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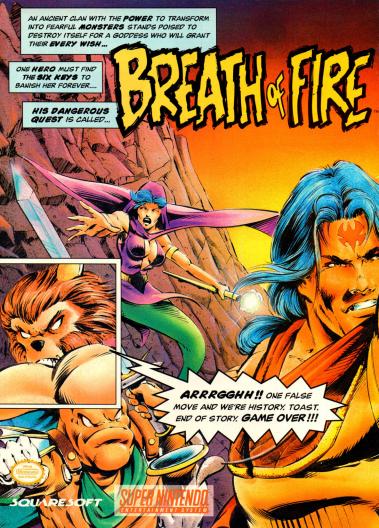


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It's hard to believe that this is already our ninth issue of EGMI Time does fly when you're having fun. What we like best about EGM is the fact that we can devote a lot of pages to areas of gaming that you, the reader, want to see more of. Whether it is international gaming, detailed arcade coverage or just more special features, they're all here in EGMF. And of course, that is above and beyond the normal EGM sections like Tricks and Next Wave that now get updated every two weeks rather than just once a month.

To all the loyal readers who have sent in their comments, we thank you for your input and support. It is this reader feedback that helps shape the magazine into the one that you choose to read. We're pleased that each month hundreds of thousands of game players pick EGM as their mid-month news update on the rapidly changing gaming world.

On the other hand, there are a few who look at EGM as a magazine that just repeats what is in EGM. That couldn't be further from the truth as I personally determine what goes in both magazines, and each is completely different from the other—new information, new stories and new Fact Files. What is nice about being biweekly is that news doesn't happen monthly. It is an ongoing process, and as new information about a product unfolds, it is nice to know that you are only two weeks away from getting the latest update. Such was the case with the CES. EGM was the only February magazine to have actual CES game information, such as the first picture of the U.S. black Saturn. The March issue of EGM then took that summary information and blew it out in a 16-page preview guide. Combined, that totaled 28 pages of CES information. No one else had even half that much coverage!

Again, thanks for the input. If there is anything else you want to see in EGMF, either drop me a note or send me an e-mail over the Net. In the meanwhile, don't miss our exclusive coverage on the newest Street Fighter arcade game! **Ed Semrad**

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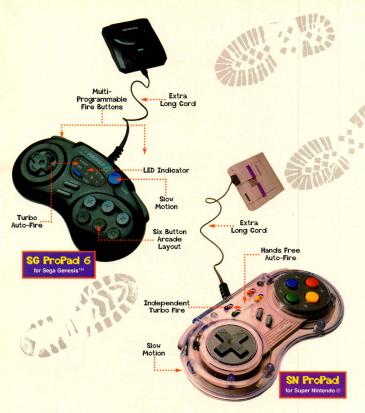






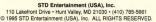
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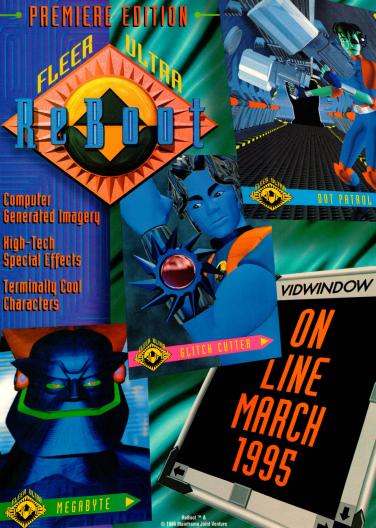




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THIS, THAT AND THE

OTHER THING

called Chavez II by American

Softworks. I noticed immedi-

ately that this game bore a

striking resemblance to the

game Boxing Legends of the

Ring by Electrobrain, which I

own. Upon further investiga-

were almost identical, even

down to the same people in

how is this possible with two

different companies? Is one

of these companies ripping

this for me.

off the other? Please answer

Joseph Balsamo

Teaneck, NJ

the crowd. My question is.

tion. I realized the games

screen shots of a game

I recently saw a review with

THE VOICE OF REASON

I am an average 13year-old girl and my sibling gets your magazine. I love video games and reading about them. Only one thing really ticks me off; twice I've seen you put "Video Games" Hottest Babes" into your magazine. My opinion is that this is very sexist. See. I'm sure vou've heard the saying, "All men (and women-I added that!) are created equal." So why must you portray us like that?

Let me tell you this, my friend and I were looking through vour mag.

and she thought the way Galford from Samurai Shodown 1 and 2 was drawn, that he looked kinda fine. (Notice I put kinda.) So why don't you put something like that in your magazine? To me, everything would

be even ... at last! I just wanted to give you my opinion on this "babe" thing. My friend and I were

> offended by it. **Amanda Thomas** Milpitas, CA (Ed. Wow. Thanks

for calling our attention to this. Amanda! Let it never be said that EGM2 isn't politically correct. We aim to please all of our readers.

whether they're male or female. We know that we

have many

female readers and we would love to hear from them more often! You should check out the 1995 Video Game Buver's Guide and see our choice for Hottest Game Hunk! He's a real ringer!)

(Ed. You're very observant, Joe. However, no one is

"ripping off" anyone else These two games were programmed by the same people. Chavez was supposed to be released only in Mexico. They may look exactly alike, but there are some minor differences.)

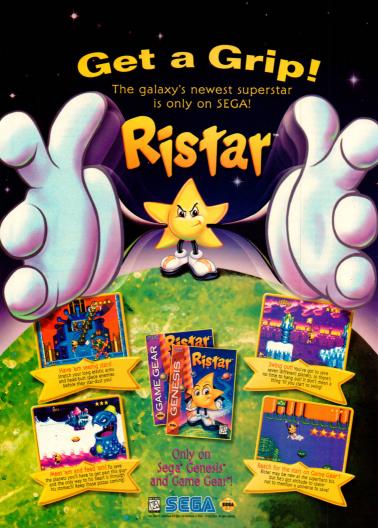


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The best letter submitted each month will win his/her choice of either the Super NES or Genesis version of Acclaim's hot, new Dual Turbo Wireless Remote System.



Are Boxing Legends of the Ring and Chavez the same?





NO ULTRA 64??!!

I am an avid game player and I recently read EGMP #7. The first thing I usually do is turn to the Gaming Gossip section to find out the latest information on the gaming world. When I read it I was in shock to learn that Nintendo might scrap the Ultra 64. Although Nintendo may not be able to compromise their magic \$250 price, it would seem to me that they could really leave a lot of people wondering about how much of a reality anything they announce will ever become. So the main processor chip costs \$85. So what? Everyone knows that kind of technology isn't cheap. I don't know about the rest of the gaming world, but if someone would shell out \$350-450 for a Saturn or a PlayStation, then why not pay that much for an Ultra 64? In my opinion, Nintendo can scrap the Virtual Boy. I want an Ultra 64!

> Eric Hahn Bellevue, NE

Mack McLaurin

Midwest City, OK

WHEN THE EARTH MOVES

Since the earthquake that

hit Japan was so severe, do

you guys think that this will

(Ed. It is doubtful that the

Japanese earthquake will

affect the flow of games to

America or anywhere else.

As far as we know, there

were no game companies

the earthquake. But, the

that were lost as a result of

Japanese people obviously

right now than making video

have more on their minds

Land of the Rising Sun.)

to the United States?

slow down the flow of games

SOGGY ENVELOPE ART I have a bad problem. It all started like this: I was looking through one of your issues and saw the page with the letter art on it. I asked my brother if he could draw one for me. He said he would do it only if I do something in return. So I cleaned his room for a month. He asked me what I wanted him to draw and I told him to draw everyone from the game Killer Instinct. He stayed up three days in a row trying to make the best picture that he could. The next day I woke up to see an envelope with all of the characters from Killer Instinct. It was one of the best pictures I had ever seen. I put a stamp on it and went outside to mail it. I got halfway to the mailbox when I

got the sudden urge to go to

the bathroom. I left the envelope on the outside patio. When I was done in the bathroom, I went to bed. I got up the next morning and remembered that I had left the envelope on the patio. I ran outside to get it, but it was too late. The envelope was soaked! My brother still hasn't found out that I ruined one of his best pictures. How should I break the news to him?

Okay, Tyrone, er Morgana. You made it into the Psycho Letter column so you're almost

there! Hopefully we'll see you in a video game soon. Until then, you can look sexy in an

EGM T-Shirt. There's just one problem, do you want a men's size or a women's size?

Charlie Mason

Memphis, TN (Ed. Always remember, honesty is the best policy. Tell him your dog ate it. Next question.)

I had a dog that ate a piece of envelope art that I had worked on for three days. So I ate him. Now, my parents want to know where the dog is. What should I do?

(Ed. Eat your brother. Next question.)

TER OF THE MON

If you think you have what it takes to contribute to society, go write to Newsweek. If, however, you have a thought or opinion that fellow gamers would particularly find crazy, we'd love to immortalize you with a special edition EGM T-shirt proclaiming your fondness of and psychosis to video games!

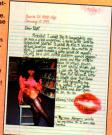
I agree with Cherise Graves from EGM #6. It would be nice to see more

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African-American women in games. As a matter of fact, I want to make a game based on myself. It will be a cool action/platform game. The weapons? Well, I can power-up my purse and other articles of clothing like shoes for attack power, dresses for defense and even special moves. When it gets really bad, I can use the "Mesmerize" Option! I'll be "bounci-er" than Mai Shiranui, hotter than B. Orchid and more sought after than Queen Nefertiti! But I need your help spreading my name around so I can get a cameo. I can show my body better than Cammy, Felicia and Morrigon. I'm too sexy to say more so, ta-ta!

> Sincerely (with love and kisses), Morgana

P.S. If some boy named Tyrone Morgan wrote his name on my letter, let me know so I can stab him with my five-inch spiked



Yeah, we don't know either!

THE MASK

I recently bought The Mask on video and inside the box was a slip of paper promising a rebate when the Super NES or Genesis versions of the game were purchased. My question is, was this game ever released? I have yet to see it on store shelves. Was the game scrapped? If not, when will it be released?

Darren Chilton Beaumont, TX

(Ed. T*HQ is currently in the process of finishing The Mask video game. A representative from T*HQ told us it should be completed by June or July and that it was in the final phases of development. We'll keep you abreast of its progress.)

games. We here at EGM and EGM2 wish to express our sympathy to the people of Japan in their time of great loss. Hopefully, things will be back to normal soon in the

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WHERE'S MEGA MAN?

I'm a big Mega Man fan. You said that Mega Man X² would be out in January. I waited all month, and it didn't come out. I would like to know where to find it.

Erik Frederickson Knoxville, TN (Ed. The wait is over, Erik!



Mega Man Xº should be out

now.)

Fans of Mega Man rejoice. Mega Man X² is here!

JAGUAR CD

I'm a proud owner of an Atari Jaguar and your magazines. I was wondering if you have a release date for the Atari Jaguar CD.

Craig Pesant Ontario, Canada

(Ed. According to Atari, the Jaguar CD should be out in the first quarter of 1995. It will probably include a pack-in game, although it is



Atari's Jaguar CD should debut sometime soon.

unclear what it will be. Keep reading upcoming EGM2's for more on this powerful new peripheral.)

MORE JAGUAR NOTES

I enjoy your magazine very much, especially the interviews you've been doing with some of the top game developers (i.e., Namco and Acclaim). My question involves these and other major developers and the Atari Jaguar. Why does it seem that all of the major developers are talking about versions of their hits (such as MK II and NBA Jam Tournament Edition, for example) for every system (including the 16-Bit platforms!) except the Atari Jaguar? Are companies such as Acclaim, Namco. Williams/Bally/Midway and Capcom waiting for the Jaguar's user base to get larger before signing on as a developer, or has Atari simply been lax in seeking major third-party support? I feel that the Jaquar is the best system in terms of price to power. With the CD-ROM unit coming, things can only get better. It would, however, greatly help the Jaquar to have an MK III. an NBA Jam or a Killer Instinct to put it in a position of more exposure with the other "next-genera-

Gregory Walker

(Ed. Atari seems not to have been able to get the kind of third-party support it was hoping for. Most of the big developers like the ones you mentioned are leaning toward the Sony PlayStation. This is probably the result of Atari's less-than-stellar past performance. However, don't count Atari out. I'm sure they have more than a few aces up their sleeves.)

tion" systems.

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE

I am very concerned about the game Snatcher. I am convinced that it is the best game I have ever played. The graphics are supperb, and in the fun department: I give it a 10-. The problem is, there are not many other games like it. Could you tell me of at least one other game like it. Keep up the good work. Please try to held!

> Nick Schroeder San Antonio, TX



Rise of the Dragon is a game somewhat like Snatcher.

(Ed. Well, if you're looking for something close to Snatcher, try Dynamik's Rise of the Dragon for the Sega CD. If you want to stretch it and try something kind of similar but different [does that really make any sense at all?], give Shadowun for the Super NES a try.)

A STATE OF FLUX

ls it my imagination or are there fewer titles being made for all systems as of late? If my observations are correct, what's the scoop? Are there fewer games being produced for platforms such as the Super NES, Genesis and Sega CD because of the next-generation systems coming out? My friends and I have discussed this at great length, and we can't figure out what's happening.

Tommy Finn

Seattle, WA (Ed. You're not too far off base, Tommy, The whole industry is in a weird state right now. With all of the new systems coming out [Saturn, PlayStation, etc ...], many of the game companies are pouring money into designing games for them. This puts everyone, including us, in a strange predicament. Many gamers are "freaking-out" thinking about their 16-Bit investments going up in smoke. But look on the positive side, in a few short months, some of us Ithe ones with a little too much money!] will be playing games at home that are as technologically advanced as the game in the arcades! After the initial shock, many gamers will be happy that the advancement in technology came when it did! Hopefully we'll all be playing some of the coolest games ever!)

Ever had a revelation?
Okay, how about something really strange about the video game industry? If you've got some strange combination you feel everyone should know about, send it in!

WHAT IF...

...Kung Lao's hat was really a boomerang and it came back to him? ...Earthworm Jim was really a tapeworm? Jason Kenyon, Goldsboro, NC

...Koopa Troopa joined the Ninja Turtles? ...Beavis knew how to

...you could finish the Legend of Zelda in one

day?
...Boogerman ate more
beans than he should?
Brian Hernandez, Houston, TX

...T.J. Combo couldn't do a single combo? ...Goro and Kintaro played Bomberman (two on two)?

...Chief Thunder finally realized that Mohawks were out of style? lain Hend via the Internet

...Sonic had antilock

Jason Latham, Anderson, SC
...there was a Final
Fantasy III fighting

game?
...Reptile turned invisible and tied his opponents' shoelaces together?

...Tempest starred in Exorcist 5: The Arcade Game?

...Kung Lao tipped his hat and accidentally cut off someone's head? Todd Ciolek, Beavercreek, OH

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Or include your What Ifs as a P.S. on a letter or postcard you're sending in.





Suritu ibe Nef

TECMO WOES

I tried countless mail-order and local video game retailers to find a copy of Tecmo Super Bowl II, but either they weren't getting any or they sold the only five copies that they had! I even tried calling Tecmo directly, and they knew automatically what I was calling about. They could only direct me to a store called Target that might have some copies. Unfortunately, they are mainly located in California and the Midwest, and everyone would have to stand in line to get a copy. This is really unfair because I put in a hell of a lot of time and effort trying to get a copy. It seems that no retailers on the East Coast have any copies left nor will they receive any due to SB II's "one-time release." What kind of crappy business is this? The Tecmo representative told me that due to popular demand, they will probably come out with Tecmo Super Bowl III next season. Do I have to wait a whole six months to a year to get a copy? I think that this is really sad. Anyway, thanks for listenina.

> **Alexander Dedios** via the Internet

When I got back from my vacation this holiday season, I was delighted to get some information on Tecmo Super bowl II: Special Edition, Little did I know at the time how "special" it was. An ad in one of your magazines said it was available only in limited quantities. I called a local electronics store in the middle of January to see if they had it. They said that they didn't, and they didn't even know of a release date. I discovered that only one of the many stores that I visited had it. and when they received their "shipment," it consisted of only two (yes, two!) cartridges! Needless to say, they

were sold immediately. One store I had gone to wouldn't even carry it because Tecmo would not release it in larger quantities. One of the salespersons suggested that I try a mail-order store, so I did when I got home later that day. They told me the same thing: They were sold out. and there was no way I could acquire one from them. I am very perturbed at this whole situation at the moment. What is the ingenious marketing strategy behind this whole fiasco? Please, please offer us some logical explanation for this insanity.

Willie Diaz and Sid Linker

via the Internet (Ed. We contacted Dimitri Criona who is the director of sales and marketing at Tecmo to see what he had to say about all this. Alexander's was not the first piece of mail we had received about SB III. Mr. Criona said, "Since sales of football carts generally drop drastically after the Super Bowl, Tecmo had made the mistake of underestimating the number of units that would be sold. We apologize to the consumers about this mix-up, we didn't think the demand for this game would be so high. On the positive side, SB III will be out next vear, so everyone who wants a copy will be able to get it." The question certainly arises whether or not this whole thing was some kind of weird marketing gimmick. We don't think so, but who knows? Hope this helped.)

THAT DARN PLAYSTATION I recently saw some specs

for the Sega Saturn and the Sony PlayStation. How can the PlayStation even compete with the Saturn? It hardly has any memory, no speed and only one 32-Bit chip! The Saturn has two! What can the PlayStation do anyway? It

seems to me like it is going to die. CD-ROMs are too slow!

wimbledon4 via America Online

(Ed. First of all, the Sega



are none that use it now. As for your comparison of the two: Have you played games on either of these systems? No? Well how would you be able to compare them Mister Smarty-pants?!



Saturn both have the potential to be great systems. We have both of them our office. and they're great. The big deciding factor is going to be which has the best games.



Namco's Cyber Sled for the PlayStation is really cool!

Right now, there are more games for the PlayStation than the Saturn Most of the games for the PlayStation are really cool! But I'm sure in the next few months, the Saturn will get many more excellent titles. Just remember; it's not the lure you use, it's how you dangle the bait. Oooh, that was bad!)

NBA JAM FREAK

I recently read an article about NBA Jam Tournament Edition and was amazed at all of the new features. This



NBA Jam TE features tons of rookies to choose from.

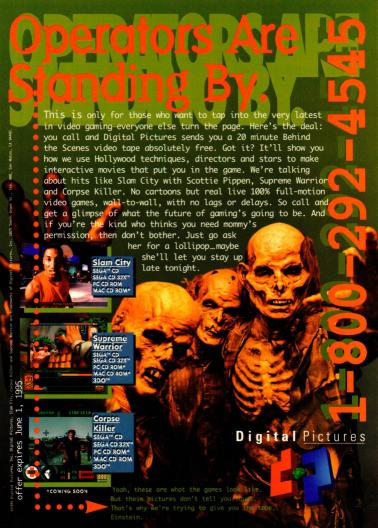
game is a "must-buy," but I need to know who the rookies are on the rookie team. I saw one picture of a screen shot with Hill and Dumas. and this astounded me.

Jam Nut Jon via the Internet

(Ed. You want rookies? You got 'em! There are a bunch to choose from. Here's a list of some of the rookies from a preliminary cart: Montross, Kidd, Dumas, Rose, Curley. Robinson, Jones, Reeves, Mobley, Marshall, Dare, Williams, Thompson, Wright, Person, McKie and Hill.)

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PAPERBOY REVISITED

How come there isn't a new Paperboy game? There are only two and they had raggedy graphics, dead music, etc ... everything typical of the old Nintendo games. But now there's new technology! Everyone remembers the silly, old Donkey Kong games. Look what they did to those! Why not Paperboy? Imagine this: a Paperboy with awesome graphics, rock music, bonus stages, Bosses, turning at intersections-I could go on and on! Please ask Nintendo or whatever company that makes this game to reincar-

> Sam Webb Gainsville, FL

GREETINGS FROM DOWN UNDER!

nate Paperboy

How's it going, everybody? This is one of your readers from down under in Australia. I would like to start off by saying that your magazine is excellent and you are doing a great job. I'm a big RPG fan, so what I'd really like to know is if Nintendo will be bringing out an RPG for the Ultra 64. If so, will the graphics be like a normal Super NES or will they be like Killer Instinct?

James Bell

Adelaide, Australia (Ed. Great to hear from ya James! Hope all is well in the Land Down Under, Is it true that water goes down the drain in the opposite direction? Anyway, rumor has it that the next game in the Final Fantasy series will in fact be made for the Ultra 64! Expect superior graphics, a killer story line and everything you would ever want in an RPG. That is, if this rumor holds true. It's going to be interesting to see what the different types of games will do with the extra processing power of the Ultra 64.)



Cesar Magdaleno Santa Ana, CA

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CHIP OFF THE OLD 'BLOCH'

by Arnie Katz

Robert Bloch, author of Psycho and other fantasy tales, died recently. Most people don't know he was a fanzine fan for over 60 years. His humorous articles, collected as "The Eights Stage of Fandom," has an honored place on my bookshelf.

Bloch also helped inspire this column. For a long time, he reviewed science-fiction fanzines for professional magazines. I've tried to bring the same sense of humor and fairness to the challenge of doing justice to the field of personal journalism. Had he (and the late Roger Philips Graham) not led the way, it is possible that electronic gaming fandom might not have had such a clearly marked path to follow. With the spirit of Robert Bloch peering over my shoulder, let's go to the fanzines.

The Atari Zone Vol. 6 No. 5 Edited by Dan Iacovelli 1411 N. 36th Melrose Park, IL 60160-2726 Bimonthly, \$1 per issue,

The three-column layout is simple, but **Atari Zone** is packed with news, reviews and activities to appeal to fans of the Sunnyvale company's products.

There's a lot of enthusiasm here, but little outright cheer-leading. That's a blessing for those who want to tap these specialists' expertise without suffering through a 10-page commercial.

If systems like Lynx, ST and Jaguar are important to you, a subscription to this fanzine is certainly money well-spent.

The Dark Side #1 Edited by Al Riccitelli 27 Meadowbrook Dr. N. Branford, CT 06471 Frequent, \$1 per copy, 8 pages

One of the wonderful things about fanzines is that the editor can print anything he/she wants on any subiect. This new title, produced with a bit of help from veteran fan eds Chris Kohler and Alan Lanoie, embraces electronic gaming and professional wrestling. Commentary about the Survivor Series and Yoko Zuna is side-by-side with short game critiques and fanzine reviews. Al even draws a game-oriented comic strip!

It's hard to judge from a first issue, but **The Dark Side** appears to have future potential. A good way to harmonize the varied content would be for Al to write more about himself so we



can learn more about the person who encompasses these diverse interests.

The Laser #9
Edited by Mike Palisano
2 Rock Ridge Dr.

Norwalk, CT 06854 Bimonthly, \$1.50 per issue, 26 pages

This fanzine shows that intelligent, sincere fans can triumph over those who only insult. Mike took some heat, most of it blatantly unfair, in the beginning, but

he recognized that cooperation and friendliness are the glue that holds fandom together. Most of the bigmouths are gone, but



survived to become one of

fandom's leading publications.
Mike does most of the writing this issue—all good, solid stuff. Few fanwriters put more effort into refining style and editing stories to a smooth polish. The finished issue shows the big dividends such extra care pays.

His editorial, wondering how fans will adapt to the coming changes in electronic gaming, provides meat for reflection, and his reviews span just about every major platform. Of particular merit in #9 is his deep analysis of the deal between Seqa and Atari,

The Laser has arrived as an excellent electronic gaming fanzine. Isn't it time you sent for a copy?

Video Game Genie #1 Edited by Darryl Wolk & Steven Macaluso

903 Elgin St., Newmarket, Ontario, Canada L3Y 5H4 Frequent, \$1.50, 14 pages

Frequent, \$1.50, 14 pages. Two fledgling fanzine editors pool their talent to launch this lively and fairly literate new title. Though they'd benefit enormously from studying some of the existing fanzines, the dynamic duo have made a fairly good start. The layout is neat, the articles have personality and the writers even have pretty good taste in software.

Video Game Genie, which has no connection to the game-changing peripheral, emphasizes the cutting-edge multimedia systems. They haven't ventured into CD-ROM yet, but they're up to the minute on consoles like 3DO and Jaquar.

Video Game Genie is this month's best first-issue pick. It's still got a long road to travel but the journey should be enjoyable. Send for a copy of the second issue.

Video Zone #11

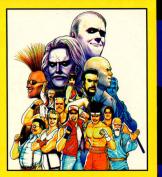
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Frequent, \$1 per issue, 12 pages Alan Lanoie's cover, a

clever poke at all the gaming prozines, is an appropriate start to this lighthearted, but sensible fanzine. It looks like Connecticut fandom is starting to spread its wings, and this is still the crew's top zine.

Besides an editorial and short letter column, the issue is devoted to reviews of games and fanzines and a pair of articles. One covers the Senate hearings on violence, while the other is Alan I anoie's shot at the crimes and misdemeanors of the United States Post Office. (Is this a new fanzine theme?) In Video Zone, Chris has begun to exhibit a real understanding of the fanzine form. The quality has surged upward, and it looks like the best is still to come.

Attention 'zine editors: If you'd like your fanzine reviewed in this column, send it to: Arnie Katz, 330 S. Decatur, Suite 152, Las Vegas. NV 89104.



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

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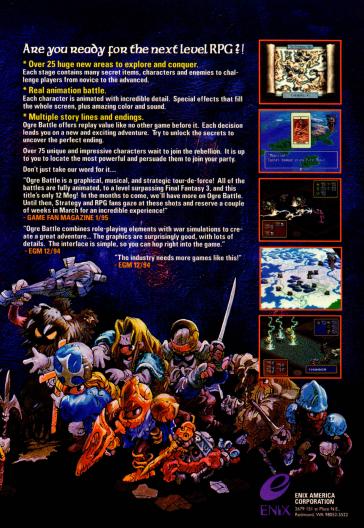
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this desperate time of treachers.

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the latest in the superbline of
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3DO HITS THE SILVER SCREEN

Movies from the silver screen will soon be making their way to the 3DO thanks to the new GPA511M 3DO MPEG Digital Video Module from GoldStar 3DO Interactive Multiplayer. The new system plays movies, music videos and other forms of prerecorded video entertainment stored on compact disc. As part of the module introduction, GoldStar is bundling in Total Recall from Live Entertainment, Inc. with the unit.

"The GoldStar GPA511M adds incredible versatility to the 3DO platform," says Jim Ireton, vice president of sales and marketing for the GoldStar Multimedia Division.

"The top-rated system in the video gaming universe now expands its reputation as a family entertainment center by playing action-packed moves (such as Total Recall, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger) now stored on digital compact discs. This is truly the future of interac-

tive entertainment."
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Experts Group (MPEG) standard for hardware video decompression, the new module enables consumers to lay full-screen, full-motion now available on compact disc are such box-office hits as Silence of the Lambs, Dances With Wolves, Star Trek II, III, IV, V and VI. Also available are music videos by Peter Gabriel, Pete



videos with true stereo sound. Use of hardware (versus software) decompression ensures the highest quality video playback. Prieed at \$199.99, the module slips easily into one of the two expansion slots inside the GoldStar 3DO console. The GoldStar GPAST1M is available now on a nationwide hasis.

Among other video titles

Townsend, Bryan Adams, Eric Clapton and other arrists. Dozens of additional titles will soon be coming out onto the market, as more and more publishers and manufacturers adopt the MPEG-1 standard for video compression. Industry analysts predict that compact discs will eventually replace videotape as the storage medium of choice for prerecorded home enter-

tainment and instructional programming.

"As a full-service entertainment company, we are proud to partner with GoldStar and 3DO to bring the best of Hollywood and beyond to the most advanced garning system today for tomorrow," says David L. Garber, senior vice president of distribution and marketing.

The GoldStar video module demonstrates the rich capabilities of the 3DO system, says Tripl Hawkins, president and CEO of the 3DO Company. We ve designed the 3DO system to provide the utmost in leakbility and expandability. Our customers always want to be one step ahead of the pack, and we've built that into our system."

Goldstar will also be a software developer under the name of Hi-Media. Analysts suggest two Williams arcade mega-hits will be among their first gaming titles released.

STD'S NEW-AGE CONTROLLERS

EGM brings you the first look at all of the controllers and great contests that you can enter to win great prizes.

tion, a contest is in the works

This issue we're showing the latest controllers for the Sony PlayStation and the Sega Saturn from STD. In addi-



that will let you name the controllers.

Watch for the contest page

in an upcoming issue. The

winners of the Name the Controller contest will be able to win a Sony PlayStation

and a Sega Saturn. The Sony PlayStation

controller, on the far left, has eight fire buttons, an LED indicator and an extra long cord to provide you with total

auto-fire, and an LED indica-



The Sega Saturn control pad, at left, has eight fire buttons, independent



The Sega Saturn Joystick has a sturdy metal base; hands-free, independent auto fire; slow motion and a compact stick with an extra long cord. The controllers will be

available later this year when

the systems are released.

SONY SPAWNS NEW DEAL THAT WILL ENERGIZE COMIC BOOK FANS

Todd Toys recently announced a licensing agreement with Sony Imagesoft to develop a multiplatform video game and computer software titles based on Todd McFarlane's best-selling comic book superhero. Spawn.

The new Spawn games will be produced for the Super NES and the Sega Genesis. as well as the Sony PlayStation and other nextgeneration hardware systems. The various titles are scheduled to ship beginning in the fall of this year.

"We're very excited to be working with Todd McFarlane and Spawn, one of the few franchise titles in the comic book industry," said Peter Dillie, Sony Imagesoft's director of marketing. "With comic book sales reported in excess of 25 million worldwide, as well as McFarlane's recently launched Spawn

Ultra-Action figures line being sold out, the Spawn world continues to grow in popu-

larity." "Sony Imagesoft's enthusiasm and dedication to this project has been overwhelf ing," said Todd McFarlane. creator of Spawn, "With ou close collaboration on all aspects of these games. I'm confident that the character and the world of Spawn will be something that computer and video game fans with thoroughly enjoy."

Spawn, the larger-than-life hero who wears a distinctive red cape, is the reincarnation of rugged Army Lt. Col. Al Simmons, Spawn has been given "limitless" powers, which he uses in his titanic struggle against his enemies and other evildoers in a Faustian attempt to redeem



self by becoming a protector of the innocent. Spawn lives in the shadows of the city streets and is a

constant defender of the homeless. Everyone is waiting to see

what Sony can do with Spawn.

NINTENDO FOCUSES ON NEW BOND MOVIE



Nintendo and the most successful film franchise in history are teaming up to take the video game industry by storm. Nintendo of America has signed an agreement with EON Productions Limited for the development and worldwide video game license to make the new James Bond Goldeneye video game. The agreement also included the use of the new James Bond (actor Pierce Brosnan) likeness as the game's main character.

Nintendo is working with the film production house. and the release of the game will coincide with the release of the film this Christmas. In Goldeneye, James Bond

is back with a vengeance! The story line of this major motion picture is set firmly in the present day with key sequences being shot in Russia. The new world order has transformed former friends into deadly enemies and made enemies become friends. The film began production in January

The U.K.-based RARE Ltd creator of Nintendo's Donkey Kong Country, will be developing the Goldeneve video game using Silicon Graphics workstations

"I've played a lot of interesting characters in my career, but I've never appeared in a video game." said Pierce Brosnan with a laugh, "Bond, as lan Fleming described him, was always a band leader in the high-tech spy game, so teaming up with Nintendo makes good

sense to me." Goldeneve is the 17th James Bond adventure created by legendary filmmaker Cubby Broccoli. "When we shot Dr. No in the Caribbean way back in May 1962, only H.G. Wells could have envisioned the 'brave new world' of video games that has so captured the imagination of both young and old over the past few vears. I remain in awe of your technical achievements in the new entertainment field." Brosnan added

Since 1962, when James Bond made his debut with actor Sean Connery, 16 James Bond films have been made, including License to Kill. The Living Daylights. A View to a Kill, For Your Eyes Only, Moonraker and The Spy Who Loved Me.

For all intents and purposes. Bond is back and Nintendo has him If the movie is successful, the game should do equally well.

IINTENDO SUES SAMSU

Nintendo of America has filed suit in Federal District Court in Seattle alleging that Korean-based Samsung Electronics is responsible for the counterfeit production of hundreds of thousands of copies of its hit video game Donkey Kong Country and other Nintendo games. The counterfeit cartridges containing Samsung-produced components have been discovered on the market in Asia. Latin America, Europe, the Middle East and North America.

In China, where massive counterfeiting of video games is a major problem for Nintendo, Samsung has supplied components containing Nintendo software to at least one major governmentowned pirating operation The illegal games often sell at half the suggested retail price. The lawsuit seeks immediate termination of illegal production; seizure of all inventories; full information on the network and extent of illegal distribution; monitoring of future production; monetary damages and other relief.

"Of all of the counterfeit actions we've undertaken over the years, this perhaps is the most troubling," said Howard Lincoln, chairman of Nintendo, "We've had a business relationship with Samsung Electronics for quite some time." Donkey Kong Country games were discovered and reported to Nintendo at the Winter CES. Detailed lab analysis of the games proved the illegal production had been initiated by Samsung. These types of violations cost Nintendo \$3 billion a year.

ELECTRONIC ARTS LEAPS INTO THE FUTURE BY ACQUIRING VISUAL CONCEPTS AND BULLFROG

Electronic Arts, one of gaming's most successful companies, has acquired a stake in Visual Concepts Entertainment, one of the

leading softwaredevelopment houses. Based in San Rafael. CA. Visual Concepts will develop entertainment software on the upcoming advanced

32-Bit platforms exclu-

sively for Electronic Arts.

Visual Concepts was founded in 1988 and has had an incredible four-year history with Electronic Arts designing and developing marguis sports games for EA Sports and action categories. Visual Concepts is widely recognized for its ability to develop innovative and visually compelling interactive software.

Key Electronic Arts properties developed by Visual Concepts include Super NES and Sega Genesis titles such as John Madden Football '94 and '95, NHL Hockey '95, Desert Strike and the soonto-be-released Toughman

Boxing for the Sega Genesis. Visual Concepts has also developed such successful



titles as Tazmania and the Clayfighter series.

"This agreement is part of our long-term strateav to invest in the very best creative talent in interactive entertainment." said Larry Probst, chairman and

CEO of Electronic Arts. "The outstanding work by Visual Concepts has set a standard for interactive entertainment.

establishing an increasingly high mark for realistic game playing in sports and action games. "The new, advanced, 32-Bit entertainment platforms, based on CD-ROM technology, will provide an

even broader canvas upon which to design brilliant new software titles."

The strategic investment in Visual Concepts follows a successful completion of Electronic Arts' recent acquisition of Bullfrog Prod-uctions

the past three years. Origin Systems, Inc., of Austin, TX, developers of such titles as

Wing Commander and the Ultima series was acquired by Electronic Arts in 1992. Distinc-tive Software, Inc., of Vancouver. Canada, develop-

ers of EA Sports properties such as NHL Hockey '95 for PC-CD and FIFA Inter-national Soccer for 3DO, Sega Genesis and Super NES. was acquired in 1991. Electronic Arts was founded in 1982 and now has annual sales of more than \$400 million. The company develops. publishes and distributes software worldwide on all video game and PC formats.

For the past five years, EA Sports has built a 16-Bit sports gaming dynasty driven by some great licenses and the John Madden name. Now they are positioning themselves to stay on top of that



Ltd. of Surrey, England. Bullfrog was the third major interactive software company acquired by Electronic Arts in

AMERICAN LASER GAMES TAKES OUANTUM LEAP

American Laser Games has acquired Quantum Quality Productions, a developer of strategy and adventure game software. Under the agreement, QQP will become a wholly owned subsidiary of American Laser Games. The merger is subiect to approval by the stockholders of QQP and to certain closing conditions.

The acquisition brings together the talents and strengths of the two companies. American Laser Games' expertise in creating highquality strategy computer games, including the bestselling, award-winning titles The Perfect General. The Lost Admiral, The Grandest

Fleet and Solitaire's Journey ALG will assume national and international distribution

of QQP titles for personal computers and will port over selected titles to other platforms, like the Sega CD, 3DO, Sony PlayStation and Saturn.

"American Laser Games" acquisition of QQP brings one of the top game designers in entertainment software to our team. Bruce Williams Zaccagnino ranks right up there with Will Wright, Gary Grigsby and Sid Meier, and we are delighted to have established this relationship with him," said American Laser Games President Robert Grebe

"We believe the synergy of QQP joining forces with American Laser Games will result in superior games and improved marketing that will benefit both companies," said Zaccagnino, CEO and creative force behind QQP game designs. QQP was founded in 1990 by Bruce Williams Zaccagnino. The company's first two computer strategy war games. The Perfect General and The Lost

Very few companies have been able to achieve the notoriety that American Laser Games has with their proprietary full-motion video technology.

Admiral, have received sev-

eral awards



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Mad Dog McCree started things off for A. L. Games.

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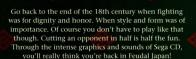


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This controller also has independent turbo auto-fire. slow motion and an extra long cord, so you can carry your controller as do your victory dance around the living room.

This is one incredible joystick. It's not one of those plastic jobs that feels as

though it's going to fall apart in your hands either.

It has a rugged, steel base and a steel joystick shaft, making it tough. This is the joystick your friends haven't been telling vou about because they don't want you to pick it

up and

lunch

have you

hand them their

With an arcade look and feel, vou can do some serious damage to your friends' egos with this excellent controller

We've tested a lot of controllers in our laboratories here at EGMF and the Arcade Pro can take a pounding.

We even let Sushi X and Quartermann take this one for a test drive and the fighting guru himself gave this

controller some attention. We tried it with all of the

for both the Super NES and Sega Genesis and it has a great feel and a good hardy look.

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If this controller were a football player, it would be a linebacker on his way to the Hall of Fame

This is one hard-hitting

controller that can take a beating. It's also dual compatible, and it can be used on both systems.

So you can take this controller into battle without having to get used to another controller on another system. Just plug this one in on either system and go for a finishing move.

It's easy to use and it handles like a Cadillac. For those of you who don't have your driver's licenses or have never driven a Cadillac, give this controller a try. You won't be disappointed.



The dualcompatible Arcade Pro is well worth picking up.

W.I.T. TWO-PERSON 3DO TO SUPER **NES ADAPTER IS A KNOCK-OUT**

It's round two for the World International Trading Company, Inc., (W.I.T.) out of Coral Gables, FL. Like a heavyweight contender training for the big fight, W.I.T. has launched their second Super NES to 3DO controller adapter.

They're hoping you will use the new two-person adapter to deliver the knock-out blow to your competition.

The only thing is this time your competition will also be able to use their favorite Super NES controller and make the playing field more even

W.I.T. did the same thing four months ago, but that adapter was for one player only. They've utilized the same technology and perfected it so that two Super NES-compatible, six-button controllers or joysticks can be used to play your favorite 3DO games.

No more fiddling around to learn the combinations using



a 3DO controller-now you can use your favorite Super NES controller and keep your

The adapter plugs into the 3DO cartridge port and you plug both Super NEScompatible controllers into the adapter.

The new double adapter will cost \$49 and will be available in more than 400 major retail locations across the U.S. and in the U.K. W.I.T. promised the double Super NES to 3DO adapter and they have delivered.

They are still working on a Sega version that will utilize the Sega six-button and other Sega compatible controllers in the near future.

Gamers will be able to put their competition on the ropes and the dual compatible Super NES to 3DO adapter won't give your victim any excuses for becoming punch drunk. You can feel confident of a victory when you step into the ring with any one of your favorite fighting or fast-action games coming for the 3DO.

The double adapter delivers, and gamers won't have to struggle with the generic 3DO controllers any longer. Now you can use a controller you are familiar with instead.

The folks at W.I.T. aren't stopping here, and they have some other very cool peripherals in the works.



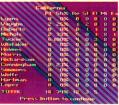












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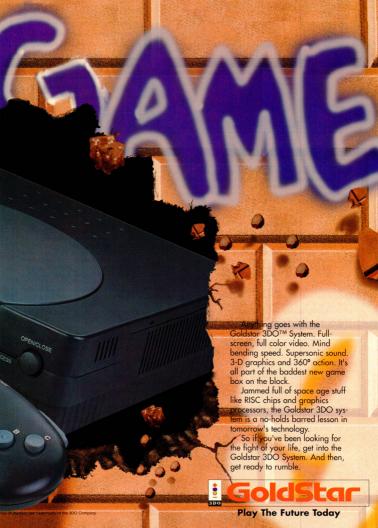
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...MORTAL KOMBAT III PLOT UNFOLDS...
..MK III HIDDEN CHARACTERS IDENTIFIED...
...WIR III SPECIAL MOVES REVEALED...
...VIRTUAL FIGHTERS FOR JAGUAR...
...WILLIAMS TO MAKE NEW FIGHTER...
...NEW NHL FULL-MOTION HOCKEY GAME...
...VECTOR MAN FROM SEGA...
...VECTOR MAN FROM SEGA...

Time to let the cat out of the bag once again, my honorable gaming friends. Yours truly has been on the Mortal Kombat III beat trying to get to the bottom of what will be in the third installment of the greatest fighting series ever made.

So you want to know all about who's gonna make it in the game. I've gotten to the bottom of the plot with some help from my Quarter-friend. We've found out that Mortal Kombat III takes place on Earth. Shao Kahn has somehow turned the Earth into the Outworld and a lot of fight scenes take place here. Kano and Sonya are back from the original Mortal Kombat and Liu Kang from MK II will be back in the MK III who will be played by Robin Shou, the actor playing Liu Kang in the Mortal Kombat movie, Kung Lao is being played by Tony Marguez, Sub-Zero (don't look for Dan Pensina here) and the original Jax will also be back. There will be eight new guys to choose from. To give you a few hints on who they are, be on the lookout for a Native American character called Tomahawk or Thunder depending on who you believe. He will have moves similar to Chief Thunder of Killer Instinct fame and will be played by Sal DiVida. He will use a bow and arrow as well as a full axe. Then there is the Tuskan Raider-like character played by Rich DiVizio. There will be the mysterious bride of Shao Kahn, a deadly but beautiful lady. She will be the first robotic-type character and will be wearing a ninia-type uniform. But that's not all, there is going to be all kinds of new moves and combos. If you think you've seen everything when you've seen mulithit combos in Killer Instinct, keep your chop sticks still for a moment. In MK III you'll see plenty of new air and ground combos that you'll really have to work to perform. Then there's the look—they couldn't resist the temptation to turn to SGI workstations and crank out some of the most awesome backgrounds ever! For a clue on one of the stages think of the third time as being a charm! Think about it while I tempt your taste buds and feed you the rest of the story when I hand over my Mortal Kombat III notes to Quartermann, He'll have another helping of Mortal Kombat III stuff for you to devour in the next issue of EGM.

Williams isn't done with fighting games. They are also working on another fighting game and they are using many of the martial artists used in Mortal Kombat III. The folks there are filming the characters and will be using their skeletal structures in the game. They are mapping out their movements and will be using their skeletons, then rendering everything using Silicon Graphics workstations. This game will be very high tech, and they are shooting to allow the player to be linked by satellite to go up against another player at another arcade across the country to see who can become the overall champion. Sounds like a great idea.

In other Williams' news, they will be hitting the ice in four months with a new hockey game. The game will feature fullmotion video of the games top players and a variety of different views of the ice. Players will be able to control real fullmotion video players and there will be fighting in the game. It will also have an NHL league and NHL Player's Association license.

Ho Sung Pak and Daniel Pesina of Mortal Kombat II fame have finished shooting a fighting game for Atari called Virtual Reality Fighters. No word yet on when the game is coming out. Sources are suggesting that Atari is fine-tuning the game, and it will be out in the fall for the Jaquar but they're looking to bring it out as an uprinth arcade game first.

Sega is hard at work on their premiere title called Vector Man. They will be showing off their newest technological wonder at the E3 show. Vector Man is being done by Blue Sky and it will be similar to PF Magic's Ballz game, in that it will be using ball sprites. But sources are suggesting this game will be like nothing we've ever seen before.

Staying with Sega, their new Saturn hockey game is being called NHL All-Star hockey and the totally 3-D hockey game won't have fighting but it will be 12-player compatible.

In other news, Panasonic was negotiating with Williams to get a hold of Mortal Kombat II and NBA Jam Tournament Edition for the 3DO. GoldStar walked in and held their own negotiations with Williams underneath Panasonic's nose. The two companies have inked a deal and only time will tell when they plan to make the announcement. They will be bringing out the Williams licensed games under their new software division called Hi Media.

How's that for classified into that you won't find anywhere else and if you do, scratch it, sniff it, touch it, but please don't taste it. These morsels of gaming gossip are digested easily and we don't use any

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Play as the Ultimate Gargoyle

At the Main Menu choose the Password Option. Enter the corresponding code to get the correct results.



These allow you to play as the Ultimate Gargovle or with all items. Enter them at the Password Screen: Full life meter and all items:

FDOP **ORMB EGNH** GTKL

Full life meter, all items. and Crest of Heaven: **QFFF**

KNRR DDLB XGTQ

Ryan Rayhill, Gainesville, FL



Use this code to get a full life meter, all items and more!



Use this code to get all items and the Crest of Heaven!



This code will allow you to play against the real Phalanx!

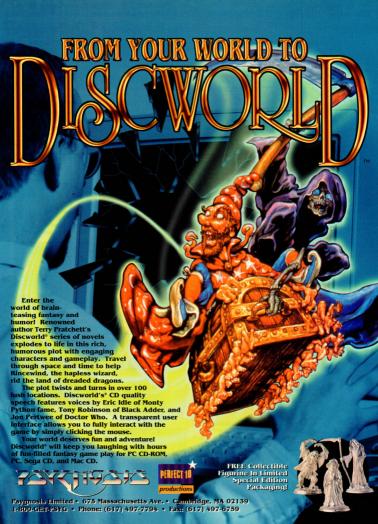


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Power Instinct Atlus of Japan/

At the Title Screen move the cursor to Story Mode. While Pressing Up, press START and B at the same time. If the Sega logo appears, it has worked. Now you can play any mode you want. At the Character Select Screen, move the cursor to Otane and choose her while keeping Start pressed.

Godzilla Monster

Toho of Japan/ Super Famicom Play as Mecha Godzilla vith Garuda backpack/ Space Battleship

Mecha Godzilla with Garuda backpack: At the Title Screen press L top button, R top button, Y. X. A. B Space Battleship: At the Title Screen press L top button, R top button, Up, Left, Right, Down, Y. X. B. A.

Gokujyoh Parodius Deluxe Pack Konami of Japan/ Super Fam

Stage Select: At the Character Select Menu press Up, Down, Up Down, X. R top button R top button, SELECT. SELECT and listen for the cat

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At the Copyright Screen press Up. Y and B simultaneously and repeatedly until you hear a "gunshot" sound.

This trick will allow you to defeat your opponent with only two punches! To do this code, you must wait for

Press Up. Y and B repeatedly and simultaneously.

the copyright text to appear. At this point you must press Up. Y and B simultaneously and repeatedly. If done cor-



With one punch, take off half your opponent's energy!

rectly, you will hear a gunshot sound. You now have the advantage over your foe! Andre Estevez: New York, NY

CLAYFIGHTER 2

SUPER NES

INTERPLAY

Plau as Ice. Spike and Thu At the Main Menu enter the corresponding codes to play as the Bosses. If done right, you will hear a shout.



CANADA MANAGAMAN At the main screen, enter the following for the tricks: Ice: Hold B, press UP, L, L, L BIGHT

Spike: Hold R. press X. B. B, A, Y, LEFT, A. Thunder: Hold UP-LEFT on the D-pad, press Y, B, X, B, B, X, A, You'll hear a shout if done correctly.

Jon Guerin: Placentia, CA



Enter the corresponding code at this screen.



Hold B, press up. L. L. L and Right to play as Ice.



Hold R, press X, B, B, A, Y, Left, A to play as Spike!



press Y, B, X, B, B, X, A.

EARTHWORM JIM

PLAYMATES

GENERIC **Extra Continues**

Start a game in Practice Mode. Launch the cow and then RESET. Start a new game in Normal Mode.



This trick will start you out with three continues in the game, Earthworm Jim. First, start a game in Practice Mode, Launch the cow and then reset the game. Now start a game in Normal Mode and you will have three continues.

Ben McMahan Oklahoma City, OK



instead of Normal.



Reset the game and set the mode to Normal.



and launch the cow.



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CHEAT SHEET

Gokujyoh Parodius Deluxe Pack Konami of Japan/ Super Famicom Stage Select/Hidden Level

Hidden Level: At the Option Menu, do the infamous Konami code: Up, Up, Down, Down Left, Right, Left, Right, B. A.

Go Go Ackman

When the opening demo starts playing on controller two, you must hold down Y, B, L top button. R top button, START and SELECT simultaneously and hit RESET, If done correctly, the Stage Select Menu will appear.

Gauntlet IV Tengen/Gene:

Secret Password You can now start with eight keys, four potions, 999,000 health points, the best equipment, all items and powered-up abilities To enter the code. select Quest Mode from the menu. Next. choose the option Continue. Enter your name as GAUNTLET4. Next, enter the following password: =K40+ EP-AX =+P=1 3J06G PPMC3 8D9-8

Francis Anl

Goose Creek, SC

WWF RAW

SUPER NES

ACCIDIN

Change Attributes

Enter the code that corresponds to the wrestler at the Attribute Screen to change his/her attributes.

Choose your wrestler and press SELECT to view attributes. Use the code to change attributes.(Press all buttons simultaneously.) Brett Hart: Down, Start, Left Undertaker: Right, Y. Start Yokozuna: Up. Y. A Bam Bam Bigelow: Y. Start,

Razor Ramon: Y. A. Left



Choose a wrestler and change his attributes.

Lex Luger: Down, Right, Start, Y

Doink: A, Y, Left, Start Shawn Michaels: Left, Down, 1-2-3 Kid: Left, Up, Start, A

Diesel: Down Y. A. Start Owen Hart: Up, Start, Y, A Luna Vachon: A. Up, Right

Travis Stahlhut: Albion, IN



Press select to view the wrestler's attributes.



now adjust attributes!

WWF RAW

SUPER NES

Acciaim

When using the Mega Moves corresponding to the wrestlers, always press and hold the top L button.

SAVANA BARANANIAN

All of the following tricks can be done at any point during the match, but when doing any part of the move you must hold the Top L or R button or else the Mega Move will not work.

(KEY: L=Left on D-pad, R=Right on D-pad. D=Down on D-pad. U=Up on D-pad, Y, B, X, A =buttons on controller)

Brett Hart: While on the top rope and your opponent is on the ground press R. R. U. B The Undertaker: L, R, R, Y when your opponent is in front of you Yokozuna: D. D. X when on the top rope

Bam Bam Bigelow: U. D. L or R. Y when facing the Razor Ramon: While



Owen Hart's Sharpshooter knocks your opponent out.



That's gotta hurt!



Razor Ramon's Razor's Edge is sure to do some damage!

your opponent is on the ground, stand below him/her and press L, L, R,

Lex Luger: U, U, D, B (hit B continuously) Doink: L, L, L, A (must be

done behind a stunned opponent) Shawn Michaels: D. R. R.

1-2-3 Kid: Stand on the top rope and press U. U. U, A while your opponent is

Diesel: While your oppo-



Take off tons of energy with Bret Hart's Sharpshooter!

nent is stunned, get behind him/her and press D, D, R, B while facing the majority of the ring Owen Hart: U, R, D, Y (hold Y to keep spinning) Luna Vachon: Stand above a knocked-down opponent and press L. D.

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Tiny Toon Wack

Secret Password
This code will let you practice any of the events in Two-player Mode. At the Main Screen, choose the Password Option, From left to right enter Babs Bunny, Montana Max and lastly, Bookworm, I done correctly, you can choose your character and access the Events Menu.

Nickie Embry Blue Island, IL

First of all, enter the Gaia code, Press Down Diagonally Down Right. Right (a.k.a. Fireball Motion) with weak slash as the Option Menu forms on the screen. If done correctly, you will hear, "Fight!" Now go into One-player Mode and move the cursor to Eiji, press and hold up. then choose the character. After you select Gaia as your character, start a match then pause the game. Select Restart. When you enter the Gaia code, also enter the Sho code-on controller two. press Right, Down, Down-Right diagonally and weak slash (a.k.a Dragon Punch). You will hear "Fight!" At the Character Select Screen move to Kayin, press down and select him!

STAR WARS ARCADE

32X

Stop Timer

SERA

Press START to pause the game and on controller one press Down, B, B, Up, Right, Left. You will hear, "Yaho

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(NOTE: Must be done on a six-button controller) This trick will let you stop the clock. To do this trick.



game at any point!

press Start to pause the game at any point. On controller one press Down, B, B, Up, Right, Left. If done



You can now take your time to destroy the TIE Fighters! correctly you will hear,

"Yahoo!" Kenny Wong New York, NY

FINAL FANTASY III

SUPER NES

SOUARE

Step Mine Lore Spell

Go to the small island on the northeast part of the map. Beat the Intangir and get the Step Mine Lore Spell.

This trick will get you the Step Mine Lore spell. Go to the small island on the northeast part of the map. Eventually you will confront Intangir. You can beat him with Cyan and Relm as a team. Use Relm and Sketch against him first. Then use Cvan to give her Fenix Down



Go to the northeast part of the world with the airship.

(as needed). Afterward, use the Empowerer from Cyan and immediately use Sketch. Before you are attacked, Cyan will have enough energy to continue the cycle. Continue until Intangir is dead and Strago will learn the Step Mine Lore Spell!



Have Relm use her sketch command on Intangir.



If you win the battle, Strago learns Step Mine under Lore.

RISE OF THE ROBOTS SUPER NES ACCLAIM

Invincibility, View Ending

At the Mode Select Screen enter the codes to play as the Supervisor, view the ending and get invincibility.



You can now become invincible and view the ending in this game! All of the codes must be done at the Mode Select screen. Invincibility: On controller one press DOWN, B, UP, B. DOWN, LEFT, RIGHT, B. View Ending: Press LEFT. B, RIGHT, B, DOWN, LEFT, RIGHT, B.



to view the ending.



At the Mode Select Screen enter the invincibility code.



Now view the ending of the game without beating it!



game with invincibility!

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Tricks in this Issue:

Welcome back to Heads or Tails! It is an incredible month for arcade tricks. Learn to play as Akuma in X-Men, get the latest secrets in Killer Instinct, then pick up a few neat tricks for Virtua Fighter 2. If you have any hot info write us (see Tricks of the Trade) or e-mail us at egmtriks@mcs.com. (First one with a real name gets credit!)



Play as Akuma

Using Akuma -Player 1

1. At the Char Selection Screen, move cursor to Spiral and leave it there one second.

- 2. Move the cursor in this sequence: Silver Samurai, Psylocke, Colossus, Iceman, Colossus, Cyclops, Wolverine, Omega Red.
- 3. Move the cursor to Silver Samurai and leave it there a second.
- 4. Press Strong Punch + Weak Kick + Strong Kick simultaneously.

-Player 2 1. At the Char Selection Screen, move the cursor to Storm and leave it there for one second.

2. Move the cursor in this sequence: Cyclops, Colossus. Iceman, Sentinel, Omega Red. Wolverine, Psylocke, Silver Samurai, 3. Move the cursor to Spiral and

leave it there a second. 4. Press Strong Punch + Weak

Kick + Strong Kick simultaneously.

All moves are done the same as in SSF2, except the new Uppercut, which is two motions and all three punch buttons.



Play as Evedol. Turbo Mode and Fulgore's shrink...

From Miles Hardison: Here are two tricks to do right after you select your character. Hold until you hear the corresponding noise. For Turbo Mode, push right on both joysticks. and hold the top three buttons on both sides. (You'll hear an extra swoosh noise on the Versus Screen if done correctly.) For easier combo breakers, try pressing down and hold START. (You'll hear



"combo break" on the

From Miles Hardison: Back the other player to the edge of a platform stage and start a simple

combo. At the

end press back, down, back and fierce kick to teleport behind them. P1 will shrink yourself, P2 will shrink your opponent.

From John Oliver:

To play as Eyedol, just select Riptor and hold left while pressing quick punch and kick along with medium punch. Then on the Versus Screen, switch to holding right and press fierce punch and kick along with medium punch. You'll hear the computer say, "Eyedol."



Slowdown Replays & Kage's Hidden Face



To see the man behind the mask (Kage), you must win 20 rounds in a row and then knock it off of him. To view the replay in slow motion, simply press all three buttons. However, it only works once per



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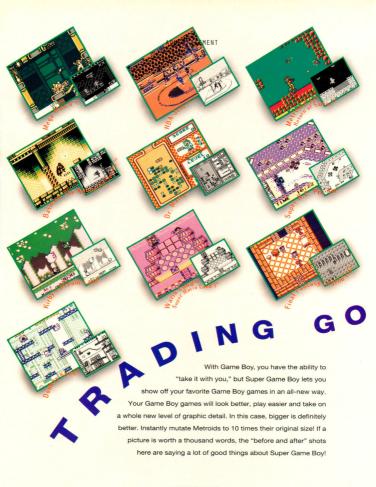
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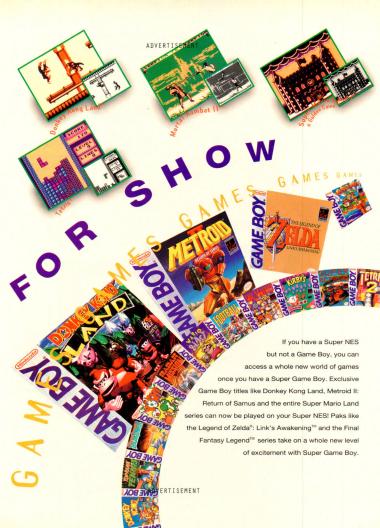
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BloodStorm, Lunar: Eternal Blue, Realm, Oscar, Whizz, Donkey Kong Land, Rage Rally, Hell, Earth Bound

LAST MINUTE UPDATE

Howdy, video gamers, welcome back to the Next Wave section that you all know and love. One thing you'll notice is the slow but sure switch from 16-Bit to the higher-end systems like the PlayStation or 300. After the dismal showing of Super NES and Genesis and the the booming of the other mediums at the Winter CES, it seems like it's time for another change.

We've got great titles this month, including BloodStorm from GameTek, and a new 32X Pitfall from Activision.



PITFALL: THE MAYAN ADVENTURE



Pitfall Harry's adventures finally go 32-Bit with the 32X version.



BLOODSTORM

While it may not have hit it big in the arcades, BloodStorm was a decent fighting game that had more secrets than you could believe. Two home versions are being readied. One is for the PlayStation, and the other is for the Sega Saturn.

BloodStorm gives you a selection of tighters, each with their own abilities, but a chance to gain your opponents powers as well. You want blood and death? BloodStorm's got it, with body parts flying and the ever-cool Sunders. You can pick up gauntlets, which give you more powers, too. There are lots of hidden warriors to find, and you have to defeat them all in order to find the real endings. All of



BloodStorm may not have been all that hot in the arcades, but now it rocks!



If you get dizzy, an enemy can lop off your head with one clean swipe.

decent fighting cart.

Because it will be for the two power systems, you can be assured that the graphics and sounds are ported right over from the arcade. If you haven't played it yet, you shouldn't miss this opportunity to try it at home.



This game will be making appearances on both the Saturn and PlayStation.



BloodStorm has it all: fatalities, hidden characters, big heads ... everything!



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Choose from all the cool characters in this great translation!



Fritz... Armed and Dangerous

BrainDead 13 starring Fritz... a bizarre comedy, horror, action-adventure IBM PC CD-ROM • 3DO • MAC CD-ROM • SEGA CD • MPEG CD-ROM





ETERNAL BLUE **WORKING DESIGNS**

Heads up RPG players! Lunar: The Silver Star has finally spawned a sequel for these shores! Subtitled Eternal Blue, you will be treated to another look at the world of Lunar that is three times as big as the original game.

Lunar: Eternal Blue is not only bigger than the first game, but also better looking. As for dialogue, there's 1.5 hours of it. The story is convoluted, and telling



Lunar: Eternal Blues starts where the first left off.

friend from foe can be a real task. Look for more on this one soon!



Horrendous monsters attack at every turn!



Lunar: Eternal Blue is filled with mystery and intrigue.



And what would a Sega CD be without cinemas?



REALM TITUS

Realm is a cool new action game by Titus that mixes high fantasy with intense action. It's a sidescroller that pits you against an assortment of enemies on each level.

Realm features some great graphics and a lot of different weapons that cause all sorts of carnage.



Rocks come down from all sides. Can you survive?



Battle an entire army in a city built in the clouds.





Vampire bats swoop down to catch the unwary.



Deep within the caves. you'll find some lethal guns



Work your way into the heart of the enemy's domain.



to enter a variety of moviethemed worlds in search of special objects that he collects. He must go through levels like the Wild West. the Horror Zone and even a cartoon.







In the Horror Zone you must avoid zany monsters.

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Oscar in the Sci-Fi area.



Aliens and UFOs will attack



Oscar is your typical side-scrolling action game.



Enter the different movie theaters to get to new levels.

Oscar is a comical game that uses its bright colors and fast game play to draw you in. Oscar should be a treat for action lovers. Check it out!



The evil Commander Borf has kidnapped Ace's guiffriend, the beautiful Kimberty, and is plotting to enslave the Earth by means of his dreaded "Infanto Ray", a weapon that changes everyone it blasts into a helpless baby.

Armed only with a laser gun, Ace must seek out and destroy the Infanto Ray, rescue Kimberly and save the Earth. All in a day's work for a superhero, right?

Featuring full screen animation and crisp, powerful sound from the original laser disc arcade classic, Space Ace plunges you into intense, non-stop action.

The fate of Earth is in your hands.













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DONKEY KONG LAND ACTION NINTENDO

Donkey Kong and Diddy Kong return in all-new high iinks with this brand-new Game Boy game. This one has graphics and animations so fluid, you'll think you're watching the Super NES game!

This is an all-new adventure for our primate heroes. They must face a new cast of baddies on an adventure that takes them around Donkey Kong Land. Some of the new places include a bustling city!

While there are no colors















Here's the world map of Donkey Kong Land.



Swing from vine to vine. Diddy shows off his skills.



Swim through the murky depths in this level.



Use the special barrels to get to hidden areas.



WHIZZ

Titus had one of the more peculiar games of the show with Whizz. Using a perspective similar to Spindizzy, you play as a wacked-out rabbit who must find his way past a

Whizz has to avoid enemies, or at least spin them away in order to cross the

barrage of hazards.



You have to avoid all sorts of traps.



Bounce on the trampoline to reach higher levels.



Whizz is a cool game that shouldn't be passed up.



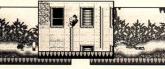
Hit switches that open up other areas for you to search.



the keys to get further.



The gambling stage has cards and slot machines.





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RAGE RALLY

RACING

Of all the Jaguar titles I've seen, Rage Rally was not only the most fun, but was also one of the bestlooking games for the

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system. Rage Rally puts you behind the wheel of a race car in a high-speed contest. There are several tracks of intense action.

Taking the Jaquar's abilities to the max. Rage Rally has great looks and exacting detail right down to the



Rage Rally is so realistic it has skid marks in the mud!

last skid mark. This game should breathe life into the Jag.



Rev your engines and feel the adrenaline pumping.



All sorts of natural hazards will affect your car.



Only the gnarliest drivers will be able to win.



The government has opened a way to hell and is now using it as a place to put prisoners of the state. You are one such person, wrongly convicted. You must find a way to flee the infernos of hell. Along the way, you'll meet a cast of demons (Dennis Hopper does one demon's voice)



You will meet many people. Some innocent, some not.



Dennis Hopper is the voice of this demon.





The government can send you to hell in the future.



The most evil and vile creatures can be found.



It's the same as the computer version.



EARTH BOUND

NINTENDO

The Mother series has been popular in Japan for some time, and Nintendo has finally decided to release Earth Bound (Mother 2) in the U.S. Unlike most RPGs, which are about knights or cyberpunks, this is about some ordinary kids on an adventure that deals with psychics, the supernatural and aliens. Earth Bound has cartoon-like graphics and a cool plot. It's good to see that Nintendo realizes there is a market for this





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Earth Bound is a fantastic RPG for the Super NES.

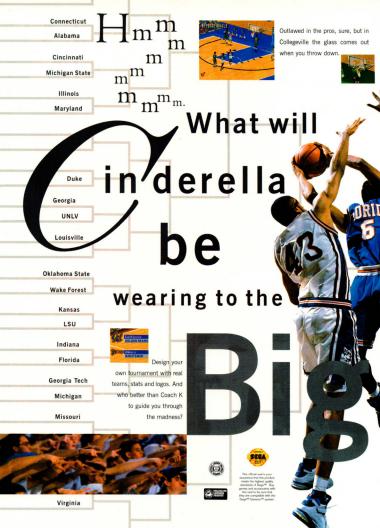
type of game. I highly recommend this one, folks. Good RPGs like this don't come along too often. Look for more in the future.

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Being a popular trend in fighting games, Suikoenbu uses the familiar "scaling in-and-out of the action" technique.





Bv Nob

Yo gang, let's crunch some more 32-Bit numbers. At the end of December, Sony claims to have delivered 300,000 PlayStations while Sega is claiming 500,000 Saturns. After checking, it turns out these figures are exaggerated by around 20 percent, which is reasonable in this business. These have been entirely sold during December. (Saturn was released on Nov. 22 while PS came out on Dec. 2.)

On the other hand. Nintendo claims to have delivered 500,000 Super Famicoms in December. In the same period. Super Donkey Kong (DKC) sold 2 million copies. It's much too early to claim that 16-Bit is dead, at least in Japan



Popolochlois story is an RPG by Sony for the PS!







DATA EAST'S STV FIGHT

Data East has just announced Suiko Enbu, a wild, arcade fighting game that's based on Suikoden. one of China's four most famous legends. This is the first game made by a thirdparty licensee for Sega's ST-V arcade board. "So board is virtually identical to to CD. In fact, the pictures



Saturn version. We should be seeing many more ST-V arcade games from Sega and its licensees that will eventually make it to the Saturn. Way cool,







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VICTORY GOAL AND ASTAL FOR SATURN!

keeping the games coming for the highpotential Saturn They just released

Victory Goal. action game

a superb

soccer game that makes outstanding use of polygon graphics for the ultimate in realism. By enabling full zooming, scrolling and rotation, you get in-your-face soccer action like you've never seen before

Another hot title about to join the likes of Daytona USA and Panzer Dragoon to get the Saturn firmly entrenched is Astal, a one or two player

that shows off Saturn's astounding sprite handling

capabilities. For

instance, Astal and his sidekick bird can do serious carnage like uprooting huge trees to throw at hapless enemies. This game really shows that you don't always need polygons to get to the next level!



Will Sega's lineup of sports titles for the Saturn be as good as the Genesis selection?







will be the show-off piece for the Saturn!

MK II is a very rare sight

at arcades. The

It seems like American gamers just can't get enough of MK iudaina by the number of systems

that benefited from its gory presence.

Strangely enough, the series has not

enjoyed much popularity across the Pacific. According to Taito.

who had the arcade license the original MK came and went barely earning

any income



operators. In Japan, VF/VF2 are #1 for their Likewise, accurate portrayal of martial arts.



home versions also failed to interest Japanese gamers

So what's big in Japan? Without a doubt, Sega's Virtua

Fighter, including the latest 2, is the hottest arcade fighting game. But as you

know. VF hasn't exactly

been a coin-op monster in the U.S. There's no explaining people's

Where as the USA prefers the tastes. I pleasures of MK II slaughterfest! guess.



OF THE RISING SUN

Some time ago, w reported that X-Men is on V in Japan, Truth be told the Japanese have not really caught on to the appeal of America's biggest comic heroes. But that hasn't stopped the Japanese media marketing armies from going into full mobilization. For example, a translated version of the original Yankee comics is available in selected locations (meaning-not very popular).

There's even a Japanese manga version by a nameless artist. The manga X-Men appears to be doing well, with 13 volumes having been released already at about 200 pages each. I guess this is another case of U.S.-Japan trade imbal-







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of Lives
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Battery Back-Up
Notes: The options are not known
at this time.

START YOUR **CONTROL PADS!**

One of the most anxiously awaited racing games ever to grace the arcade scene is about to land at home. Well. that is if the name of the

planet you live on is Saturn. Although the current translation of Sega's arcade masterpiece is only 40 percent complete, I can honestly say that gamers are in for a real feast when this title makes its debut in Japan and here in the States. Gale Racer (Rad Mobile to you and me) left kind of a bad taste in the mouths of gamers from the Land of the Rising Sun. SOJ's hope is that Daytona will more than make up for that bad taste. The graphics so far are really top-notch, and the sounds show promise as well. All that remains to be seen is how well this racer plays-an important factor that can take the best-looking game in the world and either make it or break it. - Tim Davis



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hairpin turn, or else you just might lose it and become part of the concrete wall.





If you feel up to the challenge take on the manual transmission and have some fun!

DARE TO COMPARE

Daytona USA is an amazing translation. (Do I dare say port?) of its arcade big brother, even though it's only 40 percent done! The graphics are near perfect. Only the game play will decide the fate of this racer.





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Notes: There is also a	Two-player

Monster Mech Trashing RP6 Action!

Once again, Square is just about to release a killer cart a few weeks apart from Chrono Trigger's release. (For more info on CT, check out April's EGM for a two-page update!)

Front Mission combines the novelistic story lines Square is known for, with a killer mech simulation! The concept behind the mech construction is very cool-you can actually make an army to your specifications. The mechs themselves are cool, and the even larger Boss Wantzers are a visual treat. With graphics nearly identical to the quality found in Crono Trigger, Front Mission is sure to be a great success! - Mike Vallas



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ISTON MECH DESIGN!

In FM, choose what kind of legs, body, arms and weapons you can use. The detail is so intense that you can even choose the mech color. Increase your skills by simply fighting in the battles.













on't think this is a shallow military sim! Fl



From the makers of the award-winning Final Ficomes this absolutely killer, military sim/RPG title! The setting is Earth, where there is a war between the OCU and USN forces. You play as Roid Gilve, recruited by the OCU Carnyon Crows, a mercenary group that is not a regular part of the OCN force over Huffman Island. Battles are fought using Wantzers, walking mechs—though other forms of artillery can also be used. In FM, you can construct your own mechs using parts, then send them to battle. There are many maps that need to be completed, each one having a specialized task.



OVERVIEW

Set in a 3/4 overhead perspective, here is where you move the mechs. Set up on a giant grid-base, guides will illuminate where your selected unit can move.





Your mech skills can increase, depending on the style of attacks you do.

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of Lives
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Notes: There are two graphics settings to choose, real or original.

LOCK 'N' LOAD

If you're looking for intense action, smooth graphics and superb control, then Cyber Sled for the PlayStation is your game. Like its arcade predecessor, the main goal of the game is to choose between six futuristic, heavily armed vehicles called sleds: enter into a battle arena filled with special power-ups and radar-jamming devices and destroy your opponent. Each sled has unique features, such as different speed capabilities and weapons systems. The only notable drawback to the game is in the Two-player Split-Screen Mode: Your view is limited to the cockpit, which makes it hard for you to maneuver your sled around some of the obstacles.

- Mark LeFebvre

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The M9-F33 is the most versatile sled around. The



play as a more defensive



The M11-AA ranks second





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This sled is by far the most powerful of all. But like they

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Despite its high weapons and shields, this baby moves

slower than any other sled.



The TX-601-S looks more like a tank than it does a sled. It

may only be aver-

when it comes to speed and shields, but as far as weapons go, not even

a brick wall is going to stop this

baby.













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Options Screen you can set the difficulty as well as the skill level.

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You also have the ability to configure the controls for both

players.

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Before starting a two-player game, you have the option of choosing among eight different areas to battle in. There are also three different weather settings you can adjust. In the Normal Mode, each player can view his/her opponent by using a marker or radar. In the Night Mode, you can still view the other player by radar, but you will not be able to see them on your marker. In Fog, both the radar and marker functions are

disabled.

has a heads-up display that gives you important info and stats.

Each sled



are special items to enhance vour sled's performance. like this shield.



A good strategy is to use the walls to hide from opponents.

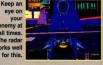
on fighting out in the open, plan on losing more often than win-



tell if the enemy's machine guns are hitting you. Watch your



eye on your enemy at all times. The radar works well for this.



MITERISE TWO-PLAYER, SPLIT-SCREEN MODE

player Mode, you can each choose which sled you want and also check out the stats.

In the Two-



The first thing you'll notice is that you run out of missiles very quickly. To reload, find the orange triangles.



In the Two-player Mode, you can find a special power-up that will jam the other player's targeting system, making his/her missiles less accurate.







BY THEM SHOOTER 100%

NOW

PLAYERS 1 or 2 LEVELS

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OPTIONS CHECKLIST Difficulty Settings # of Lives # of Continues Ø

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Battery Back-Up Notes: Whole slew of options! (See the article for more info!)

WE AIN'T TALKING **THUNDER GODS HERE!**

Fans of the classic shooter and its kickin' sequel will throw their arms up in glory. Raiden Project is the perfect conversion of both! The one thing that sets RP apart from the other versions is not just the mere fact that there are two-in-one games on this CD, rather it's the many options available. Change the screen size to four different configurations; one being on its side for "True Arcade" feeling. There is a button config you can set so the controller is standard, or rotated for playing the horizontal screen on its side. Also, set the options individually for each game and save them if you have a memory card. The

detail goes so far as to actually insert credits via the SELECT button. As for the actual game, they are perfect conversions. All the shrapnel and even the craters are there. Slowdown wise, there's a bit, but only when two players are active and fully pumped! - Sushi X EGM²













































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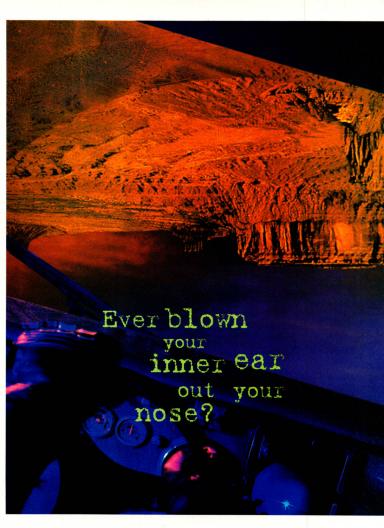
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THE REPORT

perk. (Check out the extreme, 32-bit texture mapped, butt-bone smashing terrain!) As a bounty hunter, your job's to scrape up the SCADS that society's picked off and flicked your way. Crush'em beneath ten tons of screaming steel, Cremate'em with

blazing napalm cannons. Whatever it takes—cause given half a chance, they'll be thrilled to deep-Try your customized Monster Stomper into a crispy mess you wouldn't serve in Hell's Kitchen. One last thing—buckle up. Because coming down's a bitch.



On the way up, you gotta whup a couple'a tough mo'fo's. This game's no exception. They're called Bosses. But don't bother ass-kissing 'cause you'll lose more than your face.



Ditch the KC lights, cause this ain't no sausage-on-a-stick stadium show. Beef up your 4x4 with trick engines, air grabbing jump jets and carcass-carving pulse losers.



Exorcise all that repressed juvenile behavior with our head-to-head, "waste-yer-buddy" 2 player mode. Freud'd be embarrassed. But Genghis Khan would totally approve.

Any closer Dog Breath, and I can braid those nostril hairs. Get this man some clippers and a mint.



Sick of pointess tull-motion video? Well, bite us, we're doin' it anyway. We've dropped in some smart-assed punks sittin' up front talking smack.











Top Hits Of Japan Top Ten Arcade Gaves

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3.	Ridge Racer 2 (Twin)	Namco
4.	Sports Fishing	Sega
5.	Virtua Cop	Sega
6.	Point Blank	Namco
	Daytona USA (Twin)	Sega
8.	Quiz Doremifa Grand Prix	Konami
9.	Ridge Racer 2 (std./del.)	Namco
10.	Wing War (Twin)	Sega

ACME '95 POWER PLAY HITS RENO

It seems like it was only last week when we reported on the AMOA in San Antonio, But by the time you read this, the arcade addicts here at EGM will be touring Reno. NV, the sight of this year's ACME show. ACME is the only industry event scheduled to show off all the best new entertainment products in time for the busy spring and summer seasons. It's one of the most impressive displays of coin-op products under one roof. Video games. pinball, table games, dart games, lukeboxes, skill and redemption games, kiddle rides, plush and noveltiesplus cabinets, coin-mechanisms, monitors, parts and supplies and servicesfeatured in 1000 booths. We'll be looking for MK III,

plus new products from Konami Sega. American Laser Games and others. Look for extended coverage in future EGMs and EGMS

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One of the best features of CME is a guided tour of Reno



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		мтн	Rating	DIST
	Killer Instinct (Midway)	2	9.48	479
2.	Photo Play (New Image Tech)	1	8.29	69
3.	Lethal Enforcers II (Konami)	10	8.09	30%
4.	Final Lap 3 (Namco)	14	7.89	89
	Under Fire (Taito)	7	7.88	79
	Revolution X (Midway)	8	7.81	46%
	Virtua Fighter (Sega)	13	7.73	449
8.	Mega Touch II (Merit)	2	7.65	239
	Solitaire Challenge (Dynamo)	7	7.65	179
10.	Mortal Kombat II (Midway)	14	7 47	929

MTH refers to the number of months a game has spent on the charts ing indicates the top number/game of the month

DARKSTALKERS AND X-MEN ON THE MOVE

Rumors late last year about the upcoming consumer versions of Darkstalkers and X-Men placed Darkstalkers on the Sony PlayStation and X-Men on the Saturn. However, as of press time. Darkstalkers and X-Men will appear on both systems. Darkstalkers was widely seen as a SSF2 Turbo copy with different characters. However.

X-Men offers quite a few features not found in any previous fighting games. X-Men and Darkstalkers will

make a great addition to the two powerhouse systems with great fighting games, such as Den and many more to









X-MEN: CHILDRE BY CAL	
THEME	FIGHTING
VERSION	3.00
% COMPLETE	95%
AVAILABLE	MARCH
# BUTTONS	6
# PLAYERS	1 ng 2

OPTIONS CHECKLIST

CHALLENGE

Dolby Stereo	⊻
Voice Channels	⊻
Jamma Board	⊻
System 32	0
Cartridge	⊌
Translation Bonding	-

Notes: Has multiple levels to fight on and very smooth animation IS IT SSF2 TURBO X?

Nope! However, this fighting game is different enough to warrant calling it a new game ... well, almost, It has the same engine you're all too familiar with. However, this arcade fanatic has a compelling love for the X-Men that cannot be ignored. I wasn't pleased with the Final Fight X-Men arcade game from a couple years back, but it's really cool to be playing them in a Capcom engine with such fluid graphics. The game itself has new options to consider. With some of the mutants' ability either to float or fly, there is the element of air battles a la Dragonball Z. Also, with powerhouses like the Sentinel and Colossus pounding the tar out of the ground, you might find yourself falling from a bridge onto a boat, etc. The energy bar is different; Each special move only exhausts a third of the power. so new combos are possible. Overall, I give X-Men a thumbs up.

- Mark Hain





in this game are excellent.



Auto blocking is a new feature that is helpful for beginners.

P-Punch

K-Kick

B-Back

Key Code

PPP-3 Punches

Indicates that the

KKK-3 Kicks

D-Down

U-Up

T-Toward

same as it's always been. In the event of a tie, sudden











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multilevel stages are just some of the options X-Men has





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L1-Ice Beam D, DT, T + P*

L2-Ice Fist

D. DB. B+ PPP



L1-Ice Ball



L3-Arctic Attack D. DT. T + PPP

Nearly falling victim to a lynch mob when his powers first emerged, Bobby Drake was promptly rescued by Professor X and the Cyclops. He became one of the founding members. Covering his body in a casing of





he young Russian Piotr Rasputin is able to transform his body into solid steel. rendering him super strong and invulnera-

ble. He had always been disturbed by having to play the role of warrior to promote peace, before several personal

tragedies pushed him to Magneto's side.



D. DT. T + K



L1-Hurricane Throw D, DT, T + P (spin joystick)

COLONS D



L2-Super Armor D. DB. B + PPP



L3-Dive Bomb D. DT. T + PPP (P* again)



D. DT. T + P



L3-Psi Thrust D. DT, T + PPP

L1-Psi Blade

D. DT. T + K

A victim of endless manipulations, Betsy Braddock was once a quiet, reflective and distinguished English woman who used her telepathic powers to fight alongside the X-Men. But in a recent and bizarre incident, her mind was displaced into the body of the deadly ninia assassin known as Kwannon. Now capable of attacking both her opponent's mind and body by anticipating his or her every move and

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STORY.

L1-Typhoon D, DT, T + P



L1-Lightning Attack Corresponding P and K



L2-Lightning Blast D, DB, B + PPP



D. DT. T + PPP

Ororo Munroe was once hailed as a goddess due to the emergence of her fantastic, weather-manipulating powers. With these awesome abilities, Ororo gained nearly total control over the weather, enabling her to generate tremendous storms, fly on winds and cast lightning bolts.



L1-Optic Blast D, DT, T + P*



L3-Tracking Blast D, DB, B + PPP



L1-Gene Splice T. D. DT + P



L3-Mega Optic Blast D. DT. T + PPP

Scott and his brother Alex narrowly escaped a deadly airplane crash as kids. Scott later realized that the brain damage he suffered in the accident would prevent him from shutting off the constant laser blast streaming from his eyes. He was also the first X-Man.



It is believed that during a top-secret project named "Weapon-X," Logan's bones were laced with adamantium steel, and his healing factor, that also helps hide his mysterious age thanks to its youthpreserving effects, saved him. His commitment to the X-Men runs as deep as the mystery of his clouded past.



L1-Drill Claw Corresponding P and K



L1-Tornado Claw T, D, DT + P



L2-Super Speed D. DB. B + PPP



L3-Berserker Barrage D. DT. T + PPP

OVERIN

THE VILLAINS

Spiral was introduced to the X-Men as a lackey to Mojo, the leader of a planet dominated by media entertainment. When Mojo fell, she remained here to fight alongside Freedom Force and on her own.



L1-Long Arm D. U + P



L1-Dancing Sword T, D, DT + PPP







L3-Morph Attack D. DB. B + PPP

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L1-Blade Storm Press P Rapidly

Not much is known about the samural. He was hired by rich businessm as a bodyguard. He has gone up against the X-Men a number of times, most recently as a bodyguard for Kwannon's former lover, Nyoirin.

D. DT. T + P.

LVER SAMURAI





L2-Power Sword D. DB. B + P*

L3-Lightning Strike D, DB, B + PPP

OMEGA RED



D, DT, T + K



D.DT,T + P* P or K to drain



L2-Omega Throw D. DT. T + P



Once known as Arkady Rossovich, Omega Red is armed with unbre able carbonadium tentacles and horrifying "death pheromones" which can be released into the air, draining the life of anyone in the area!

ENTINEL









L3-Plasma Storm D. DT. T + PPP









of Charles Xavier, and as such, was always in his shadow. That is until he found a magic ruby that transformed him into an unstoppable juggernaut!

Magneto was a peaceloving scientist who worked alongside Charles Xavier. However, having his family slaughtered before his eyes changed his world view. He





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BY DEBA	
THEME	FIGHTING
VERSION	N/A
% COMPLETE	100%
AVAILABLE	NOW
# BUTTONS	3
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CHALLENGE

VERY	HIGH

AND REAL PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY AND ADDRESS.
OPTIONS CHECKLIST
QSound
Dolby Stereo
Voice Channels
Jamma Board
System 32
Cartridge
Translation Pending
Notes: You can select to turn the wine drinking on or off!

It's so real...

I must admit I wasn't a fan of the first game. It was too sluggish and I couldn't grasp the timing. However, the sequel is much more playable and the graphics are simply astounding. The two new characters, Shun and Lion, are really powerful, almost as strong as Pai. The audio is heart-pounding, too.

One thing I liked in this game is the little details that add to the realism: from the blowing hair to the flinches. Also, there are secrets to find. Really special moves, Kage's mask removal and a whole bunch of replay tricks add to the experience.

The controls are close to the first game with the buttons and the stick tapped together to generate the moves. It's tweaked to near perfection, but I still get the feeling that some moves are truly random.

Virtua Fighter 2 is worth trying out, if only for its great looks.

- Andrew Baran





ne look at Virtua Fighter 2, and you can never go back to the original. The first looks flat and outdated. With the tweaking of the controls, the sequel draws the player in.





is best used to block, then counter whatever his opponent does. Watch out for his double leg sweep. It can be fairly damaging. You'll notice that the better players out there are using him at a





over him. Lion uses his long legs to his advantage. making him a very powerful individual.



Osogeki

Rensai gakushu Senpusotai Ch(D) Zabantetsu Tenshinso-

chuso



Shun is a master of the Drunk and Monkey styles of kung fu. While he appears clumsy, he'll maul you with an attack you'd never expect. Shun is a fast fighter who's hard to



predict in a fight. Here's bit of interesting trivia: Arcades have the ability to turn off the scene where the old man drinks. Most will do this.





(DDF)(DDF) Yoho Daidenhosui FBFP+K Gai monchochu G B+P





He's the indomitable hero-Akira Yuki is a cunning warrior.



Akira is the best all-around fighter. He's balanced out perfectly, and





can dish out some really deadly combos. He's the easiest fighter to use.

Smash Hook (DDF) P Side Hook B K Beat Knuckle P+ Lightning Kick | D P+K KX4

...I'M FASTER THAN LIGHTNING!

A casual street fighter, Jacky is a foe to reckon with.



Jacky Bryant is an urban fighter with a tad less power than Akira. He uses





attacks, and can sustain quite a bit of damage before losing.



id you know that it's possible to see Kage's face? Yes, it's possible, but pretty hard to do. Here's how you can accomplish it: Choose Kage and win over 20 rounds

against a challenger, then his mask can be knocked off during the game.



KAGE'S MOVE

Risenzin	BFP+K
Zibashiri	B (DDB) D
Genyo	B K+G



Kage (the shadow) uses acrobatics and lots of tiny hits to win.



Kage-maru is a stealthy ninja whose attacks are fast and unpredictable,





however his blows do little damage, and he turns his back too often.

Body Blow	FP
Scissor Kick	K+G
Drop Kick	(DUF) K 🍣
Flying Knee	FFK+G

... COME BACK AGAIN IN ABOUT A YEAR!

This unbalanced wild man attacks like a rabid animal.



Hawkfield may be powerful, but he's slow (not as

much as





Jeffry). He uses a lot of flying attacks to whittle down opponents.

LAU'S MOVE

Tokukose
kyaku
Kukoyakı
Chi Sotai

Jyunhochu-

sho

(DUF) K F D (DDF)(DDF)

Skilled and cautious, Lau fights with inner fury.



Lau seems to be every body's favorite fighter since he's well-rounded.





Lau is an easy fighter to get into a good range of attacks.



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Cycle, in his all-out battle to end their threat forever. Or face total "X"-tinction.

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SARAH

Double Kick B K

Tornado Kick (DUF) K+ Roundhouse U K Spinning Kick K+G

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Jacky's sister is a brutal fighter with lots of skill.



Sarah Bryant is fast and powerful—a deadly combination. Her standard





punches can be combined with her flash kick with lethal results.

JEFFRY

JEFFRY'S MOVES:

 Head-butt
 F P+K

 Hell Stab
 D P+K

 Stomp Kick
 F F K

 Flying Hip
 P+K+G

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If you want power, choose Jeffry. He'll go the distance to smash the opponents.



Forget finesse with Jeffry McWild. You can pummel foes into submission. He





uses lots of body slams and knee attacks in combat. He's a nasty fellow.

PAI

PAI'S MOVES:

Senchuken (DDF) P
Enzinsenpukyaku B K+G
Kotankyaku F F K
Hienrekkyaku (DUF) K K

Pai is powerful—enough said. Don't mess with Pai.



The term
"cheap"
comes to
mind when I
think of Pai.
She is fast,

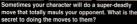




very powerful and loaded with combos—possibly the best fighter.















problem stomping your way to the final Boss-Sigma! This is the

The weapon you get from the Flame Stag makes this guy a piece of cake. There should be no problem if you wait until he hangs from the ceiling, then

pelt him with fire. This will

stantial damage.

slow him down and do sub-



His shield gives most players a bad day, because it absorbs some of their shots. Although you can beat him with the X-Buster, it's a good idea to try using the Spin Wheel, This will cut down his shield, and do plenty of damage!

easiest powerup to acquire. Just slide down this area of the Crystal Snail Stage to get the Radar Optics!

You need the wheel weapon to get this enhancement. **Drill through this**



MEGA ENHANCEMENTS

Follow these two maps, and you will find the (A) Radar Optics and the (B) Body Armor/Mega Buster. Read on to discover the Dual Blaster and the Air Dash Boots.





To find the Air Dash, use the wheel weapon and drill through these bricks on the Ostrich Stage. This is one of the most useful items in the game.

You need the Air Dash to get this piece of equipment. Coordination is required to jump some walls, but after a few vou're home free.





destroy his tail weapon for the duration of the fight. If you don't, I wish you the best of luck in defeating him. With his height, it's nearly impossible to beat his special attacks. Keep hitting him with Silk!



The Strike Chain works well against him, although the X-Buster seems to work just as well. Hit him with the chain as he comes out of the red water (?) for maximum damage. Still, the X-Buster works just fine.







The Mega Buster is your best bet in attempts to defeat this quy. He's not too difficult Remember to time your shots wisely, or he will simply jump out of the way or deflect them. Watch out for his Strike Chain. It's got guite a reach!

Put out the fire in his attacks with some water (well, bubbles). Use the Crab's attack against the Stag, and it will be a really short fight. If timed correctly, you can corner him for the quick. sure win!

energy for use later. Keep on reading for the location of two tanks, while others can be located on the Centipede and Crab Stages. You will need the Dual Blaster and Rubble Weapons. The Flame Burner really helps.

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There are a grand total of four energy subtanks

in Mega Man X2. There are also many energy

bars that add to your total damage capacity. Try looking in the Weather Stage for a freebie. In the meantime.

follow the mans C and D to find two of the

subtanks.

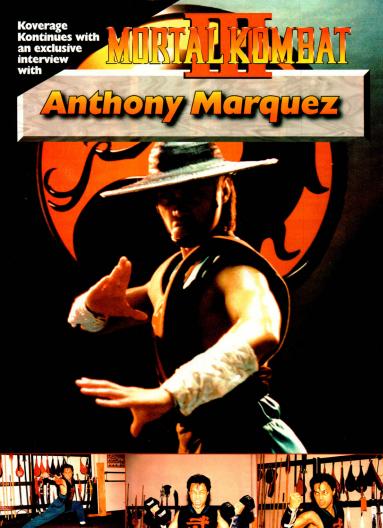
This is in the Flame CHCHCHCHCHCHC

Magnet Mines are your ticket to victory against this foe. Although it will knock him out of his shell, the Crystal Snail will return to it. Take advantage of his weakness while it lasts and be sure to have plenty of Magnet power.

Stage. Time a jump to land on the hovering machine. Ride it to the top and jump onto the ledge for one of the four energy

subtanks. Can you reach the 1-Up?





Tony speaks out on his experiences in Mortal Kombat, his lifelong commitment to martial arts and the man behind Kuna Lao!









EGM²: Is kung fu the same as karate? What degree or level are you?

AM: I'm the equivalent of a fourth degree black belt. The belt system comes from the Japanese/ Okanawan system and it has become very Americanized. People in America have adapted to the belt system, and they use it to measure how far they've advanced. With the belt system, [students] started out with a white belt—the longer they trained, the dirtier the belt became until it was black. That's where the system came from.

How much of your martial arts training did you use when playing the part of Kung Lao in Mortal Kombat

Not that much. I think to be a Mortal Kombat character, you don't have to be a national [karate] champion, like some of us are. I won Rookie of the Year in 1989, and I have won many different tournaments between 1989 and the present. The old Liu Kang, the old Johnny Cage and I used to compete on the NASKA circuit (the North American Sport Karate Association). There are three events in that: form, weapons and point fighting. When we competed, we all had a certain amount of success.

What do you attribute your success to? What motivated you to become a champion?

I started martial arts when I was 10 years old. When the

Bruce Lee wave first came about in 1976, we all wanted to be Bruce Lee and wanted to do martial arts. My dad did some Kali. That's a type of Filipino martial arts. He never really pushed me into martial arts at all. But when it came to Bruce Lee, I wanted to be just like him. As I advanced. it went from wanting to beat up 20 guys at a time to wanting to become the best martial artist I could be. You always want to see how good you are compared to other martial artists, and that's why I started competing.

In the making of Mortal Kombat III, describe a typical day.

It was just like a typical movie shoot. I'd go to Williams and sit around and wait for them to get every-thing ready, set up the lighting and the cameras. I'd eventually get into costume, stand in front of the blue-screen and talk to John and Ed to see what they wanted to shoot that day, how they wanted me to move. Then from the script, I'd do several hundred punches, several

hundred kicks and whatever specially moves they wanted. We'd rehearse a little bit then I'd ask them, "How does this look? How does that look? Is this what you want? Do you want something else?" Then we would shoot it. Ed and John from Williams are great to work with because they like to joke around.

How long did a typical day last?

They were usually eight-hour days. We would break a lot for lunch or dinner. When you're always standing in front of the screen, you want to look your best. You're always pumping up a lot before each shot. I'd do pushups, sit-ups and dips to get ready, then they'd squirt me with the water bottle so my muscles became more defined and enhanced. Then we'd do hundreds of kicks and punches in slow motion, different types of punches and reactions.

How much of what you see on the screen is you and how much is digitally enhanced or altered? Are

you actually doing the moves or are they enhancing them, like raising your leg for example?

From the side kicks to the teleporting and the round house kicks, that's all me. The most important feature. in being an MK III character. is to be physically fit, sort of flexible and athletic. A lot of the more sophisticated martial arts moves Ed or John can enhance in post-production for some of the characters on computer. For some of the higher kicks, a few of the guvs would lean on something and someone would raise their legs. To the trained eye, some of the kicks aren't exactly the way they should have been. I don't think it takes away from the game at all. Jax, for example, is primarily a body builder, and his character doesn't have to play like Kung Lao, who has been training in the Shao Lin monastery. So when you look at Jax's movements, he kicks like a big body-builder guy. For some of the kicks, they had to help him raise his legs a bit. Whereas the Kung Lao



Anthony Marquez works out to improve his strength every day. He attends the Championship Martial Arts Academy in Chicago and trains in Chinese kung fu under Master Jian Hua Guo. Master Guo shares his knowledge of kung fu and has dedicated himself to qualify teaching. He has a unique training style and an ability to create a relaxed environment in which to learn. His most recent task, while teaching in Chicago, was perfecting the skills of several cast members of the Ninja Turtles movies.

character is supposed to be a Shao Lin monk and have the movements like a Chinese martial arts movie quy.

How much of your style went into this? Did Boon or Tobias tell you what they wanted? How much input did you have in developing the character?

John is in charge of the story. and he came up with

Kung Lao has a new.

more buff look to him for MK III.

Ever wonder what that symbol on

his uniform is? It's actually the Oriental

character for war.

of Kung Lao. He told me what he wanted. He wanted a Shao Lin monk, and a lot of my martial arts

the character

training is in Shao Lin kung fu. So it was easy for me to adapt what I knew and use that when I

> was performing as the character. After I do my finishing move, I bow. That's very much a Chinese bow and type of Chinese movement. It's a very specific type of

from training and being around the martial arts atmosphere for a while. The bow and the mannerisms are

bow that comes

something that comes through training.

Are any of the strikes, the head-butt with his hat or close-in knee move. actual movements?

> A lot of the moves are very basic. The side kick-you'll find that everywhere. I train at all of those type of movements, like the jumping side

It takes place on Earth. Somehow Shao Kahn turned the Earth into the Outworld and a lot of the settings are on Earth.

Did you watch the other characters do their movements or did you shoot vours alone?

There were a couple of full days. After all of the characters were shot. Ed and John would have an idea to add something or do a fatality differently. Then all of the characters had to come back in to reshoot the reaction. So it was an ongoing process for a week's worth of training.

How did you ever get into the Mortal Kombat phenomenon and the gaming business?

We all grew up together: Dan, Ho and myself. We all work out at the Lakeshore Athletic Club. We either work there, work out there or hang out there with each other. It was Danny and Ho Sung Pak who were characters in the first Mortal Kombat game. Then when the second Mortal Kombat was coming around, there was the hat guy character, he wasn't Kung Lao yet. He was a Shao Lin monk with a hat, and they introduced me to

John. I knew him before as a casual acquaintance. They told him that I'd make the perfect Kung Lao. I met with John and we talked. He saw some of the stuff I could do and said, "This guy's our Kung Lao."

In terms of the bloody fatalities and the violence in the games, what are your feelings on the reactions that Mortal Kombat II got from the public?

I always thought kids of all ages would be playing Mortal Kombat, ever since I began working on the project. There's a lot of excessive violence on television and in the movies. Look at Dirty Harry. Even though he's a good guy, his stuff is excessively bloody and violent. But when you learn about martial arts, you learn that it's not just about beating people up. If you are learning martial arts just to learn how to beat people up, you'll probably drop out within two weeks. None of this stuff happens overnight. It takes years and years of training. I know if someone physically attacks me, I can probably protect myself. But if someone bumps into me or calls me a name. I'll turn the other cheek and walk away. I know that from my years of training

"How much time do I put into making Kung Lao the best he can be? I'd have to say a lot, because I train everyday.'

kick, everyday. Maybe to the trained eve, that's how a kung fu expert would do it. But these movements can be found in a variety of martial arts, including Tae Kwon Do. They do side kicks and jumping roundhouse kicks as well. I think John and Ed had a good idea of what they wanted, then we talked some and I suggest things, so we worked together on most of

In terms of the plot, what can you tell us?

the moves.





fighting for Tony. He believes stronaly in family as the real censor of society. (Shown above with Amy Choi and Taylor Choi Marquez.)

It's not all

in martial arts. I have become as I teach him what's accept a better person. What got me able-what's right, what's involved in martial arts, is wrong-I don't think things like that will affect him. I don't what I term as violent kung fu

What do you do for a living?

I'm an athletic supervisor at Lakeshore Athletic Club, I make sure it runs well. I teach martial arts. Wushu (kung fu). Wushu is a Chinese term that means "War Art" that encompasses a number of things. My specialty is Northern Shao Lin styles such as Long Fist. We also use staffs, spears. straight swords and broad swords. I've been training in kung fu with Master Guo for the last five years and involved in martial arts for 16 years. I studied Praying Mantis style kung fu, then I

We would fly there or he would fly here to train me. In 1989. I met Master Guo and he's been training me.

Is it fun to be in Mortal Kombat II? Do you get recognized by people?

I've gotten a lot of press for being Kung Lao. The kids at the tournaments know me. A lot of them practice martial arts, but a lot of them are just fans. They go to the tournaments and enjoy watching the participants.

Did your peers respect you the same after you were in Mortal Kombat II, or did

'I don't want to be judgmental, but if you're not taking care of your

kids, something's going to happen.

movies. If Mortal Kombat has the same effect on kids today in getting involved in martial arts, maybe they'll be better people when they grow up.

As far as the moves the kids see in the game, do you think this is contributing to the excessive violence and gang-related activities we hear about

want to be judgmental, but if you're not taking care of your kids, something's going to happen. Parents have to take responsibility and not blame bad parenting on movies or video games. If they teach their kids the right way then their kids will grow up right.



Anthony's son shows some of his moves alongside his dad. Kung Lao.

today?

your son gets older, will you let him play Mortal Kombat II and III? Yeah. We play it now. We have a Nintendo system and play it together. I'm not very good at it, but I used to be. We're not big video game freaks anyway, My

When

son comes with me to watch me train everyday, so he's exposed to kung fu and sees martial arts everyday.

with your parents. I have a 3-year-old son. He lives in the whole Mortal Kombat world. He knows his dad's Kung Lao, He's a big Mortal and Ninja Turtles fan. We're always watching kung fu and fighting movies together. I know as long as we have a

good relationship and as long

Personally, no, as long as

you have a good relationship

You have been in movies before. Rumor has it you were in the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles movies. Yes, I was in Teenage Mutant

Ninia Turtles III. I did some work as Leonardo, and was a stuntman.

studied Wushu in China in the summer of 1986. I had an equivalent of a black belt. and I've been doing this type of kung fu since then. At that point. I had been studying Wushu for three years. I had the basics down and went over there to clean everything up. I had another coach. Eric Chen from L.A.



they think you were selling

No, they respect me for the

most part. There are a few

out?

[who are put off by it], but more than 90 percent love it. It's another way martial arts is put out in the culture. The more people signing up for martial arts classes the more everyone benefits. There are some who come away from playing the game with the feeling of just wanting to be like Kung Lao. The same way I felt when I saw Bruce Lee.

Do you plan on making martial arts more of a career?

I'm working on that. I have a couple of projects I'm working on, but it's a slow process. I'm working on another fighting game with Williams, but I can't get too much into that.

See you in MK III **Anthony Marquez**





FACT FILE

ACTION
16
95%

AVAILABLE APRIL # PLAYERS 1 on 2

LEVELS

ANNERATE

9

NITRO



One of the few battledroids with the ability to fly, Nitro's most powerful attack is its Beam Sabre that cuts through foes. It also has an energy shield it can put up.

HAVOC



Havoc's primary weapon can fire several rounds quickly with a good spread range. It can't fly but can jump great distances and dash across the ground at high speeds.

PROMETHEUS



The heaviest (and slowest) battledroid, Prometheus can build bridges across gaps but can-not fly or even jump. However, it is armed with a pair of incredibly powerful guns.

OPTIONS CHECKLIST

OL LIGITO CHECKEIOL
Difficulty Settings
of Lives
of Continues
Button Configuration
Sound/BGM Test
Password
Battery Back-Up
Notes: You can test drive the various battledroids in the Options.

HEAVY METAL

Remember Cybernator? That is the first game you'll think of when playing Metal Warriors; however, this game is somewhat different. You have several robots (battledroids) you can pilot in the game. You can bail out when one is damaged and you are about to be destroyed! The levels are huge and get more complicated as you progress in the game.

- The Major

BALLISTIC





Ballistic has the most powerful mounted weaponry of any of the battledroids, but it cannot fire while moving. It is also equipped with a powerful charge ram attack.

SPIDER





Spider is difficult to master but is nonetheless a formidable weapon. It can climb up walls and even temporarily stun enemies with webs.







Drache is the most mobile of all the battledroids-it can fire in eight directions from its center. It is also armed with a dive bomb attack to smash enemies from above.

MISSION 2: "BOARDING PARTY

The second battle takes place on the enemy's own turf! Don't destroy the bazooka-armed enemies-let them use their missiles and destroy their own stock-

piles so you can reach some hidden

Start on the outside of the enemy ship and work your way in. You can shoot large boxes to bits, and be sure to check the area outside-who knows











ICONS AND WEAPON SYSTEMS:
Find these icons and other items hidden within the various levels.



BOUNCING BULLETS: Bullets bounce off walls when you pick this up.



Repairs all the damage done to the battledroid REVERSE GRAVITY:

REPAIR UNIT

SEEKING BULLETS: Bullets track the nearest target and smash home! DEADLIER BULLETS:



Battledroid can walk on ceilings when collected.

Sends bouncing explo-



GRENADE PACKS sives on the screen!

Head-to-Head Mode! Fight to the death in several settings!

TWO-PLAYER HEAD-TO-HEAD ACTION

TO THE There are several suits in some of the stages, but you can destroy the empty

ones sitting around!



A VERSUS MODE! Fight against a friend

in the two-player

BE CAREFUL OUT THERE



The higher the number

your weapon becomes!

collected, the more powerful

You can leave your 'droid at any time during the game. However, other enemies on foot can also get into your empty battledroid and use it to attack you! If you must leave it, be sure to park it in an out-of-reach area! You can take a maximum of nine hits from

other foot soldiers while outside your battledroid. You can fly and fire in eight directions, but your shots do very little damage-so don't even think about taking on another battledroid while in this extremely precarious situation!



KNOWING WHEN TO BAIL

There is no life meter, but if you take too many hits, your battledroid will turn a dark color and begin to smoke. Take even more hits, and all defensive and offensive capabilities will be lost. If the battledroid is destroyed with you inside,



However, there is a chance to survive if you can find a repair unit and get your battledroid to it in time.

MISSION 1: "RESCUE AT AXIS 5"



below.

The first mission is a simple rescue with only a few other battledroids you can switch to. One thing to be aware of is the elevators-don't get pinched in between the levels; it will result in certain death

MISSION 3: "WAR ON THE ROCK" Protect the main core from attackers and pilot a ship back to the hangar. Defense of the core is essential, but watch out where you shoot-you could inadvertently destroy the core yourself! Use the Prometheus 'droid at the end.

you will lose a life.



Use your shield to block enemy attacks, and if they have big weapons. knock them off ledges to the area



When you get the Rockets, quickly start blasting the stockpiles in the gigantic hangar. This will create passageways that lead to icons and other items. The last part of the mission requires you to exit the safety of your battledroid and engage in gunfights. Beware of how many hits you take.





THEME	ACTION
MEGABITS	N/A
% COMPLETE	100%
AVAILABLE	APRIL

LEVELS VARIARLE CHALLENGE

1

12

PLAYERS

OPTIONS	CHECKLIST
Difficulty Settin	ıgs

# of Continues	
Button Configuration	ĺ
Sound/BGM Test	
Password	ĺ
Battery Back-Up	ı
Notes: More options may become	

available at date of release TRULY CHALLENGING

When I first picked up this game, I honestly didn't know what to think about it. I mean, let's be honest, video games translated from famous Arnold movies haven't exactly had the greatest success in the past. But after playing True Lies, I realized what all those titles were: the past. The story line closely

follows the movie itself, from the beginning at the chateau to the rescuing of your daughter, Dana, at the end. The playing field perspective itself is very much like that of Jurassic Park for the Super NES. The challenge is nothing to laugh at either, as you're not just going to be able to do a kamikaze dash through the mission and expect to finish in one piece!

By the way, did I mention all the blood in this game? There are gallons of everybody's favorite red stuff. My congratulations to Acclaim and Beam Software for a job well done!

- Tim Davis.







Try to take one enemy at a time or they'll surround you.





If you shoot more than three civilians per level, you'll have to restart the mission!



Save your

icons until

you need

health



Lets you spray an almost

unlimited barrage of bullets!

Use this weapon at close range for the most effectiveness

HOT GUN KEYS

In later levels. you'll need these to advance forward.

ENADES



Be careful! These health icons are few and far between.



you to attack an enemy over certain walls.



These life icons are also rare. Try not to depend on them.



Your partner will debrief you at the start of the

Harry, start mowing them down!



Early on in the mison, you'll find some eapons and ammo

Υου'νε found the main computer! Hook up and get





Try to maintain a low profile early on to avoid

You must find this security card to access the locked door on the upper level.





begin of the sion, make a run for



Nintendo policy!

Whoa! Blood! think I'm starting to like this new

Your enemies will stop at nothing to make sure you don't reach your rendezvous point alive!





Don't waste time battling with this helicopter, just try to outmaneuver it.



You made it, Harry! While I'm sure your partner, Al, is glad to see you alive. he expresses it in the best

way he can



e this escalator for cover you fight for the shotgun.



Explore every inch of the mall for carefully hidden or guarded items!



As soon as you step into the restrooms, you'll be flooded with Jihad goons. Try to make your way past them and destroy the stall doors, therwise the Boss will never appear!

Yeouch! In this level, the Jihad have learned some new tricks, like how to throw





This mission will take you all over the mall, even into the restrooms for the final confrontation with the boss!



Look for and 1-Ups



ou'll begin ur mission

at the gates of the park. Try to take on one enemy at a

me because and you, well, you're just one person. I'd

say the odds are about equal.



Watch out! The guys wearing the red shirts are powerful!





FACT FILE

BY NAMCO	
THEME	FIGHTING
MEGABITS	24
% COMPLETE	70%
AVAILABLE	JUNE
# PLAYERS	1 or 2

- LEVILLO	14/ M
CHALLENGE	MODERATE

OPTIONS CHECKLIST
Difficulty Settings
of Lives
of Continues
Button Configuration
Sound/B6M Test
Password
Battery Back-Up
Notes: Options unknown at this time.

A CUT ABOVE THE REST

One thing is for sure this is not your typical fighting game. I wouldn't call it totally unique—there have been attempts at a weapon fighting game before, but none have measured up to the calibre of this title.

WeaponLord plays a lot like a Street Fighter game. and borrows just enough from this familiar engine to give it what a fighting game needs, while maintaining its individuality with a unique style and scenario.

The graphics are great, and the sound is in no way disappointing. Some of the animations need work (slowdownlike effects plaqued the Beta copy), but overall this title looks and sounds excellent: a top-notch fighting game for your Super NES!

If you're a Street Fighter

freak, a fighting game guru or just looking for a good challenge, pick up a copy of WeaponLord.

ason Streetz

A need breed of fighters...



No ninja, no martial arts-just weapons masters with their arge, sharp objects of impalenent. Can you take it?



Step back, Street Fighters! Grab your broadsword and join the fray.





To the victor go the spoils. Don't be too sure of yourself. Although this game controls like Street Fighter, it has its

own unique features.









There will be a total of seven characters to choose fromonly a few of which were complete for this preview. Here are some preliminary mug shots of

the Weapon-Lords themselves.

















The second secon ools of descruction











Each of the fighters has his or her own unique weapon and style of fighting. The weapon system adds a new level of play by allowing power moves and deflections that act as aggressive defensive moves and counters.







Like Mortal and other popular titles, this one's got the cool

red stuff kids like.



Yep. Globs of blood flow freely from those fighters unlucky enough to be hit.

















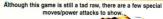














As you can see, the special moves in this game generally involve the weapon the character is wielding and exemplifies his/her expertise with that tool of destruction.



FACT FILE

BY ACCLAIM	
THEME	ACTION/ADV
MEGABITS	N/A
% COMPLETE	100%
AVAILABLE	MARCH
# PLAYERS	1
# LEVELS	7
CHALLENGE	DIFFICULT

OPTIONS CHECKLIST
Difficulty Settings
of Lives
of Continues
Button Configuration
Sound/BGM Test
Password
Battery Back-Up
Notes: This game has minimal options.

THIS AIN'T NO CHURCHROY

If you've seen the movies. you have heard of the Warlock. Although the story of the game does not use the characters from the first two movies, (save the Warlock himself) the idea is the same: Get the stones, kill the nasty and save the day.

This is definitely one of the most challenging games to come across my system in a while. Aside from some of the cheap hits and the control needing to be tweaked, this is a top-notch cart from the adventure/challenge standpoint. Unfortunately, the graphics are in serious need of revamping (like adding a few hundred more colors).

However, I was very impressed with the well-done sound effects. They set the mood of the game-dark and foreboding

Fans of the movie will enjoy this game. You must do many of the things the characters from the movies didcollect spells, drink potions. etc.

- Jason Streetz

what it's like to be a modern druid









Dive, jump and use spells in your attempt to collect the stones and kill the Warlock.



You start with a very useful object: an orb. You can summon it in order to control and direct it. Gather outof-reach items or gak nasties; the orb is perfect!







DARKNESS AND CURSED GOARDIANS LIE. BUT BEWARE FOR THE REST SHALL NOT COME AS

You have a long, grueling quest ahead of you. Collect six sacred stones to prevent the Warlock from getting them. In addition

you must, in the end, kill this demon and send him back into hell. Easy. right? Nope!

the warlock



He's trying to get the orbs and kill you, too!



The spells of a druid REVIVAL PROCECTION



Snag this when you see it, and it will grant you another life.





SMART BOMB Kills most of



the lesser nasties currently on the screen.



Cime reversal







tremor, uncovering loose rocks, etc.

more than the warlock to worry about





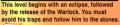




On your quest to thwart the plans of the Warlock, you will encounter many creatures and obstacles that you must overcome. Use your collected spells, the orb and patience to conquer each challenge. This game is full of problems to solve and enemies to kill. This ain't for no churchboy!

eu england: an eclipse and evil unleashed

















The CAVERN: SEEKING THE HOME OF THE WIZARD







Things get a little darker, as you must enter an underground cavern system just below a lake in your search for the stones. The Warlock is quiet through this.







around to pester you, but there are plenty of enemies to deal with instead.

onward to the garden, and then the castle



More adventure awaits you. Once through the cavern, you must overcome the challenges of the castle. First the garden must be traversed. The Warlock will try repeatedly to knock you off with animated statues, spells and traps. Once through the forest, you will enter the Castle of the Wizard where more stones are to be found. Beware, the further you progress, the more enraged and desperate to kill you the Warlock will become.





FACT FILE

BY DEBA	
THEME	ACTION
MEGABITS	24
% COMPLETE	20%
AVAILABLE	JUNE
# PLAYERS	1
# LEVELS	N/A

OPTIONS CHECKLIST

N/A

CHALLENGE

Difficulty Settings	
# of Lives	0
of Continues)
Button Configuration	1
Sound/BGM Test	0
Password	1
Battery Back-Up	1
Notes: Options are unavailable at this time.	

GET INTO YOUR WORK

Late one stormy night Sketch Turner is working on his newest comic book Suddenly, there is an explosion of light and he finds himself sucked into his comic Here he finds himself in a post-holocaust civilization of his creation with danger lurking everywhere. In the meantime, the evil Mortus has been warped into the rea world. In order to escape Sketch must survive every episode of the story. Each one is jam-packed with vicious mutants who just don't seem to like you very much Just when you think you are doing well and all the monsters are gone, the unimaginable happens-Mortus is drawing in new creatures as you journey through this hectic world. Quick reflexes and fists of fury are your only hopes for surviving. Once you are back in the real world, you will have to defeat Mortus. If you don't succe you'll be spending the rest of your life in the Comix Zone

- Dave Malec







How did I get inside this comic book?









the first wave of mutants, venture into the lower levels of the city to face even greater dangers. Who knows what hideous surprises await you in the bowels of this postholocaust nightmare?

Having defeated



Use levers to open trap doors leading to other areas.



Don't be surprised to find scum wer, you drew them here.





Fail to pass an area and you will spend the rest of your days in a comic book.

When an opponent goes up for a shot, jump to try and block it. This drives the offense nuts!



Use passing to keep your opponents guessing. Watch out. though, bad passes are easily picked off by

quick defensive







Hustle down court. Don't allow your opponent a chance for an easy

basket. Get in his face!





BARKLEY SHUT UP AND JAM 2 BY ACCOLADE	
THEME	SPORTS
MEGABITS	16
% COMPLETE	80%
AVAILABLE	APRIL
# PLAYERS	1 or 2
# LEVELS	N/A
CHALLENGE	MODERATE

OPTIONS CHECKLIST
Difficulty Settings
of Lives
of Continues
Button Configuration
Sound/BGM Test
Password
Battery Back-Up
Notes: This version allows you to save stats and has improved sound.



Hanging from the rim after an awesome slam rubs it in



Break free from the pack to drive



another basket home.



Better make a strong move to the basket or you'll get blocked



IAMS!!



be tough to block this shot.





If all else fails, just power the ball straight up the middle.

GET OUT OF MY FACE!

Sir Charles is back and he's ready to get in somebody's face. Choose from eight different courts across the U.S. to take on Charles and his teammates. Featuring more than twice as many animations, this game is sure to rock the basketball scene. What does it have to offer? There are additional defensive moves and better player control to give the game a more authentic feel. In addition to 25 different jams and no referees, the game also features the voice of Barkley talking it up on the court. So put on your shoes, shut up and jam!

-Dave Malec



This guy is going to be in for a heck of a nose bleed.



FACT FILE DUNGEON EXPLORER

BT JEUR	
THEME	ACT/RP6
MEGABITS	CD-ROM
% COMPLETE	100%
AVAILABLE	MARCH
# PLAYERS	1 TO 4
# LEVELS	N/A

MODERATE

CHALLENGE

OPTIONS CHECKLIST
Difficulty Settings
of Lives
of Continues
Button Configuration
Sound/B6M Test
Password
Battery Back-Up
Notes: Can play multiple characters at once by using the multitap.

GAUNTLET?

Imagine Gauntlet with a story. That's this title. The play and style of Dungeon Explorer is very similar to that arcade classic. The magic and special abil-

ities of the characters are really cool, and the ability to play multiple characters at once (if you have a multitap) is also a big plus. The immense amount of enemies on the screen sometimes make this option a necessity.

The graphics are nowhere near as clear or colorful as the original Turbo Graphix 16 release of this game, and the sound is only a tad bit better (as a result of the CD).

The Bosses are huge and tremendously challenging to defeat, but they do nothing really unrealistically difficult or frustrating.

If you are a fan of Gauntlet kill-everything-that-movesand-then-some games, you will love this title. Gather a few friends, slap on the multitap and go at it!

- Jason Streetz

Can pou rescue the Princess













You (and your band of adventurers) must traverse the land, discovering and defeating a blistering array of dungeons in order to rescue the princess and return to your home.





This game allows you to play more than one character at the same time for maximum multiplayer fun! This is really a great option for parties.



complete their quest.



Each character has his or her own kind of magic.

When the nasties cover the screen. magic comes in handy.





Each kind of magic is as unique as the character who uses



On your quest, you may choose your explorer from a variety of different character types. MONK One of the

The Explorers





fastest (and weakest) of all.

Uses

magic to

defend

against

foes.

strongest

of all the

fighters.





Fast and deadly, a good middle character.







THEME	SPORTS
MEGABITS	24
% COMPLETE	100%
AVAILABLE	NOW
# PLAYERS	1

LEVELS

IALLEN

Sile.	M/A
	VARIARIE
Marie	AMILIADEE

OPTIONS CHECKLIST
Difficulty Settings
of Lives
of Continues
Button Configuration
Sound/B6M Test
Password
Battery Back-Up
Notes: More options may be available when released.

FORE!

Golf Magazine's 36 Great Holes (GM36GH) is a pretty good golf game, I really like the fact that you can play on real courses

However, the graphics were a bit too pixilated, even though it's on a 32X system. It seems that they could have been a lot sharper. The sound was pretty good-the birds chirping away in the background was a nice touch.

The game play is very easy to get the hang of. The ball almost always goes in a straight line ... more or less. (This, of course, is impossible in real life. Thank God for video games!

Overall, GMP36GHSFC is a fairly decent game; but to be honest, I think they could have used the 32X's power more effectively. But golfers should try this game out!

Ken Badziak



The red bar determines the power of your swing. The blue bar determines the curve of your ball (straight line, hook or slice). Try to get close to the white line.

Fully digitized moves!

36 Holes uses the 32X's power to show some incredibly smooth, full-motion digitized shots of the player. Neat!



Play God and make up some new characters. Choose gender, faces and even clubs.



When putting, you can access a grid that shows the contour of the terrain. It takes the guesswork out of putting!









Meet Fred Couples, winner of the 1992 Masters Tournament. He's your personal trainer who will teach you the ropes.



You aren't limited to just one type of game. Play all of the

popular games: Skins Game, Shoot-Out, Match Play or Practice.









Golf Magazine Presents 36 Great Holes **Starring Fred Couples**

Play on real courses!

These courses actually exist. Some are easy and straight-forward, while others are difficult. All of them have some sort of hazard, whether it be water, sand or an occasional (ouch) cactus!













QUARANTINE

FACT FILE

ACTION	
CD-RON	
40%	
NOW	

PLAYERS

LEVELS N/A CHALLENGE MODERATE

OPTIONS CHECKLIST Difficulty Settings.

# of Lives	1
# of Lives	1
Button Configuration. Sound/BGM Test. Password. Battery Back-Up.	1
Sound/BGM Test	1
Password	1
Battery Back-Up	í

Road Kill

Warm up your machine guns and get your trigger finger ready! Your passenger has the cash you need, and the



(left) shows you where y are and where you need to go.

Weapons and repair bays are indicated as is the

exit to the city (in your dreams!). If a car (or other vehicle) gets in your way, turn it into a flaming wreck. But be warned. blow away everything in sight and you'll soon run out of ammo! It looks like this guy (right) ejected just in time. Don't worry, you'll get him next time!





Notes: Game may be saved at any **VIOLENT FARE**

For those of you who like the bone-crunching brutality of Doom, you ought to feel right at home with this game. Quarantine is a first-person driving and shooting game a dark and seedy place from which you are trying to hovercab" around the dangerous city streets, picking

up fares and earning money there are quite a few. You'l be able to slice, dice, grate puncture, electrify, roast, toast and otherwise really annoy anyone or anything that gets in your way. You'll

need to earn enough money to blow town, but to do that passengers. It's not as easi as it sounds. Not only are percent of the people you pick up total weirdos, but they all expect you to get them to their destination pronto. Or else!



















Tools of the Trade



get interesting! You have six slots for your various weaponry.... Let's hope you can afford it! Because you can't afford not to

Firebelcher all add nice variety to your arsenal. The power of the Belcher, the range of the Reaper and the accuracy of the Punisher make it hard to choose just one. So take 'em all and learn which one to use to get the





The Banshee will have your victims screaming for mercy! Its rapid-firing rate ensures excellent line-of-fire accuracy. This baby comes with plenty of ammo, too.

Are those pesky pedestrians messing up your windshield every time you flatten one? With the Charbroiler, you have that problem no longer! Mmmm ... nice and toasty!





smaller ones. Anything within the radius of these blasts is toast

Pop Quiz

SCENARIO: A pedestrian is behind a stalled car, shooting at you while safely hidden. Do

A: Honk politely, hoping he'll stop shooting.

B: Turn and drive away. C: Start crying uncontrollable







Answer: NONE OF THE ABOVE! If you chose A, B or C, then you are unfit to play this game. Turn the page and done was frag the car and plow over the shooter. Have a nice day!

The Shocker is a Instead of firing a ectile at the tard it acts as a repulsive force, sending them



Game Over

Too many games of chicken with the armor-plated Corvettes? Too many Spider mines up your exhaust pipe? Couldn't make it to the repair shop in time? Game over for you, pal. Better luck next time ... if you can handle it.







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