

Friday

MEGA GUIDE

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TWO CRUDE DUDES

on the MEGA DRIVE

BIFF!

MAD mutants are on the rampage and who is big enough and bad enough to stop them? Two crude dudes!

Biff and Spike are two of the tastiest bruisers you are ever likely to meet so if

they move in down your way, don't go round to complain about the noise. You can tell they're not the neighbourly type by the way they deal out bashings.

For big blokes - and the sprites are whoppers - the dudes are pretty fast with a range of punches and kicks.

There's three basic thump modes and another three for kicking.

And if THEY don't get the message over then pick up something heavy and lob it. Crudes is a platformy-type beat 'em up and you have to be agile as well as 'ard.

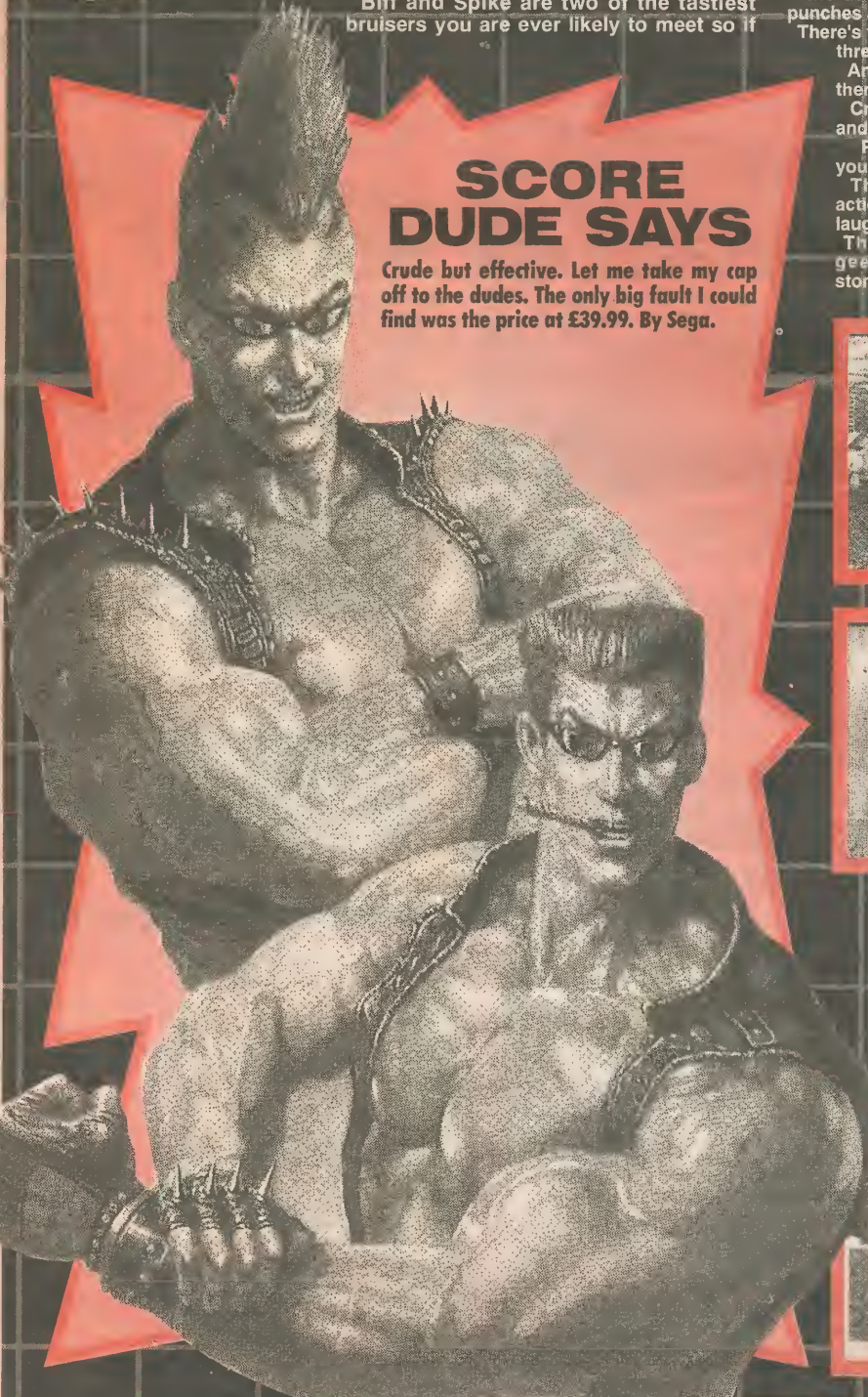
Player one is Biff. In two-player mode, your partner controls Spike.

This is a great game with non-stop action that is habit-forming and plenty of laughs to boot.

The dudes are an excellent pair of geezers who can come around and stomp about in our telly anyday.

SCORE DUDE SAYS

Crude but effective. Let me take my cap off to the dudes. The only big fault I could find was the price at £39.99. By Sega.



THE year is 2010. New York has been nuked and only a few survive.

A mad doc sets up base in a burned out skyscraper and starts building an army of genetic mutants.

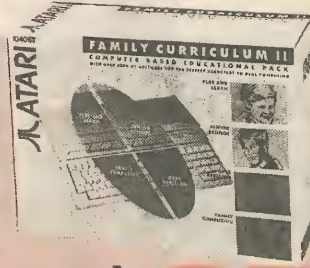
He wants to take over what's left of the city but Biff and Spike have other plans.



Friday? Thank God it's the Mega Guide!



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Hot Atari computers and games

worth **£5,000**

FREE whizz! Sega and Nintendo may be tight wads but your mighty Mega Guide is as generous as ever as we kick off the biggest computer giveaway of all time.

Every Friday we will be giving YOU the chance to win stacks of home computer goodies.

Today we start with a FANTOPLASMIC Atari contest. Five winners will each get a £600 Family Curriculum Pack - an ST 1040 machine with £300 worth of serious software.

The five prize guys will also get a utility pack including robot making kit ROBOKIT, a FASTCOM modem and an Epson emulator - together worth £165.

Five runners up will get the utility pack and another 100 winners will get a game worth between £20 and £25. But that's just the start of it. In coming months the Score Dude will be making your FRIDAY every week with a bundle of goodies.

So keep your eyes trained on the Mega Guide every FRIDAY! To enter today's contest just answer the following EASY question: What day does the Mega Guide now come out on?

A) Christmas Day B) Robin Day C) Friday
Send your answer, with your name and address, to: Atari Contest, 18/19 Whitefriars St, EC88 3NG. Closing date is Friday April 30. Winners will be drawn from a hat.

Dear Mr Nakayama

J'aime jouer avec Sega mais je n'ai pas les moyens, ca coute 40 livres maximum. Pouvez-vous les faire moins cher, s'il vous plait, pour que tout le monde puisse en profiter.

NAME

ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

TRANSLATION: I love playing Sega games but cannot afford them at up to £40. Please make carts cheaper so more of us can buy them.

Dear Mr Yamauchi

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TRANSLATION: I love playing Nintendo games but cannot afford them at up to £40. Please make carts cheaper so more of us can buy them.

LAST CHANCE TO MOAN at Sega chairman Hayao Nakayama and Nintendo chairman Hiroshi Yamauchi! Today we print our coupons in FRENCH to really get the message over. We've had 3,900

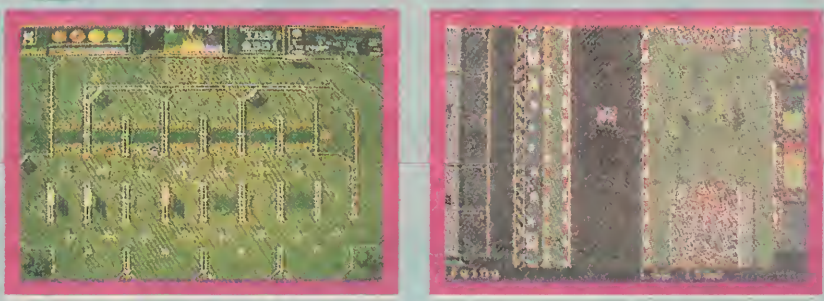
back so far so ONE LAST PUSH please. Fill out the coupons above and send them to the Score Dude's INTERNATIONAL PRICE FIGHT, MEGA GUIDE, THE SUN, 1 VIRGINIA STREET, LONDON E1 9BD.

BEN HOOPER looks at two budget racing games from Zepplin

INTERNATIONAL TRUCK RACING, AMIGA NOI There must be something wrong! I mean, this game is so S-L-O-W! Quickly I look at my memory expansion - but no, there is no problem. Then I load Microprose Grand Prix and normally is restored. Once again, chunky sprites move slickly over the circuits. I don't like ITR. It plays like one of the old VIC 20 games they used to mess about with in Roman times. It never gets out of first gear. Played over six tracks in Europe, you earn points. If you pass the chequered flag first, second or third. Earn promotion through the ranks to Division One if you get enough points. As long as you don't fall asleep at the wheel, that's all there is to it. No power-ups, no nitros, no nothing. A Yorkie bar would last you longer. Steer clear.



CARNAGE, AMIGA CARNAGE looks nothing short of a mess. But it is great fun. Up to four players can join in the smash and grab mayhem, locking bumpers as they bid to qualify for the next race. At the end of each battle, power-ups can be bought with prize money, including boosts and better steering. A great new feature is landmines which can be dumped from the boot of your car to blow rivals away. Graphics are not in the class of Indy Heat but the sheer level of playability makes it worth splashing out for.



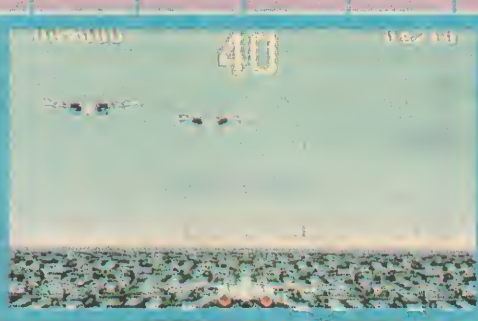
SCORE DUDE SAYS Both games out now at £9.99 from Zepplin Games. ITR is not worth your bus fare to the shops but Carnage delivers.

TRUCK IT OUT

Rolling Thunder is good funder!

ROLLING THUNDER 2, MEGA DRIVE
By RAVING DAVID COLVILLE
LOOK out Mr Bond, agent Albatross is out to prove you are a hasbeen. Terrorists organisation GELDRA (Give Every Last Drop of Ribena to Auntie) claims responsibility for the destruction of the world's communication satellites. This is seriously messing things up and expert analysts expect economic and political chaos... unless you stop GELDRA. Here we have 11 levels of a superb leap-and-wipe-em-away blockbuster. Green-clad freaks and even black panthers are out to kill if you're

too slow at whipping out your pistol or dodging out of the way. So stay sharp. Make sure you search every room on your travels to find everything from bonus points to extra weapons like flamethrowers. They also make handy places to hide. Superb, large sprites, smooth horizontal and vertical scrolling, bright backgrounds and easy controls make this a hyper-addictive game. **SCORE DUDE SAYS:** Great fun from Namco but oh dear me what a price these console games are. Someone should start a campaign about it.



DON'T BUY 'TIL YA FLY

G-LOC, MEGA DRIVE
FLY off from your aircraft carrier and get ready to do something that's been done a thousand times before. If you've played Afterburner or anything else along that vein then you'll know what this one's all about. You are on a mission to destroy an unrealistic amount of enemy aircraft. And if they'd had bikes like you in the Battle of Britain it would all have been over in minutes. Your fighter is equipped with a pretty heavy duty machine gun as well as air-to-air and air-to-ground missiles. There's a time limit and you have to restock on weapons by buying them with your points. Trouble is, G-Loc is MUCH TOO EASY. To get the enemy fighters in your sights takes very little manoeuvring. The computer does the rest for you as it locks on to the target and even tells

you in a commanding voice: Fire. All that's left to do is press button B and off goes your missile. Well done lad. When you have wiped enough of them out, you get a message along the lines of "Well done hotshot!" that will make you tingle with pride. Later levels do not get harder. But your time limit decreases to an impossible level. This may be an easy way out for the coders, but it is a pain in the butt for players. Despite all this, G-Loc is fun for young kids who just want to blast things out of the sky (bless 'em). But no lasting appeal for the seriously demented. **SCORE DUDE SAYS:** Don't buy this game, buy a second-hand copy of Afterburner - it's just the same. Come on Sega, sort some new ideas out! Oh yeah, and £39.99 is way too much for this one. Get yer prices down!

ZOOZ, PC
LOB away your consoles, folks - Zooz has hit the PC. The ace Ninjas went down a storm on the Amiga and ST. Now the Inter-galactic cosmic dweller who looks like an ant is up to his old tricks in a spot-on conversion of the original. If you don't already know, Zooz is an all-action fun platformer that rivals even Sonic for speed. Graphics are exactly the same as the Amiga 500 and 800 version - but nowhere near as good as the 1200. Gameplay is slick and super-

COOL ZOOZ

fast. Everyone said that the Amiga was not as fast as consoles. Zooz proved them wrong and has now made the PC a fun force to be reckoned with. The sound consists of in-game music, with different tracks including rock and rave, or effects. Zooz supports Ad-lib Soundblaster and Roland sound cards and will play on fairly small PCs as well as the big monsters. **SCORE DUDE SAYS:** Not half bad. Gremlin Graphics have brought a totally new game to the PC. Pricey though at £29.99.



- CONSOLE TOP 5**
- 1 PGA TOUR GOLF 2 (MEGA DRIVE)
 - 2 DESERT STRIKE (SUPER NES)
 - 3 MARIO KART (SUPER NES)
 - 4 ECCO (MEGA DRIVE)
 - 5 ROAD RASH 2 (MEGA DRIVE)

- HOME COMPUTER TOP 5**
- 1 LEMMINGS 2 (AMIGA)
 - 2 BODY BLOWS (AMIGA)
 - 3 THE CHAOS ENGINE (AMIGA)
 - 4 SENSIBLE SOCCER 92/93 (AMIGA/ST)
 - 5 PREMIER MANAGER (AMIGA/ST)

NO-HOPER (as seen on TV)

SET those videos! CANCEL your appointments! GET ready for a surge on the National Grid on Tuesday at 6.00pm.



Because it's fame at last for your very own No-Hoper! Satellite dishes all over Britain will be quivering as the Eddie The Eagle of computer gaming makes his television debut on Games World on Sky One. East 17, a pop group, will also be on the show and my mate The Cheat reckons they're the ones people really want to watch. But I know my loyal army of supporters will tune in to see my bit as a guest reviewer. I want everyone to write to Sky afterwards and tell them how brilliant I was.

NOW for today's real stuff. And it's a nice little tip for Super Mario World on the SNES. In Ludwig's Castle, assuming you've made it over the Twin Bridges, there's a secret area in the ceiling. Just before the first golden door, and just past the last Ball 'N Chain, you can leap up through the roof even though it looks as solid as the rest. You'll come to a bonus area if you run up to the right and drop down the green pipe. It's one of those "nut the blocks" games. If you start with the bottom right, then middle, then left, then middle and finally right, you should clean up loads of 1-Ups.

SEE you Tuesday, folks. Sky One, 6.00pm. Don't forget!

FAST-FOOD FUN



McDONALD LAND ON THE AMIGA

STAND back, it's Mick and Mack - two of the hottest boys ever seen on a screen.

Mick and Mack spring into life in this huge platformer that is fun all the way. The game spans an awesome 30 levels each packed with more than 20 waird and wonderful baddies. Our boys are as nimble as nobody's business, they can even walk upside down and... do just about anything they like! Gravity mode is one of a few ace features that sets this apart from yer standard run and jump game. Graphically, it is outdone by Robocop and stacks of other games - but the superb playability is what makes Mick and Mack so good. The mapping of levels is superb, boosting the addictiveness level to DANGEROUS!! Don't be put off by duff screen shots. Mick and Mack will keep you coming back.



RONALD McDonald's magic bag has been nicked by the Ham-burglar and it's Mick and Mack to the rescue. If you think McDonald's food is fast you should see these boys go. Mick and Mack are the speediest pair to ever step across an Amiga screen. The A1200 version has another upper with an increase of speed - if it ever needed one! All the McDonald favourites

are included in the game - like Grimace and the Professor. Levels are very tough - and watchout for the Reverser which takes you back to the start of the level and the mysterious Psycho. Baddies are simple enough to catch though in later levels they do get tougher. Bonus games are great with a chance every time to get five extra lives. Controls are tricky to master but when you have the knack there should be no problem. Despite all the trademarks this is more than just an attempt to cash in. It's good fun, too.

SCORE DUDE SAYS McDonaldland is a tasty game. And it plays even faster than their food! By Virgin, £25.99.



ROBO HOT

GET set for some serious heavy metal action when two Hollywood heavyweights clash on your console! Robocop versus Terminator has got to be one of the hottest properties in the history of video games - and it's coming to Sega and Nintendo soon. Here's your chance to find out who really is the hardest, with guns galore and fighting action all the way. Interplay have snapped up the rights to all Nintendo versions of this monster licence, while the Sega games come courtesy of Virgin. We've had a glimpse at the early Super Nintendo version and these robots look well and as they stomp around the screen attempting to blow each other away. This game could be the business, so stay tuned to Mega Guide for all the blow-by-blow action very soon.

ARE you ready for one of the greatest console blasters EVER. Operation Logic Bomb is coming to the Super NES and it's a killer of a game. The aliens have overrun your base and brainwashed all the scientists except one. But this egghead doesn't muck about with test tubes and rubbish, he tools up with loads of wicked weapons to dish out the destruction. We've been playing this Jaleco winner for ages and still can't get through to the end. This is one hot cartridge, so keep 'em here for the full Mega Guide lowdown soon.

THRILL-LOGICAL

PM GOES IN

STREET FIGHTER ALERT WEEK 13 (!)
THE greatest console mystery in the cosmos continues, with STILL no sign of the game. Despite a police investigation, a top-level MI6 probe and a look round Anthony Griffith's bedroom, it's nowhere to be found. A lowly placed source at Sega claims the game will arrive in America first - because only the Yanks are RICH enough to afford it! Well, that's just not on - it's about time the British Government got involved. Our message to John Major is this: if Bill Clinton gets hold of that cart before you do, punch his lights out! Those yanks may have loads of money but they're no use in a straight scrap. Call yourself Prime Minister? Wade in and get it sorted - NOW!

THE CHEAT

THE Mega Guide may be on Fridays now, but it won't make any difference to this column. I'm the best cheat in the world any day of the week! Here's my usual array of champion cheats:

MEGA DRIVE

JAMES POND: To jump levels go to the small ledge on the left-hand bank on mission one and pull DOWN on the joystick. You'll be transported to level 11...

MASTER SYSTEM

ALEX KIDD IN SHINOBI WORLD: On the lobster section where you start at the waterfall, you'll find a hole in the path. Walk down this and jump on the first chest. Now jump across the second gap to reach an extra life. Return to the other chest for the whirlwind spell - Peter Redd, Wolverhampton.

GAME GEAR

STREETS OF RAGE: To continue from where you died, wait until the GAME OVER screen comes up then press LEFT LEFT B B B C C and START. You'll be able to carry on from where you finished - Charlie Goodrich, Ilford, Essex.
DRAGON CRYSTAL: Switch on and hit START as many times as possible until the game begins. You should find yourself in a room full of money, weapons and other goodies - Paul Benson, Herne Bay, Kent.
REVENGE OF DRANCON: To get a level select push DOWN and press START on the title screen - Mark Satchwell, Camb.

SUPER NINTENDO

SUPER MARIO KART: To drive in the dark after the battle mode, do the following - choose two-player and enter the Battle Mode. Select players and start. When one of the players is down to his last balloon, hold down button B. When the last balloon bursts you can keep driving even though you lost - Mavis Macro, Uppminster, Essex.
WING COMMANDER: Here's some codes. Level 2, password SPACEACE, code 1RCCMBLQW, star system McAullife. Level 3, password SPACEACE, code 1HCWFKVMZH, star system, Glimie; Level 4, password SPACEACE, code DHDKCCWBRC, star system Dakota. LEVEL 5, password SPACEFACE, code JHFHTFYMCO, star system Kurasawa; Level 6, password SPACEFACE, code DGNWPXCLV, star system Venice - Mavis Macro, Uppminster, Essex.

