher, the game itself lends itself towards all ages, with its happy music and often times, hyper-cute graphics. On the flip side, Mr. Tuff has plenty of hard core platform elements as well, providing more than enough challenges for even the most demanding gamer.

Mr. Tuff can find all sorts of gizmos to equip his powerful arm, like huge drills,

laser cannons, and saw blades. He'll also drive anything with wheels, cruise the hover board, and slip flaming helmet cannons to his big metal head. So, he 'ain't all that cute! The bosses in Mr. Tuff are a hazardous bunch of droids indeed, and most require major patterns to defeat. The levels in Mr. Tuff vary in size, and are almost always packed with hidden power-ups, med. kits, and one-ups, the only catch is that you 'ain't got all day to find 'em. The levels in Mr. Tuff are tight, that's the only real flaw in the game. Graphically, as you can see, the game is drawn and detailed very well, including the nifty little intro when you flip up Mr. Tuff. There's some quality here, no doubt about it, but it's an acquired taste.

Basically, if you like what you see and lean towards platformers, this cool little game will almost certainly provide you with many hours of hopping, bobbing and noggin kreckin! -Mr. Goo



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EDITORIAL ZONE

In my opinion, specs matter little... remember, my favorite system is the PC-Emuloid kit, as the specialist have it GF, it is my duty to inform you of the technical advantages and disadvantages of the real-pce systems that will soon be (or already have been) released. The machines I'll be concentrating on are the Sega Saturn, Sony PlayStation, NEC PC-FX and Nintendo's Ultra-64.

Let's begin with processing speed. If Nintendo's claims hold true, then their Ultra-64 is without a doubt the fastest, clocking in at 160MHz... the speed of a \$2500 Pentium PC. Next in is Sony's PlayStation, with a processing speed of 33.8 MHz, followed by Saturn at 27.5 (although the system does contain two 6M2 RISC CPU's, running separately) and the FX at 21.5 MHz. To contrast, the SHES runs at 3.58 MHz and the Genesis at 7.14.

Now for everyone's favorite spec; polygons. The leader of the pack in this area is the PlayStation, capable of 1.5 million flat-shaded (no color) polygons and 360,000 texture-mapped, light-sourced, Gouraud-shaded, and depth-sorted polygons. Next in preliminary specs, the Ultra-64 is capable of 100,000 texture-mapped polygons, but a number of other techniques are employed to make these appear much smoother, such as ray-tracing, "bi-linear mit-mapped interpolation" and anti-aliasing. Sega is silent on the Saturn's polygon capabilities, but we can hazard an educated guess: it is a fact that Daytona USA on the Saturn displays 2,800 polygons per frame. There are thirty frames per second for this particular game, so the number may be somewhere around 80,000, texture-mapped. The FX has no hardware specifically for the generation of polygons, but NEC has assured us that the FX's software polygon generation techniques are powerful enough to produce impressive 3-D... we shall see.

Now for 2-D capabilities. The Saturn and FX are arguably the leaders in this arena, with the Ultra, of course, far on top, if Nintendo's claims prove true. Saturn's 2-D hardware consists of 5 hardware parallax backgrounds, 4 1/2 scrolls (diagonal) and 2 "rotary scrolls." The PC-FX has a total of six parallax scrolls as well as cataphote and priority effects. The PlayStation is the only system three enough to come right out and say how many scrolls it's capable of: 4,000, ranging anywhere from 64 to 64,000 dots. A direct quote from Sony Computer Entertainment of Japan, as reported in PlayStation Magazine, is "In a shooting game, we could have 200 to 300 average-sized enemies on-screen with no slowdown or flicker." The amount of parallax scrolls available on the PS, unfortunately, is not known.

Next up on the sound capabilities of each system. The Ultra, once again, reigns supreme in this category if Nintendo's claims are true: 64 sound channels with a sampling rate of 64.1KHz. Personally, I can't imagine this 32-channel DSP synthesizers with the main sound chip of the Saturn, the Yamaha 66E000, cost hundreds of dollars. The PlayStation has 24 sound channels with a 16-bit DSP and the FX has 2 ADPCM channels with six channels available for stereo samples - similar to the SHES' 8-channel sound chip.

Last but not least is each system's amount of RAM and specialized hardware that doesn't seem to fit into any one area. Let's begin with the Saturn. Here we have a total of 30 Megabits of RAM, as well as hardware line art cell-scrolls. The PlayStation has 28 Megabits of RAM. JPED image compression as well as full-screen, full-color video playback (unfortunately NOT) with a total of 74 minutes of video on one CD... but that's one WHOLE CD, without any game program. The PC-FX, which has 26 Megabits of RAM, features three expansion ports: One for RAM, one for S-RAM, and one direct hardware upgrade port. All three ports are housed within the system, so any upgrades will fit neatly into the machine, out of sight. Also available is JPED compression and full-screen, full-color, 30 frame-per-second (the same as a television broadcast) video. The FX can also read Kodak Photo CD's. The Ultra's custom hardware is unknown at this point.

So there you have it. What have we learned? The Saturn and FX are the 2-D systems, the PlayStation is the 3-D system and the Ultra is the everything system if the advance specs we've received stay as they are. My only Ultra concern is this: CANTRODGE? Why? They're WAAAAAY more expensive to produce, take ten times longer than CD's to manufacture, store far less information than CD's, and third parties have 'em. Nintendo DSE claims, however, a 180-1 compression rate which would mean it is 900 Megabytes being crammed onto a 64-Megabit cartridge. This is utterly impossible, though... that's like taking the entire text of this article and reducing it to the size of this sentence. It just ain't gonna happen. What are you going to do with 100,000 polygons per second and 64 sound channels if you don't have anywhere to store enough information to utilize them? At any rate, thanks for taking through all this, and hopefully my rambling will help you in making your decisions. Remember, though, specs mean little - it all comes down to excellent programming, game design, and artistry. Now returning to your regularly scheduled magazine...

-Nick Bak

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MORTAL KOMBAT II



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Mortal Kombat II is going 32-Mc on Sega's 32X, courtesy of Acclaim Entertainment, Inc. If you're right to the point in one corner, you have Mileage's coin-op software, and in the other, you've got Sega's 32X hardware. Combined, are the two a marriage made in heaven?

Answer...absolutely, positively, yes! Overall, MK II on the 32X is the best home version of the arcade smash hit yet.

Back when Mortal Kombat was first released in 1993, Sega had the better version on the 16-Mc Genesis. That game had all the color-of-a-Hell and fatalities which were deleted from the SNES, plus it had better and more instinctive player control. The Genesis version outdid the SNES version 3 to 1 Round 1-Segal. In 1994, Acclaim released the never-Mortal Kombat II for all the systems, but this time, things were different. Nintendo's removed game content policy meant that all the blood and gore from the arcade game could be (and was) included in both the SNES and Genesis game this time around. Being that Nintendo was on even ground with Sega, Acclaim saw fit to lighten up the player control program the game in 256 colors, include all the sound samples from the arcade title, and

stuffed in all the fatalities, taunts and throw-ins in the SNES version...*Sein shynokook Round 2-Mistral*

It is now the final round. Sega got the jump on Nintendo by releasing their first 32-Mc system in time for Christmas '94. The Ultra-64 is nowhere in sight, and even when it does come to market later in 1995, MK II, not MK I, will be a factor on the big "N's" 64-bit monster. And that's not taking Sony's Playstation and possibly Sega's Saturn into account. Another big battle seems to be brewing.

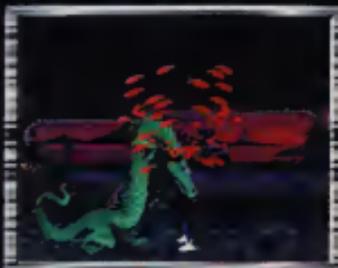
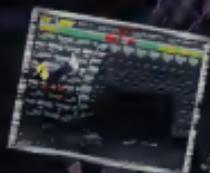


But that will be then, and this is now. I have conquered the 32X MK II, and I'm here to say that the game is a *quid* perfect indeed. I played in the game and surprised, after missing color, sound samples, and control have mysteriously been restored in the 32X. When it's for the life of me figure out, to say 32-Mc naturally go will not allow you to *pease* the fighter's game during play.

What it all boils down to, is that if you are one of the many Mortal Kombat enthusiasts, or just a hard core gamer that doesn't settle for anything but the best (aka-the rulers of Game Fan), MK II, alone, warrants a purchase of the 32X. Way to go Acclaim! -KLEE



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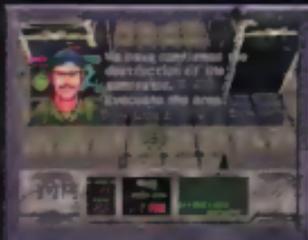


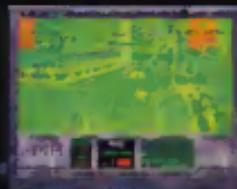
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MH™ METAL HEAD

32X
REVIEW

So you've played the first few titles for your new 32X. You can see the potential, but nothing has really made you shed tears of joy... yet. Metal Head just might. If you're a big fan of the Mech. style adventure (a category sorely lacking quality softs), you will surely embrace this amazing 24-meg cart. The first thing you'll notice when you plug in MH is that not only is the music actually pretty good, but there are tons of low, clear voice samples. In fact, you get the whole memory munching story read to you. Once you dive into the action, the fun really starts. First of all, everything is texture mapped, there are no flat polygons anywhere in this game. Things get a touch pixelly when you're up close, but overall the effect is surprisingly realistic. Most impressive of all, however, is how fluidly your Mech. manovers throughout each area. The frame rate is fast, with virtually no chop, and you can change viewpoints instantly, on the fly. Your missions revolve around the termination of terrorist forces bent on ruling the world. Each mission has a specific objective and a certain time allotment to carry it out. Therefore, no two levels in the game are alike. Some are long while others can be rather short. It all depends on what path you take as there is no 'set' way to complete each mission. Areas are vast and exploration is almost always required. Between missions you can blow your paycheck on a variety of weapons from the smart ass arms dealer. Heck, always go for a laser on your right arm. It





is quick, easy to aim, and very deadly. If you've got enough cash left over, a grenade launcher is always nice to have around for those fast moving targets. Speaking of targets, the enemy mechs and ground vehicles in MH are not only realistic looking, but are all shaded and textured extremely well. This is where almost every game in this genre has failed and another reason why MH is such a great game. Having played this



game extensively, and in the same week laid hands on the only 'Chucky' car, to say the very least, overjoyed with my one hundred and fifty dollar 32X, and the minute these power packed cars hit your cartilage slot, I'm sure that you will be too. Metal Head is the best game of its kind... and we're just getting started...
-E. Storm





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SPECIAL PREVIEW

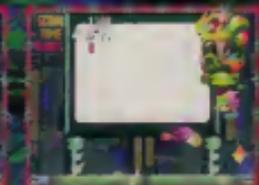
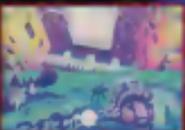
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Platform fans, prepare yourselves for the ultimate experience: Chaotic, starring not Sonic, but Knuckles OC. Course, this is not the Knuckles you met in Sonic and Knuckles on 16-bit. This Echidna is fully animated, brilliantly shaded and works in tandem with one of at least five mascots. That's right, mascot! Rebooted Sonic shows up and gives a whole new meaning to the term lock-out! This amazing new feature creates perhaps the coolest play mechanic in platforming ever. Your mascot can "hold" while you go fast and build momentum, then like a rubber band, you both bolt ultra fast! You can even grab your little friend, shove him into a platform overhead, and then bounce yourself up. This mechanic creates some of the most creative situations ever in a platformer. And then there's the graphics. Chaotic has blinding color, mega scrolls, phenomenal scaling sprites (well, 'til you meet Rebooted on 32-bit!), and 30 bonus rounds that truly amaze! This is sheer Sega brilliance! I'll have so... so much more in many issues to come, in the mean time... buy a 32X! -E. Storm



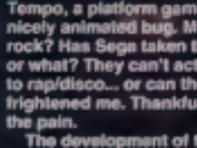
KNUCKLES MORPHS?!

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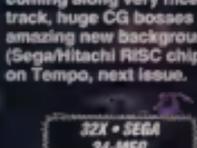




Tempo's in the house tonight- you know he's gonna' move your mind- the groove is outta' sight- funky as you wanna' be. First of all, I didn't write that. If I did, you'd probably think I was some sort of bone-head. You actually hear these fine lyrics, complete with a "I can't believe what I'm hearing" rap sample when you fire up



Tempo, a platform game with musical overtones starring a nicely animated bug. My question is, why not techno, or rock? Has Sega taken the whole hip-hop thing too seriously or what? They can't actually think that action gamers listen to rap/disco... or can they? To say the least, this sample frightened me. Thankfully, the game itself quickly eased the pain.



The development of the first solid platformer for the 32X is coming along very nicely. Besides an impressive Z80 soundtrack, huge CG bosses are being added as well as even more amazing new backgrounds courtesy of the SH2's (Sega/Hitachi RISC chips) housed inside. We'll have a review on Tempo, next issue. -Mr. Goo



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Let's see, Victory Goal in a word... unbelievable! Every time I play a Saturn game it's a little more refined than the last. And this game is polished! Believe me when I tell you, FIFA ain't the stuff, and the 3DO, although a great machine, ain't the Saturn. This is the stuff that not just Sports fans, but all fans of gaming dream of. Once you get past the amazing intro, complete with a rocking un-sports like soundtrack (thank you, thank you!), you will embark on a game that scales and rotates so smoothly and so fast that you won't believe your eyes. On top of that, the amazing 3D polygon players move with smooth animations and incredible





realism. Commit a foul and they hang their heads, score a goal and watch as the camera zooms while the entire play field rotates to display the awesome, and again, realistic animated score board. Then, sit back and watch the goal from every camera angle during the replay. The music during the game is great as well, as are the cheers of the crowd. There is nothing like Saturn sound! The options in the game include: Exhibition, Tournament, J-league, S-league, Cup, and Super Star play. Of course, all the player stats and profiles are here as well. I would have to say that not only is this the best Soccer game that I have ever played but the best sports game period. When the Saturn comes home to the US this September, go for Victory Goal! -Takahara



E. STEIN'S SATURN PREVIEWS SATURN GREATS



Here's the latest on what may prove to be the greatest shooter of all time, Panzer Dragoon. These amazing shots come in just before we closed, so I scammed like a madman to get 'em to. If all goes well PD will make it out in March, along with Daytona, I'm gonna' need a vacation.



Virtua Racing, from Time Warner Interactive? Hey, this may prove to be a BIG positive. It's obviously not the same old game and it is obviously going to be a rockin' version. No word yet on how many tracks or types of cars, but I'll stay on top of things. Look for VR around the 2nd qtr... in Japan.



Nemon's Ray Force will make its Saturn debut this December, it is currently 20% complete. Wii shooters make a comeback in '95, how did SA-01 do you ask? I save hope on, Ladies 'em!

Deadspin, a Sega original 3D shooter, is headed for the Saturn this Spring. Wow, byer joy!

Beta Gun's Ballroom, a newly introduced role-eg fighter, is headed for the Saturn.

EMI, the best digital music for the Saturn, can be played in Japanese or English! Joy to Spring!



I know, the character looks lame, but you never know. I'll review Virtual Hydlide next month.



ALRIGHT! Check out Astal, the first conventional animation platformer for the Saturn. Although Astal isn't due out until July, I am extremely excited to see that this great genre is not being phased over for a hundred Doom clones. The Saturn will be the king of the side scroller! I'll have more info on Astal very soon.

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EIJI SHINJO

HEIGHT: 170cm
WEIGHT: 61kg
AGE: 31
BLOOD TYPE: A
NATIONALITY: JAPANESE
WEAPON: WHITE TIGER FANG



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HYPER MOVE!
AT ANY TIME

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KAYIN AMOH

HEIGHT: 160cm
WEIGHT: 61kg
AGE: 22
BLOOD TYPE: AB
NATIONALITY: BRITISH
WEAPON: CARRIVARN



SUPER MOVE!
HELL'S INFERNO
WHILE ENERGY BAR IS RED
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HYPER MOVE!
AT ANY TIME

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MONDO

HEIGHT: 191cm
 WEIGHT: 86kg
 AGE: 42
 BLOOD TYPE: AB
 NATIONALITY: JAPANESE
 WEAPON: HOLY DRAGON SPEAR



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HYPER MOVE!
 AT ANY TIME
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WIN



SOFIA

HEIGHT: 172cm
 WEIGHT: 56kg
 AGE: 23
 BLOOD TYPE: A
 NATIONALITY: ROMANIAN
 WEAPON: DRAGONFLY SWORD



SUPER MOVE!
CALL ME ON TEEN
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 (or RA + TA)



HYPER MOVE!
 AT ANY TIME
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(or B1 + R2)



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HEIGHT: 156cm
 WEIGHT: 49kg
 AGE: 160
 BLOOD TYPE: AB
 NATIONALITY: CHINESE
 WEAPON: KONSOLVGAUKA



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 (or R1 + R2)



HYPER MOVE!
 AT ANY TIME
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ELLIS

HEIGHT: 176cm
 WEIGHT: 45kg
 AGE: 19
 BLOOD TYPE: O
 NATIONALITY: TURKISH
 WEAPON: DREKS



SUPER MOVE!
FRENCH KISS
 WHILE ENERGY BAR IS RED
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 (or R1 + R2)



HYPER MOVE!
 AT ANY TIME
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THE FINAL BOSS



GAIA
 HEIGHT: 21cm
 WEIGHT: 14kg
 AGE: ∞7
 BLOOD TYPE: O
 NATIONALITY: ?
 WEAPON: ARMOR DUSTER



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THE SECRET BOSS



SHO SHINJO
 HEIGHT: ?
 WEIGHT: ?
 AGE: ?
 BLOOD TYPE: ?
 NATIONALITY: JAPANESE
 WEAPON: ?



PLAY AS SHO!

THE CODE TO PLAY AS SHO IS SIMILAR TO THE GAIA CODE BUT UNFORTUNATELY CAN'T BE RELEASED UNTIL OUR NEXT ISSUE. SO STAY TUNED!



MOTOR TOON GRANDPRIX



I am not a fan of driving games, let alone racing, runty-cooked, super-sized Japanese Street Trax driving games, a genre of which Motor Toon Grand Prix could be the poster boy. Yet for some reason not wholly known to me this game has become my favorite driver ever. It certainly wasn't the concept that did it for me, but rather the awesome ergonomics of the control (especially with Namco's amazing Neo-Geo pad) and the sheer beauty and brightness of its quality of the 3-D polygonal worlds in which Motor Toon exists.

NTDP has a total of three "real" tracks - Toon Island, Plastic Lake

TOON ISLAND: FOR BEGINNERS, BUT BEWARE, THE AVERAGE SPEED IS HIGH



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and Bulliver's House, there are also ten mini-tracks, good for the impressive split-screen 2-player Test mode or in the Time Attack mode. These are easily the finest features of Motor Toon - why create ten dinky tracks when you could have done a fourth brake-slipping regular track? It's obviously hard to describe the absolute hyper-joy which the regular tracks exude, most especially Bulliver's House, in what other driving game can you cruise through a massive house, like a scream "Club Drive!" just yet) creating massive chess pieces and pool balls, driving around huge transparent apartments, drop into a massive sink, nose around gigantic fruit displays and cakes, zip around a roulette wheel and even drive by an oversized PlayStation system? Yes, Motor Toon is true power.

Beyond the basic acceleration and brake controls, you have a "slide" button, which helps you maneuver sharp turns and the obvious screen zoom to any of the mini-tracks like Jean Garden or Stripes Place. Also available on-the-fly are five different views ranging from hi-car to a reverse view looking at the back of your axle. Another original feature of MTP are crystals strategically placed throughout each level, which randomly transform your car into humanoid form, boosting your overall speed. While on the subject of vehicles, five different racers are available, all with different strengths and weaknesses, but each car has

PLASTIC LAKE: DASH THROUGH A BEAUTIFUL (AND BUMPY) WORLD OF PLASTIC



an actual... personality. It's very hard to explain, as these polygon cars must be so... but the way each racer controls, wags and struts as you round them, catch minor air or even just sit there is totally unique to each one. Of course, character designs by the masterful Susumu Kurokawa, founder of Light & Shadow, Inc. don't hurt either.

Wipe Time's music is excellent, fitting the game well. Most of it is hyper-cute, with the exception of the Gulliver House track - instead of beaming syn-
thetic stuff. Strangely absent, I felt, were speech samples of the same sort as Ridge Racer... but then again, the most annoying track of Ridge Racer was the announcer, so this may please fans of that game.

To sum up, Wipe Teen Grand Prix is the best home racing game ever made. The best home racing simulator award still rests with the PlayStation version of Ridge Racer, but for pure joy of control and visual impact, NTSC is so far unbeatable, and with a Remco Ho-S-Cone (what it is right to turn right, left to turn left, etc.), you may never again turn your PlayStation off. I had but one major complaint about the game: Driving off the tracks and discovering little white like a

GULLIVER HOUSE: ENJOY THIS RACE IN THE LAND OF THE GIANTS



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REPLAY MODE!

Back of ahead that like when you drive through their numbers. With side-roads that take you up to hills filled with grass-covered (!) and being able to drive all the way around the rainforests which were almost more fun than racing the tracks normally. Consequently, I think the races should have been more vast and non-linear, rather than driving in a set path. Hopefully we'll see this in the sequel, but until then... buy a PlayStation and NTSC! -Nick Fox



2 PLAYER DUEL/MATCH RACE!



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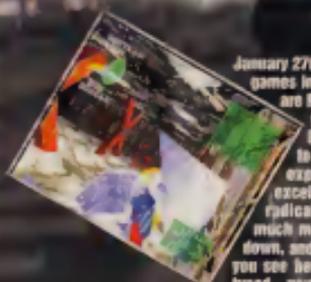


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January 27th is to be a day of jubilation for PlayStation owners - five fantastic games in one day! Among the games that'll be released on this joy day are *Raiden Project*, *CyberSled*, *Space Griffon V7-0* and the game you see here - *Kileak, the Blood*. *Kileak* is Sony Music Entertainment's first PlayStation effort, and what a way to start off-right! The design team of computer graphic experts behind the game, Genki, were responsible for the excellent 300 CG point-and-clicker *Burning Soldier*. This game is radically different, however: it's a Doom-style 3-D shooter with much more freedom of movement... you can look and shoot up and down, and there are role-playing elements throughout the game. The shots you see here represent only the intro and first level of the game, so stay tuned... next month we'll have a full review of this sure-to-be-hit! -Nick Rox



PLAY
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PREVIEWS

Tekken Katsura's Ardian Project, which borrows both Raiden I and II, is a 100% sequel part of the old-ups. It's your business if you're a Tekken fan. (More here) ... but your TV won't be on the stand. Look for a review next month!



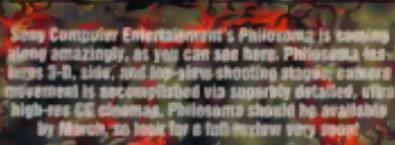
This Ultraman fan rather well fighter is Atsumu's Legend of Duke.



Sony Computer Entertainment's Philoena is coming along amazingly, as you can see here. Philoena features 3-D, slow, and fast-shooting stages; camera movement is accomplished via superbly detailed, ultra-high-res CG cinematics. Philoena should be available by March. To look for a full review very soon!



Sony Computer Entertainment's Ace the Bat is looking east-west joyous. This Shooting Force-style Strategy/RPG is due out this Spring!



SCE's PlayStation Cyber-Fujimaru: Jigoku Ken is a special effects-laden Strategy/RPG.



Pioneer Software's Speed Driven 97-3 (formerly known as Kuroki) is an ultra-smooth 3-D action/RPG in which you control a transformable mech. Speed Driven also features unbelievably high-res (1024x728) cinematics. Look for a review next issue!



WingYield's Night Striker promises to be exactly a perfect version of the arcade game.



Namco's Cosmic Race is a racing game in which you have your choice of crazy outdoorish vehicles.



At least a home version of one of the coolest arcade shoot 'em ups, Nam's little-known Star at the Bottom of the Bowl.



Namco's visually incredible WingYield-style arcade game Tekken: Rise of the Warriors is coming to a PlayStation today in March, and it promises to be a 100% exact arcade port! Joy!



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MISSION 1 ARTIFICIAL PLANET

No need the PC Engine go way back... I can remember back to a time when Y's, Atomic Fisher King, Power Drive, Betman, and Super Star Soldier were all I played, that is, when I wasn't playing my Supergrafx. So you can imagine how elated I am that NEC has released a powerful 32-bit CD-ROM game system.

At the same time, imagine how depressed I am that there are but a measly five titles (that I want to play) scheduled for the entire year of '95. That is, besides this CD of joy, Team Innocent.





The story here is a deep one... The saga unravels as Professor Circus Educator creates three perfect children using his technology. He is soon found out (stealing his technology is illegal) and arrested by the GSCP. The three little girls are adopted by the GSCP and trained as a special task force team... Team Insectant. You come in when the girls (now obviously grown up) are on a routine mission which catastrophically leads them back to where they were created. Up to this point the girls believed their father to be dead, but as the story unravels they discover



MISSION 2 TO VALHALLA

that he is indeed alive.

This leads us (after 20 or so hours of beautiful action role playing) to the inevitable confrontation between the lead character in the game, Saki, and her father/creator. Crushed that she cannot reproduce, love, or lead a normal life, she is overcome by her anger and... you can guess the rest.



MISSION 3: **T** DEEP BLACK

What makes this set of Team Incent are the amazing CG and animated intermissions and sub-inters, the breathtaking locales that you play within, as you access computers and solve problems, and the fact that (although she's a bad galaxy at times) you are guiding a gorgeous, scantily clothed young woman through the most dramatic days of her (and her life-sister's) tragic life.



Games like this will never be made, or come out, here in the land of the big licenses, and that makes them all the more appealing to me. I don't understand a word of Japanese but somehow I know exactly what I was doing (the adventure is very visual) and thoroughly enjoyed this entire game. Now I hear that a sequel is in the works. I will be waiting... patiently. E. Storm





COMING NEXT MONTH TO THE PC-FX AND THE PAGES OF GAMEFAM!







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Power Drive Rally

World rally racing comes to the Jaguar



Upon returning from the Winter CES in Las Vegas there were four Jag games that I just had to play first hand: Battlemorph, Conan (working title), Burnout, and Power Drive Rally. Battlemorph, no way, we're looking at March, Conan, nada, it was running on a development system, and Burnout, well, it's still quite early. Can you guess which one I've got? PDR still needs some control and voice sample tweaking, but judging from what I've sampled this is going to be one helluva great driver. The detail is perfect, right down to leaving tracks in the snow and mud, and when completed the game will feature six different cars, over 50 different tracks, and realistic crashes. Oh, I almost forgot to mention, the cars have working head lights, tail lights, and brake lights! This is gonna' be a good one! Stay tuned for more coverage in future issues and be sure to check out the CES report for more of what Atari has in store for '95.

Quarantine

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Quarantine is a ground breaking first person driving and shooting game set in a grim future. You are Drake Edgewater, a 21st century cab driver desperate to escape from the quarantined city of Kemo. You are driving a modified '52 Checker "holer-cab" armed with headlight mounted machine guns. We hope you remember your defensive driving skills because to quit Kemo you'll have to brave rockets, bullets, mines and annoying pedestrians. Pickup and deliver fares to earn money for more and better weapons... Make sure you've got a good set of wiper blades (it's so hard to see where you're going with blood on your windshield!) A lightning fast new 3D engine and spectacular dark and moody graphics bring this cool futuristic city to life (and death). It's ROADWARRIOR meets BLADERUNNER (with a taste of ESCAPE FROM NEW YORK)...It's QUARANTINE!



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PREVIEW



NEVER, EVER STIFF A KEMO CABBIE!



KILL A FRIEND!



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It never ceases to amaze me, how many great games seem to come out of nowhere. Unlike the Zelda's, Sonic's, and Mortal Kombat's out there (all of which boast big time development and marketing budgets) these games seem originate from small, obscure software groups. Developed by a company that (ironically) goes by the name, *Silent Software Inc.*, *Return Fire* is the 3DO's first patch and quality of a game made by the big boys. Yeah right, what's so great about *Return Fire*? you ask. Well hang on, Sarge, we'll get to that part later... first, let me define the game to you. As I would soon find out, explaining the genre of this game would prove to be difficult, as it wasn't that easy to put your finger on what type of game it was. At first, RF (with its trailer) seems, individual missions and the viewpoint of the overall playfield seemed to resemble the Desert/Urban/Jungle Strike series, but upon closer investigation, I found *Return Fire* contained much more depth than any of EA's search and destroy games. The main objective is very simple; you must set forth from your base onto enemy territory, find a green flag hidden somewhere within your opponents' (well protected) military compound and return the flag to your base, without getting yourself killed in the process. Easy in theory, difficult in execution.

Your armament consists of: one 4-wheel drive, ATM/misile launcher, one high speed attack chopper, one armored tank and one jeep. The ATV is the slowest but can do the most destruction and has the strongest armor. The helicopter can (obviously) cover ground faster and more effectively than the others. The tank has a nice balance of speed, maneuverability, and armor. The jeep is the wildest looking enemy fire, but is the only vehicle that can capture the flag.

Playing *Return Fire* is a trip in itself. The music is a compilation of several popular classical tunes, all presented in Dolby Surround Sound. When you use the chopper, you will hear Flight of the Valkyrie aka Apocalypse Now. When you're running away from enemy fire, you hear Flight of the Bumblebee. When you are successful with your mission, you will be greeted with a full-motion slow-mo parade with Hallelujah Hallelujah blaring in the background... very cool! The first time I heard the music, I nearly hit the floor laughing. The graphics are (again) reminiscent of EA's.....Strike games, except with better detail and a cool auto-zooming effect.

The overall presentation of *Return Fire* will draw you in, but its unique diversity, mind boggling strategy required and the devilishly warped sense of humor that will leave you begging for more, and is the core of RF's outlandish personality. And if you think *Return Fire* is massive fun in the one player mode, try playing with a friend as he tries to create a new diffco in your butt with his chopper guns blazing away at you every way, flag in hand. It just doesn't get any better than that. **4/LEE**



IT'S LIKE A VIRTUAL WAR!



VICTORY IS MINE!

GAMEFAN SPORTS

TALKU TALK

Another Winter CES has come and gone and the image that I am left with is of an industry in transition. 16-bit is definitely slowing down, and the next generation stuff won't be seen for another nine months. On the sport software side of things, it was pretty quiet. EA was not on the floor of the show, although they had Coach 'K' College Basketball on display at their party on the eve of the show. Sega Sports was present with two new games, NBA Action '95 and World Series Baseball '95—both previewed in this edition of GameFan Sports. Other than those titles, there was nothing that I would classify as "blow you away" kind of stuff. There were no new 32X sports titles. La Runa and NHL were strictly AWOL on 3DO and Crystal Dynamics was showing their new sports titles to buyers only at BMG's booth. The good news is that, even though the quantity of product being delivered to the consumers is slowing down, the quality is on the rise. And, in judging the early software for both the Play Station and Saturn in Japan, we can expect that the attention to detail and quality that has come to characterize latter day 16-bit sports software will carry over into the new generation...In other news...the Super Bowl will be history by the time you read this, and I can only hope and pray that my "Niners" will be in possession of the Lombardi Trophy. In spite of a year that featured strikes in both professional baseball and hockey, the strength of the football season made it a homer year for me. The NFC featured two dynasty teams battling it out as they seem to do every year, and the AFC offered parity and excitement that kept most teams in the running until the final week of the season. The best news is that, even if there is no '95 baseball season, or if hockey never comes back, I can play football all year around and enjoy the highest quality interactive baseball and hockey games from the comfort of my own living room. I hope you enjoy this edition of GameFan Sports; turn the pages and revel in the best great year of 16-bit!

COACH 'K' COLLEGE HOOPS

GENESIS
EA SPORTS
4 PLAYER
16 MEG
NOW

Wow! Coach 'K' College Basketball takes the Genesis version of NBA Live '95 and tweaks it just enough to make it a better, more complete simulation than the original. The first thing that strikes you about the game is the fact that the designers have adjusted the speed in the game to a point that makes more sense. Coach 'K' becomes much more of a defensive game this way, and a much better simulation in the process. All of the features that made NBA Live '95 such a great game are here in Coach 'K'; the game's isometric viewpoint,

large well-animated characters that do not crowd the paint, graphic handy-dandy statistics that pop-up on the fly during play, adjustable referee levels, "turbo" features, and user-adjustable play features that control everything from the length of the game to fatigue factors.

What's different is the nature of the college game itself. Season play is accomplished through 8, 12, 16, 24 or 32 game tournaments that lead to the championship bracket. You can choose to play every game, or simulate things when you're pressed for time. You can play anything from 2 to 20 minute half(s), save player statistics in thirteen different offensive and defensive categories, and team statistics in 17 different categories. There are 32 different college teams to choose from; including Duke (no brainer there), Arkansas, UCLA and Alabama.

The "bottom line" in Coach 'K' College Basketball is that the game is pure fun to play. Bringing defense into the game has really heightened the level of realism, and slowing the game down has allowed for more realistic wearing, more blocked shots and steals, and, overall, a more balanced game. Add to all of this a very cool free-throw screen and you have a feast for college hoops fans.

As to whether or not owners of NBA Live '95 need to purchase this game; well, I definitely prefer Coach 'K' over the





pro-cousin. If you already own NBA, you've got a solid game of basketball and need not go for Coach 'K', unless you're a big college hoop fan. If you haven't purchased either, go for 'K'—you won't be disappointed. —Talko

The bottom line in Coach 'K' College Basketball is that the game is pure fun to play.

93%



TECMO SUPERBOWL 2

It (TSD2) is a great game, a limited edition, and an experience that no true gridiron freak should be without.

89%



The Genesis version of Tecmo Super Bowl 2 is equal to its SNES counterpart in every way. The graphics and sound show tremendous improvement over previous Tecmo products, and, as always, Tecmo has provided the player with a well presented, detailed NFL simulation that has been written specifically for the toughest football critic and fan.

Since the advent of 16-bit gaming and the rise of Madden and Montana, Tecmo's arcade aspects have always seemed a little on the light side. Although I would like to say that this has changed with the new title, I can't. But, Tecmo fans don't really buy the game purely for the arcade elements. What has always separated Tecmo football games from the rest was the depth of the simulation, and Tecmo delivers the goods.

You can compete in a multi-season format, against computer controlled offenses and defenses that will do anything you roll over for your offensive and defensive attack. Keep detailed statistics over multiple seasons with League Leaders, and even post your name in the "Hall of Fame" if you should better the record of an all-time great.

I am not going to tell you to sell off your new NFL '95 (I've been playing it for five months—still the best!) or Madden '95, but football fans should take a serious look at Tecmo Super Bowl 2. It is a great game, a limited edition, and an experience that no true gridiron freak should be without. Besides, in this Judas, Kansas City spill has a chance to win it all. —Talko

**GENESIS
TECMO SPORTS
2 PLAYER
16 MEG
NOW**



ATP TENNIS

ATP Tennis is a phenomenal sports title and one that every Genesis sports fan must own. As previewed in last month's GameFan Sports, ATP is a Genesis fan's dream come true with every aspect and detail of the sport brought to life.

With any tennis game, it is tough to stray too far from the "fing" feel that is inherent in the play mechanics of the game.

But, with ATP, that feeling melts away as you find yourself in a grueling serve-and-volley match with Borg, where every shot in your arsenal is required to be successful, and every angle and strategy has to be executed with precision. Your computer alter-ego can lob the ball, drill a passing shot, mix in and-out and side-to-side, cut the ball and drive 100 mph serves up the gut of your opponent! Of course, your opponent has a few tricks up his sleeve as well and making your way through tournament play (need to history), let alone beating your first opponent, is very tough indeed.

When comparing ATP to existing tennis products on the Genesis, there are only two products that challenge the quality of ATP: Wimbledon Tennis from Sega Sports and IMG International Tennis from EA Sports; both being very strong titles in their own right. ATP is better than both of these fine products, and, in terms of replay value, drives them away with entertaining gameplay and a quality simulation that lies just below the surface. I recommend this game to both casual fans and dedicated tennis buffs. There is something in ATP Tennis for both and enough fun to last the entire year. -Turbo

GENESIS
SEGA SPORTS
1-4 PLAYER
16 MEG
NOW

Genesis Review

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93%



You're in the trap!



"Hi, I'm Fred Couples, welcome to Golf Magazine's 36 Great Holes." Once you hear Fred proclaim this on your 32X, you're in for some quality golf. This photo-real, ultra-colorful, 32X game of sticks has just about every feature you could hope for, including the best character generator I have ever seen. Choose from many a player, tailor them to your exact specs, and then hit the best 36 that golf has to offer. Enter the tournament and play against up to eight players! The game is packed with realistic samples, and you can view and then save your most phenomenal replays! So, if you hit that hole in one and your friends don't believe it, shaka!, you've got it all in memory. Bottom line, if you're into golf games, get into Golf Magazine's 36 Great Holes! -Mr. Goo



36, you're in the hole!

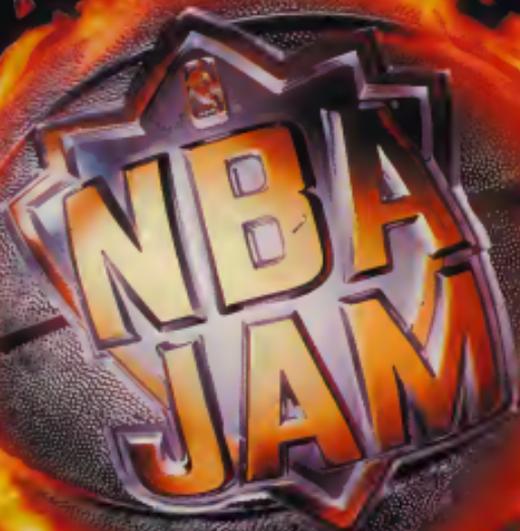


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MIDWAY

WINTER CES '95

Another CES has come and gone. I'd have to log this one as CES (the, in fact, I believe that the best game there was playing at our booth, Tekken for the Sony PlayStation. On the other hand, while the amount of new games was somewhat low, the amount of info and new announcements flooding around was abundant. Sega threw a really cool party, and I had fun playing Virtual Boy... Those were the high points for me. The E3 show will be held in Los Angeles this coming May. It's being hosted at the show of choice. This is where Sega, Sony, and Nintendo will all unveil their 64 bit hardware. We already have Saturn and PlayStation, so far as, the E3 will be down to see what the Ultra 64, which will be based on playstation for the first time. What you'll find on the following pages is a breakdown of some of the best new games for each platform. Best in class, many of the games are covered in this very issue. We were hot!



For a Winter show in a transitional season, Sega put on quite a display at the CES. Tom Kalish led the ball rolling with a full blown press conference at Sega's adopted Vegas home, the Alexis Park, the only hotel in Vegas without a gambling casino... I hope gambling casinos. There's nothing worse than hundreds of lumbering souls with baskets of quarters when you're trying to get to your room or watch Tom Liss for the fourth time. During the conference Tom touched upon Sega's winning year with a blistering 50% market share, plans to launch the Neptune 32X Genesis console at an amazing price of 149.99 (he held it up), the September release of the Saturn at a price between three and five hundred dollars (he held that up too), and introduced Sega's latest ace in the hole, Boon Sanders. Everyone had happy Sega hankies, and the whole thing came off ultra positive. One interesting remark Tom made was that the engineers at SDA cannot get Sonic 1 to run on a Pentium! This gave me great personal joy as I would consider such a port pure sacrifice. Sega is going to throw the leony PC market a bone and release some PMV stuff... the perfect place for it! Tom also danced around the technical release of the 16-bit Vegas handheld. Right now the price (it would be around 109.99) is just too high for Sega's blood.

Sega's plan is simple... it's called the triple play. You've got the Genesis (which Sega will continue to support vigorously in '95) at 99.99 for the casual area/K-Mart shopper, the new 32X (which will be Sega's main focus for years to come) for the mass market, and the Sega Saturn for the hard core gamer who demands the best and has the money to buy it. This makes a lot of sense, but two things need to happen to make it work. Number one, SDA has to make the Saturn compatible or bring out imports SIMULTANEOUSLY to keep that hard core gamer happy (he's miserable right now with all of his RPs's stilling over in Japan). I know this for a fact, because he's my main focus, and I've got all his letters to prove it. Number two, the Ultra has to either go away or come to over the announced price of 249.99 with a pack in. The 32X is a great system but it has limited sound and texture mapping capabilities. The Neptune (with a game) will cost you in the neighborhood of 220.00. If you can buy a 64-bit power house with a Miyamoto pack in for thirty bucks more, this may throw a major wrench to Sega's plans. Of course Sega has Baycons, Sonic, Shinobi, Kavekino, intense marketing, and millions of dedicated users. Nintendo has to overcome years of fibbing, we could go back and forth all day, but you see what I'm saying... There's also a little company called SONY at the launching pad.

Not at the show but Sega was Genesis Zone (a fully interactive comic that is just too cool), X-Men 2-Clone Wars (see page 62), and Roboan and Heble (fully special effects), for the Genesis, Eternal CD, Dungeon Explorer, and Lords of Thunder for the CD, and Tempe (pg. 73), Metal Head (pg. 70), and the AMAZING Chaos (pg. 72), for the 32X.



SEGA
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SQUARE
SECRET OF EVERMORE



KONAMI
METAL MADNESS



NINTENDO
VIRTUAL BOY



KONAMI
METAL MADNESS

It was an interesting time over of the massive Nintendo area. I crossed the land of NEC hoping to be dazzled by Starfox 2, Commanche, and FX Fighter. Starfox 2 looked great, but I've been down that road, Commanche is ultra pixelized (but plays very well) and FX Fighter, well, let's just say it needs work. To my surprise what really impressed me at the Nintendo booth was the Virtual Boy! What a cool device this is! At first you think black and red. My deal. But once you are immersed in a true 3D, bitmapped world of it, it becomes a very personal experience. The black and red creates a unique atmosphere unlike anything I have ever experienced in gaming. Hey, I love gadgets, and this is the ultimate gadget! It looks and feels totally new... I played Tetris Bozar first and was mildly amused, then I moved to Pinball and started to really get into it. But then... I saw Mario! He's walking along side scroll and then all of a sudden, he turns and walks into the background... way into the back-



ground! You play VR Mario on two planes! The graphics look great and the depth is hard to describe. There was also an F-1 demo that blew me away. Again I can't describe it, but take my word for it, you've never played a REAL 3D game. A Starfox type shooter, and an overhead shooter where you fly between the scrolls was also present. The Virtual Boy was, for me at least, the high point at the CES. Nintendo will debut the Ultra-64 at the upcoming E3 in May. Did you see the Mask? Remember at the end when Iykos (the Mask) pulls out the mega cannons at the end of the movie... that's kind of what Nintendo is doing at E3. The Ultra is a BIG GUN!

The best looking SNES stuff at the show was Square's animation/SGL-Mana style-made in the USA-RPG, The Secret of Evermore, Titus's amazing Prehistoric Man, Kazushige Nojima's Metal Madness, Capcom's return to the original Megaman, Megaman 7, and Nintendo's own Starfox 2.



VIRTUAL BOY
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

CPU: 32-BIT RISC PROCESSOR RUNNING AT 20 MHz

DISPLAY: DUAL MIRROR-SCAN, HIGH RESOLUTION, LED DISPLAYS

AUDIO: STEREO SOUND WITH SELF-CONTAINED DUAL SPEAKER SYSTEM

MEASUREMENTS: 6.5" H x 16" W x 4.5" D

SOFTWARE: ROM CARTRIDGE

WEIGHT: 700 grams (HEAD UNIT ONLY)

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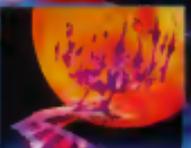


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SPACE ACE

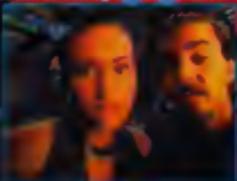


HEADSOFT
SMASH DEAD 13

INFERN

For some odd reason, 3DO Company again parked their booth in the PC/joystick protector section of the CES, quite a hike from the video game area, which was also infested with interactive PC products (that's how slow this show was). I think it's time for 3DO to join the party over with the consoles. The Building appears info could be extracted from 3DO rep's, but no demo unit was present, only a short video clip on the huge 3DO screen. No price was available, but it will be out late this year. Goldstar announced the MPEG pack which will come packaged with Total Recall at 199.99. The MPEG pack will be compatible with the Goldstar unit ONLY. Goldstar also announced two new pack-ins for their 3DO unit, Blackness and FIFA will both be in the box for 399.99!

There were many impressive titles present as well including Kenner's impressive Polynesian, Warp's 3's Dinner (which unfortunately may not make it out to the US), Virgin's much-anticipated sports game Shocktroz, Panasonic's amazing F1V game starring Tia Carrere, The Smokey Encounter, Any Clones' FV unit, Headsoft's Smash Dead 13, GameTek's Conquest and HELI, (starring Dennis Quaid and Grace Jones), and 3DO Co's Killing Time. Pinball Hoop was announced as well and will be coming out this November on every platform known to man.



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DAEDALUS ENCOUNTER

3DO GIVE
WAS OF THE ROBOTS



POLYNESIAN
POLYNESIAN



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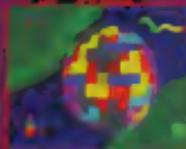
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ATARI
BATTLESTORM



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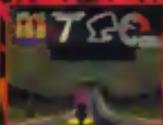
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POWER DRIVE RALLY



Atari took up a nice sized chunk of the floor at the CES and had quite a bit of new software on display, as well as the new Jag CD. Most impressive for the CD was the amazing opening CD demo for Battle Storm. The FMV looked a bit lilley (similar to the FMV on 3DO), but the game graphics looked great. Blue Lightning, and Vajuna's Forces both looked very promising for the upcoming March launch. Of course, Atari had a healthy batch of carts as well, the best being, Conan, the lightning fast thief-thriller, the zany-White Men Can't Jump, Space War 2000, Power Drive Rally, Blue Vajuna, and Bayou. The jury's still out on Fight to Live; this fighter has a ways to go (miles) before it gets anywhere near Virtua. And no miracle on Earth could put it in the same class as Tekniman on the PlayStation. Atari has their work cut out for them in '95.



ATARI
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JNN SPECIAL FEATURE!

ALIEN SOLDIER



MD • TREASURE
16MEG
BOSS FIGHT
AVAILABLE APRIL



Well, here it is, the first version of what is perhaps, technically, the best 16-bit Sega game ever created, Alien Soldier. You're probably wondering exactly what you are looking at. At first glance AS looks like an all-out boss fest. Well, that's because it is. There's maybe one minute of side-scroll Alien bashing between each boss, but besides that, AS is non-stop mega boss fighting! I'm not talking your average one minute kills either, these are fearsome beasts! Most are huge and travel in your boat upon them. Many of them take over five minutes to kill! The action doesn't let up about every direction imaginable and the special effects literally never stop. I guess Treasure figured: why build up to a few awesome bosses?... we'll just make a whole game out of them! Hey, it works for me. I'll tell you one thing, I am now a PROFESSIONAL BOSS KILLER! If you're looking for the most intense action to tax your gaming skills, track down a cart this March when AS hits Japan. US release?... SGA said nada, so we're working on it. -E. Stern



SCENES LIKE THIS ARE COMMONPLACE IN ALIEN SOLDIER!



JAPAN NOW!



JAPAN NEWS NETWORK

It's been a year since the Northridge Quake, and before I'd totally forgotten the chill from our experience here in LA. Japan was hit with a 7.2. Unfortunately, Nintendo, Capcom and Konami are located near the epicenter at Kobe, in southern Japan, with Konami being the closest. I hope none of these game companies were hit too badly!

Well, the tragedy has officially begun in Japan as the 32-Bit system wars commence in earnest. There's no clear winner yet, but I'll keep you posted!

SNK

Let me start you off with some SNK news. Since Matsushita is releasing the Power-PC upgrade for the 3DO, SNK thought it best to introduce a **32-Bit upgrade** for their Neo-Geo CD. Apparently, this powerful upgrade will cost no more than 5,000 Yen. (\$50) but you'll have to send your Neo CD in to SNK to get the upgrade. SNK will officially announce this upgrade in Spring. The first game programmed for the 32-Bit Neo, the **266-Meg Fatal Fury 3: Road to the Final Victory**, will be out in arcades in March and for the home in April. I probably shouldn't mention this right after the 32-Bit CD announcement, but seems that SNK is planning to announce a brand new **64-Bit** home system late '95. I'll keep you informed about these two systems in the months to come. And finally, some big news for Neo-Geo RPG fans. A game that's in development right now, exclusively for the Neo-CD, is **Seminal Showdown: The RPG!** Early rumors report that the battle scenes in the RPG will be regular fighting-game style!

NINTENDO

On December 21st, 1994, Nintendo, along with the television service company St. Giga, announced its new **Satellaview** project. To be released on April 1st, 1995 for a price of 14000 Yen, or about \$150, Satellaview is very similar to the Sega Channel in that you'll be able to download games from a remote cable service for home play. To access the system, all you need is a Super Famicom, the BS Antenna and Tuner, and of course the Satellaview system. With the Satellaview, games such as RPGs can be downloaded, beat, and when completed, simply download new dungeons, scenarios or quests for the same RPG. Likewise, new tracks for driving games can be added. No information is available yet on whether this service will be released in America. The networking business is getting pretty popular now, and I'm sure this will open up many new possibilities in the video game industry!

Usually our **Ultra-64** coverage is in Other Stuff, but I've got some hot Ultra game info from Japan, so here we go: Nintendo is doing Mario vs. Wario, Tetris 3 and **Mano Kat 2**. Capcom's doing a **MegaMan** game, Konami is doing a **Castlevania**, Seta's doing Twin Eagle II and Squire is doing **Final Fantasy VII**. I'm not totally sure yet, but I heard that Nintendo's going to be showing the Ultra-64 in March at an as-yet-unnamed Japanese convention... before E3! This is possible because it's unlikely Nintendo would debut a new home system in America before Japan. If this rumor is true, I'll have a full report on this convention next month!



Special K's last-minute info

Sega will be releasing **Outrun** for the 32X. Since Space Harrier and After Burner have been released, it seems pretty obvious that Outrun would be next... but aren't we forgetting something? **Power Drift!** Dempa Shimbu has had the license to release the game for years now on Mega-CD, but it's finally expired and Sega's getting right to work on the 32X version... finally! In other Sega news, Yuji Naka, the creator of Sonic the Hedgehog (Whose name was misspelled "Yuju Naka" in the American Sonic & Knuckles manual) is currently working on a 2-D Sonic game for the Saturn! I've heard rumors of a 3-D Sonic game being developed in the U.S., but this seems to point to the contrary. The Saturn Sonic game should be out before the end of the year. Also, Taito will be releasing **Dantou Gakken** on the Saturn. Namco is releasing **Ridge Racer** on Saturn, too. Well, please keep you eyes on JN! and GF32 for the latest hardware info!

Cocle is currently developing **Final Fantasy VII** for the Super Famicom, utilizing Donkey Kong Country-style SGI graphics. Furthermore, the game is 64-Meg! Hopefully it won't be that expensive... Also, Legend of the Sacred Sword 3 (Secret of Mana 2) is currently in development.

Other arcade news is that **Cocle (Asterix)** from Super SFII Turbo is in Capcom's **X-Men** as a hidden character. Check it out as soon as X-Men hits the US!



X-MEN: RICHIE BROWN

This month's JNN pick is Daytona USA for the Sega Saturn... I have the latest pics for you! Compare these beautiful new shots with the ones we ran just last month... the difference is amazing! Can you believe it's only 50% complete? All of the Saturn teams at Sega of Japan are working on Daytona and Virtua Fighter 2 simultaneously. Daytona will be done in March and VF2's supposed to be shown at the Tokyo Toy Show in June!



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Compare these two screen shots. Most people seem to think that the Saturn can't do a perfect version of Daytona, but I don't think so. I bet that many of you have seen Ridge Racer for the PlayStation and were shocked, but I guarantee Daytona will shock you more! Just hang on!

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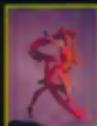


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THE POSTMASTER



Dear Kazushio,

I have been reading your magazine since day 1 and have been writing since a month for the past 2 years. I really thought I'd write about something current and maybe you would print my letter:

I was wondering if the Jagan was in circulation in Japan and whether or not it was very popular? Does it have any companies based in Japan, and do they have to wait to get into the US? Also, did the Japanese like the old Atari system? Are there plans for any RPG's for the Jagan?

I know that Kilder had been in Shinden's name as it, but it also has the Miyoshi's and Haru's too. Have the three Kilder had been to coming out on other systems besides the Ultra 64/Jagan? In particular? Also, is the Ultra 64 going to be a CD or cartridge based system, and what kind of graphics will it have?

Thankyou, Josh Corbano

Dear Jack,

You say I'm not, the Jagan did come out in Japan. Unfortunately, it was one of the most dismal launches in history. I and Yagi do some checking, and it reported back that one fairly large distributor in Tokyo who supplies a chain of game stores sold a whopping twenty five first week. The retailer who buy our game from said too. Why, you ask? Game stores do not go over well in the land of the rising sun, nor do platforms with limited software. And the whole "64-bit" thing... they don't buy it. Japanese gamers are extremely picky when it comes to upgrading. The Super Famicom, PC Engine, and Mega Drive are still big stars; although they are being left behind and PlayStation. There are currently no 3rd parties on RPG's in the works overseas. As for Kilder had been, it will never appear on any other platform. Nintendo has many such exclusive contracts in place for their power games Ultra-64. Licensing?... everyone else wants to ride the wave. All I can say is wish 'til September. What you are about to receive far better than hundred bucks, in either what budget I wish I could say more.

P.S. The other guys say the Ultra isn't coming out... that's funny, I've read about the press releases just in the last week... maybe they should check the Fax, or should I say back. Oh, by the way, you were right.

Dear Paul Thibic,

Love your mag. Great screen shot - great reviews and previews. It's also nice to read a mag printed on paper instead of charcoal! Great!

I do have a bone to pick with you, however. (By the way, do you like guys who ride around in 4 guys have any doubts? You need a license, baby!) Did Fantasy III

RPG of the year? Could it be that I'm, you still have been in too many crashes lately. Why RPG of the year? - for story? No way!! I can watch "Days of our Lives" if I want to cry, or I can listen to Kaito Lee Gilbert sing and really wail. But, I want and RPG that challenges me, not one that requires a lot of whimsy. (A lot of true plots here - huh?)

In my opinion, Final Fantasy III is really a 30-40 hour RPG dress out for another 20 hours by the way it plays. For those that haven't played it (this may get boring for you, since you already played the game, so all that Jagan I want here of least 2000 miles on it.), all the characters have to learn magic. But, only those in your fighting party are learning it on the story progression. There are usually 4 people in your party - 14 characters overall - about 20 powers (the ones that contain the magic). Most everyone has to learn all the magic? - All at least 10 hours.

In addition, only your fighting party powers up. Some what sports back! At the end of the game you see 12 characters to fight the last battle. Power up time - add another 10 hours.

One more thing, Pearly Blotch out for that damn! You can only change your party when you're on the island. This may leave you restricted to the whole party. You can't just change one character.

The challenge is on RPG should be the battles, the puzzle, and the quest itself. Not powering up and learning magic. And, the storyline should help it along. FF III was a good game, but not the best in a very long year of RPG's.

My nomination - how about Breath of Fire? There is Conflict, Daily play Development

Dear Rudy,

Cover... not I would be so like you say want to take up pretty games or maybe have fishing. When an RPG is long and has a massive storyline, that makes it a better ROLE PLAYING GAME. No two people will play this game exactly alike. That's cool! It is was longer and easy. It surely would not have won. Photo real backgrounds, a great story, fantastic music, and phenomenal special effects, not on RPG of the year? I mean come! I liked 64-bit, but better than FF III. By the way, what are you doing watching Days of our Lives and listening to Kaito Lee Gilbert? There are bad things that can seriously worry one's mind. At least you have good taste in 64-bit... a Blogger, James...

Dear Postmaster:

I've been a fan of the My "M" despite their ups and downs. But, I can't believe they ACTUALLY think that 2 million people are going to go. The game that for a more \$20.00 I can have not only HD graphics, but BLACK backgrounds on what? WOW!!"

I also can't believe that they would have the gall to expect us to shell out \$5 ADDITIONAL FIFTY DOLLARS for a measly 64-bit system? The cover!

Are they trying to cover honored profit expectations on hardware practices for 5-6 by relying on ONE generation of "game fans out" for their Worst Day?

"Something in the water does not compute" — Prince Tom

Corbano's Jax in old FF, Shogun 62, H. S. Paul, NH

Dear Marqu,

You played a Worst Day? Obviously not, I'd tell you one thing: I have, and I'd pay ANGE. Has been hundred for me! The real and which is new stuff! There are 32-bit 16-megapixel graphics in there, my friend, and dozens of. Don't judge me you're played. And are you actually complaining about the most powerful game system on Earth costing 250.00? Well, you need help. On top of that, you listen to Prince, Eminem... At least you're Jim... Haru's best!

Dear Postmaster,

I think your magazine is great. I would like to know you for putting based on 32 to 64-bit instead of making people who buy your magazine any better the money. Your magazine is worth the \$ differs a month that I pay for it.

Now, let's get down to why I'm writing this letter. Trying to decide which system to buy. The systems I'm trying to decide are the Shinden's Ultra-64, Sega's Saturn, and Sony's PlayStation. WD Spares onto RPG's for the Ultra-64 WD there is a capital in Sunday Song Country? I bought HD when it first came out. I think it's one of the best games ever made.

Now on to the Ultra. WD there is RPG's? WD Daytona is close to the arcade version? It is, I might buy a Saturn just for that game. In your December issue you talked about a game called Best Worst will it be like? When will Ultra-64 Back Saturn come out? WD there be a Sonic game on Saturn?

WD there is a game like Sonic or Mario on the PlayStation? Do you know what game Capcom is working on for the PlayStation? Can you tell me some of the other good games that are coming out for the PlayStation? My big question is when are these systems coming out in America?

I have a lot of questions but I can't want to spend my money on a game system that I will not like.

Keith Long
Lakeland, GA



Fast-Forward!

Welcome to Other Stuff. The Winter CES is over, and now that we're getting closer to E3 the gaming industry is about to get the biggest facelift it's ever had. Just what will this facelift be? The unveiling at the world's first true 64-bit gaming system, and a multimedia machine or SNES CD-ROM as reported in other gaming mags. Also recently "reported" in other mags was the death of the **Ultra-64**. Well, sorry guys, you're 100% wrong. Come E3 you'll be apologizing to Nintendo and your readers. We've backed the Ultra-64 from the beginning, and as I'm writing this edition of Other Stuff I can guarantee that

OTHER STUFF

there are now over **thirty-five developers with Ultra development systems**. This report came directly from sources at Nintendo of Australia, who also confirmed that Nintendo has millions of 64-Megabit ROMs stock-

piled for the release of the first Ultra games. At E3 Nintendo will have about ten to fifteen games showing, including third party titles. I also have some news, **lmao specs on the Ultra-64 hardware**. The final specs are:

- 64-96 CPU
- 64-96 Reality Immersion Graphics Processor
- 64-96 Sound DSP with 64 Sound Channels running at 44.1KHz
- 320x224 to 1200x1200 lines of resolution (double the average TV)
- 100,000 Real-time, Texture-Mapped polygons per second.

It's a fact that the PlayStation can process 300,000 real-time, texture-mapped polygons per second, compared to Ultra's 100,000, but the Ultra has lots of impressive hardware features like **Real-Time Anti-Aliasing, Real-Time Ray Tracing, Real-Time 3D-Linear RGB-Mapped Interpolation and Real-Time Load Management** that make up for this fact. Just what are these amazing features? Well, **Real-Time Anti-Aliasing** makes all sharp edges disappear on characters or backgrounds to game like **Donkey Kong Country**, and it makes the overall picture sharper and much more realistic. **Real-Time Ray-Tracing** is basically a superior version of light-source shading. **Real-Time Tri-linear MIP-Mapped Interpolation**, or TLMIP, means that every texture-mapped image or picture, when scaled in, will never pixelize or block up like you see in recent games like **Daytona**, **Ridge Racer** or the PlayStation's **Tek** title. The Ultra-64 will be the only system to have this technology for five years, and up 'til now only 325,000 industrial graphics workstations like the **SGI Oxy** have employed this incredible feature. Last but not least is **Load Management**, a hardware feature which will get rid of the paper parallax backgrounds as seen in every 2-D game ever made. This hardware feature is given to the programmer, so if a bad company who doesn't have a good programmer makes an Ultra game, there's a chance you'll see paper backgrounds. But if a good programmer, say a Capcom programmer, makes a game on the Ultra you'll never see paper again. One more thing about the Ultra hardware before I move on to games: A company called **Romtek Inc.** is developing a breakthrough high-speed RAM technology for the Ultra that runs at 50MHz, making three-dimensional imagery possible.

At the Winter CES, SBI showed a video which contained demos of the Ultra-64 hardware, and I have only one thing to say... Come this September, Nintendo's game silence a lot of skeptics. In other Ultra news, **Pilot Wings 2** will be the kick-in for the Ultra-64, but it might go through a name change. The new name is not yet known but sources are hinting that the new title will be **Dragonfly**, the working title for **Pilot Wings 1** when it was still in development. **Pilot Wings 2/Dragonfly** will be 64-Megabit. In **DOOM** news, Williams Inc. will not be doing the DOOM conversion for Ultra-64, as Software, the creators of the game, will be programming the Ultra-64 version and Williams Inc. will sell the game under it's own label. DOOM will be 64-Meg with an October release.

Race in the UK have over six projects in development for Ultra-64 as we speak. Perhaps even a **Donkey Kong** game for the Ultra-64... who knows? Williams also has a 2-D fighting game for the Ultra-64 arcade hardware. This game is still far from being finished since the creator of MK, Ed Boon, is still working on **MKIII** and will be for another three months. Expect a March '96 release for this one. Accolite's **Turk: Dinosaur Hunter** is still in the earliest stages of development, but expect a Christmas '95 release for this 64-Meg action game. Spectrum Neodyme, the computer game manufacturer responsible for the famed PC Right Slinger Falcom, will exclusively be making an Ultra-64 game. The name of the cart is **Tek Gun**, based on the box-office smash of the late 80's. Capcom has Ultra-64 games in development, and one of these is a new **Ghosts 'n Goblins** adventure. Another rumored Capcom title is **Street Street Fighter II Double-X**, the sequel to SF2T. Konami has a new **Contra** adventure in the works for the Ultra and a rumored Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles fighter. Shiny Entertainment is rumored to be making an exclusive version of **Earthworm Jim** for the Ultra-64, more news in future issues.

Sega's Next Level

The **American Saturn** will be black in color, with a redesigned pad, and will retail for **\$399.99**. The pack-in will be **Daytona USA**. Other Saturn games in development include the sequel to **Metal Head**, **Converger**, **Converger** will be shown at the E3 and also has a November '95 release. Another new Saturn title is **Blackhawk** by Neovillage. This CD is the same type of game as **Comanche Overkill** for the SNES, only much better. **Blackhawk** will also be shown at E3 and has a December '95 release. Sources inside Sega have told me that **Sega Rally**, the new AR3 Model 2 arcade game is also being worked on for the Saturn and should be finished by January '96, with a March '96 release date. **Capcom** has unofficially confirmed, sorry Lucius, that **MegaMan** is in the works for Saturn along with **X-Men** and **Street Fighter the Movie**. Rumors of a new **Solitaire** game are also floating around but you'll have to read about that in Japan News!

Neo-CD

Sources at SNK have confirmed that the new **64-bit Neo-Geo CD II** will be released in the 4th quarter of this year for arcade and home. The specs are undetermined right now, but next month I will have the specs and the official name for the Neo-Geo CD II!



32X Sonic?... No!

This demo created by the CD staff at AR3 has been popping up everywhere, as a supposed 32X Sonic game. It's just a demo, nothing more. Confucius say; translate before you scan.

Accolite Entertainment, Inc. announced that it has completed work with S/Drawing Associates in the creation of computer special effects to be used in New Line Cinema's "Mortal Combat" III action home video, due out later this year. The movie will feature Accolite's proprietary motion capture technology, which utilizes precision, traditional computer modeling techniques and a high-tech laboratory optical motion capture process. In addition to New Line Cinema, Warner Bros. Studios is also utilizing Accolite's sophisticated motion capture technology to create special effects for its summer 1995 movie, "Batman Forever". Accolite Studios is a subsidiary of the parent company, also involved in one half-screen studio utilized back over "Ultimate" software for Silicon Graphics workstations. The studio incorporates a state-of-the-art, full-spectrum fluorescent lighting system. Ultimate is utilized for composing and layout of characters into a variety of entertainment media, including the Sega Saturn, and Nintendo Ultra-64. Titles expected to use the new technology include Batman Forever for the Saturn, Alien Tiffney for the 32X and Voodoo-Banquet Hunter for the Ultra-64.



ACCOLITE'S ALIEN TIFFNEY

Recently, at the Winter CES in Las Vegas, Primal Rage was announced for every platform. The Genesis, SNES, Gameboy and Game Gear versions will be out in September followed by the Saturn, 32X, and Japan versions in November.

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This beautiful pen and ink drawing comes to us from Vanessa Adams of the way from OK, Canada. You really have a graceful touch, nice job.



Andrew Richman of Carmon Grove, CA drew us this cool comic perspective of everyone's favorite badguy.



Yet another one from the "Cricket" man. To, Edgar, keep the cool art coming in.



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the game, the Looney Tunes team was understandably exhausted, as the action was fast and furious at both ends of the court. Overall, the



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