

MEGA GUIDE

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You haven't been really cheated 'til you've read my column

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SCORE DUDE SPEAKS HIS MIND



Knock a tenner off ALL games NOW!

CRAAYYZEEE!! I reckon we're all **FLAMING BONKERS!** Why on earth are we paying **FORTY QUID** a cart for console games?

Today I'm asking all my loyal readers to join me in a fight for fairer prices.

This ol' Score Dude has always tried to steer you TOWARDS games that are worth forking out for and AWAY from the duff 'uns.

But to be frank, none of them are worth FORTY QUID! Sega and Nintendo systems are cheap, cheerful and easy to use. And now everyone's got one. Trouble is, Sega and Nintendo have a

monopoly on the games. No one can make carts for the Mega Drive or the Super NES without a licence from . . . Sega and Nintendo.

Last year the Japanese giants made the best part of £500million between them in Britain alone.

I don't object to anyone making a profit. But I also believe in fair play.

The average Amiga or PC is about £25. It costs the same to program as a console game.

Sega and Nintendo use a special chip in their cartridges that is an extra fiver.

I used to play truant a lot. But I'm sure that when I was meant to be in school, £25 plus £5 was THIRTY QUID! So why the hell are we paying FORTY QUID?? I love computer games and I would like to see EVERY child having a chance to play.

So tell me today if YOU are hot flippedy FED-UP, too! Just fill in the coupon on this page and send it to me.

I'll pass them all on to Sega and Nintendo, with my own humble message: GET YER PRICES DOWN!

SHOW THE BOSS YOU ARE CROSS

HIROSHI YAMAUCHI
NINTENDO CHAIRMAN

Dear Mr YAMAUCHI
I RECKON Nintendo games cost too MAUCHI.
Dunno how much pocket money kids get in Japan
but over here FORTY QUID is too dear.
Please give us fairer prices.

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HAYO NAKAYAMA
SEGA CHAIRMAN

Dear Mr NAKAYAMA
SEGA games cost a leg and an arma!
I reckon you've got your RISING SUMS wrong.
So drop your prices Hayo—not tomorrow
TODAYO! (Or we won't payo.)

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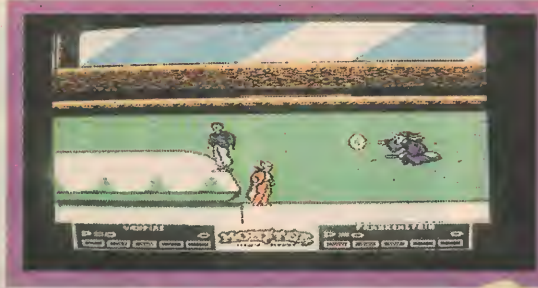
MONSTERS IN MY POCKET, NES
By MATTY MARSH

SCARED easily? Well this game is a NIGHTMARE. You'll be having bad dreams for ages if you're unlucky enough, or daft enough, to buy it.

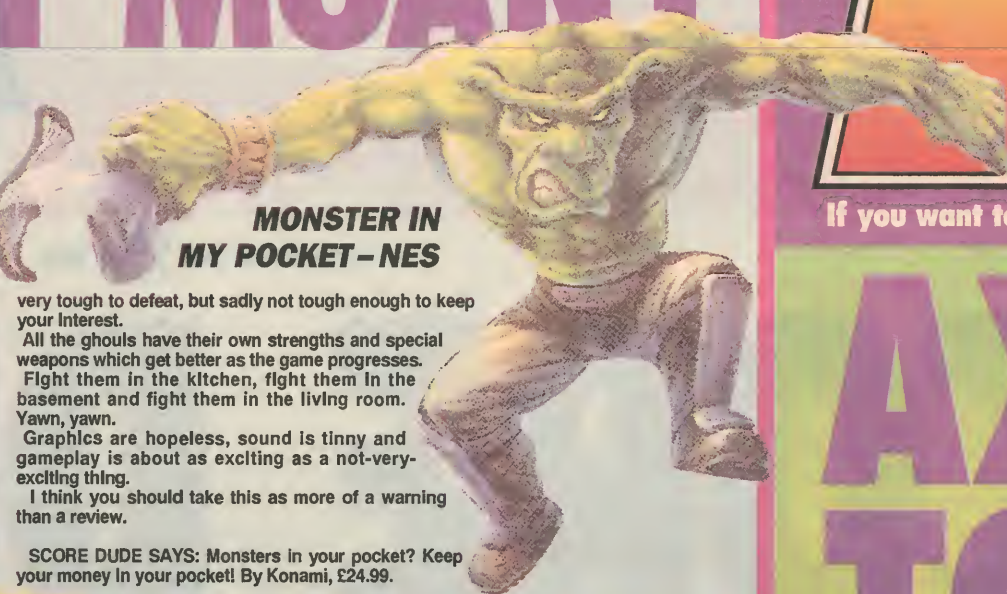
You can choose to be one of two monsters, either Frankenstein or a vampire. The aim is to roam around a house killing as many ghouls and zombies as possible.

Bit simple, eh?

At the end of every stage you are challenged by a ghoulish who is



YOU get a FREE monster with every game. You also get a FREE monster with every big packet of Frosties breaky cereal - for under a quid



MONSTER IN MY POCKET - NES

very tough to defeat, but sadly not tough enough to keep your interest.

All the ghouls have their own strengths and special weapons which get better as the game progresses.

Fight them in the kitchen, fight them in the basement and fight them in the living room.

Yawn, yawn.

Graphics are hopeless, sound is tinny and gameplay is about as exciting as a not-very-exciting thing.

I think you should take this as more of a warning than a review.

SCORE DUDE SAYS: Monsters in your pocket? Keep your money in your pocket! By Konami, £24.99.

MORE WAR

TASK FORCE 1942, PC

A TORPEDO rips through the hull of your flagship. Enemy shells whistle past your ears. It's just another fine day in Task Force 1942. You may have seen our review of Great Naval Sea Battles a few weeks back - this is Microprose's answer. Task Force recreates the battles between the American and Japanese naval forces of World War II.

Plot battles, fire weapons and cause mayhem. Graphically it's another 3D treat. But GNSB is £5 cheaper and pretty much the same.

SCORE DUDE SAYS: £44.99? Tsk tsk!



GIVE US A WING!

WING COMMANDER, SUPER NES

THE fate of humanity is in your hands as you lead the Tiger's claw squadron against the forces of the Kilrathi empire.

Your skills, experience and your wingman are your only allies.

Wing Commander is a 3D space shoot em up, with the Humans up against the Kilrathi in a battle to save mankind.

You have various missions, ranging from escorting transport ships, to attacking and destroying an enemy capital ship.

On top of great action, visuals and sound, Wing Commander is one tough game which you will not finish overnight.



SCORE DUDE SAYS: Mindscape get 10/10 for getting this PC classic onto the SNES and making it this good. £TBA.

Ace racing, super sound and ... GRAND PIX

— GRAND PRIX PC —

FORMULA ONE GRAND PRIX, PC

By ANTHONY GRIFFITH
NEEDWWN! Rev up for some ace action in THE most realistic race sim of all time.

F1 Grand Prix is so lifelike you'll need two or three changes of underwear per circuit. Climb into the cockpit and it's toe down for glory on stacks of tip-top circuits around the globe.

And you need just the right combination of skill and total lunacy to finish in front of the pack.

Ground texturing gives a real impression of speed and racing in the rain is smart.

Instead of the usual "lines of rain" graphics, the sky goes grey, the picture darkens

and you actually get spray from the other cars. Get too close and you won't be able to see a damn thing.

Graphics are magnificent with outstanding Intro screens. Music is good and sound effects are fairly realistic.

Despite its realism, this is a novice-friendly game.

Driving options include auto gears, auto brakes, self correcting spins, indestructibility, and even a line on the road that shows you the best route.

As your skills improve, you can turn these features off at any time.

Formula One first appeared on the Amiga 18 months ago and it's been been well worth the wait.



NAMES of drivers and teams are all fictitious for legal reasons - but you can make the game even more real. A list of bona fide race aces is included in the back of the manual. It's easy as pie to call up your teams and punch in the proper details. Nice touch!



SCORE DUDE SAYS: It's a bit expensive, but it's the only racing game you'll ever need. By Microprose at £44.99.

MEGA GUIDE

Edited by MARK GREGORY

SUPER CHRONIC SONIC

ILL magill! A whopping 10,000 of you replied to The Sun's Did Sonic Make You Chronic questionnaire! That makes it the biggest Did Sonic Make You Chronic questionnaire in history! Our research department is currently studying the results and we'll be printing 'em soon. All 10,000 of you will get a poster but it'll take us about three weeks to print and send them out.

If you want to contact us, write (don't phone!) to Mega Guide, The Sun, 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XP.

AXE THE WAY TO DO IT!



SLIP into your flame proof combat suit, jump into the cockpit of your Axelay stratfighter and get ready to launch into six dangerous and crazy worlds.

Blast your way past everything that your SuperNES can throw at you as you take this perilous and thrilling mission.

This is the ultimate in shoot-em-ups, there's so much blasting it's unreal. As you fly through the levels you'll encounter all types of freakish aliens that want to blast you into a million pieces.

You'll have to be on your toes, the action is wild and fast. There's loads of opponents that are so tough to defeat you'll be sure that they're end of level bosses - but unfortunately they're not. When you finally do meet the Main Men they'll scare yesterday's dinner out of you. If you don't freeze from fear first.

The Axelay graphics are truly awesome, there's not much about to equal it. The screens scroll beautifully and effects are stunning. What struck me down is that everything is SO detailed.

The sound is tip-top, too. There's synthesised voices to set you on your way as you start your mission that really set the mood.

Axelay is better than Super R-Type and a host of other SNES shoot-em-ups and goes to the top of my league. Highly enjoyable and well worth getting.

As shoot-em-ups go this one is truly MINDBLOWING. But for £44.99 it is still too pricey. Get your prices down! By Konami.



Gee whizz! Look at that attention to detail.



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Level 1 - The Arachnatron, this spiderlike mutant is engineered to intimidate you so much you'll freeze with fear.



Level 2 - T-36 Towbar, this strangely named Boss boasts a cannon and a laser so strong it can disintegrate ANYTHING.



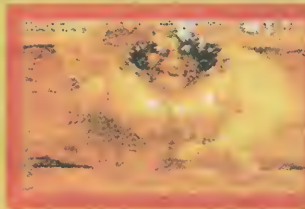
Level 3 - Regeneratoid, this machine grows when attacked and has NEVER been defeated. Can you be the first?



THE Armada of Annihilation is upon the illis solar system, blasting everything in its way. Will it take a massive army to stop them? In the absence of an army I'm afraid it's up to you to do the business. Arm your Axelay stratfighter with three weapons from a selection of up to eight and keep your fingers crossed.....and your toes, and your arms. Get the picture?



Level 4 - Aquadon, an almost impenetrable floating fortress that hurls lightning at its assailants.



Level 5 - Wayer, a ruthless freak of nature, made of lava and metal. If his fireballs don't get you his punishing fists probably will.



Level 6 - Velnon, no data is available on this life force, you'll have to find out what it's capable of the hard way.

Blast 'em to a million pieces!

WIN

STRIKING!

GET set for some golden goals on your Super Nintendo because one of the hottest soccer games ever is coming soon.

Striker from Elite, could well prove the greatest footy game to appear on any console - it is already looking that good.

Choose your team and take on your computer or a pal in a pseudo-3D match to end them all.

With tons of options and an enormous learning curve (you'll take ages to master the moves) we reckon this one is a sure fire winner. More news soon!



SO SAD PAD

STREET FIGHTER ALERT WEEK 8. INCREDIBLE news! Sega looks set to release a 6-button Street Fighter-style joy pad for the Mega Drive. Trouble is WHERE is the game?

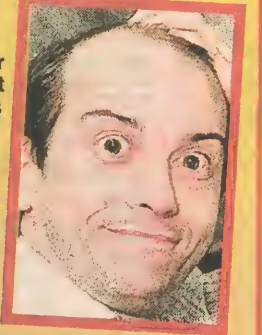
We are two months into the greatest mystery in video games history and there's STILL no sign of the cart! We tracked down No Hoper to his holiday hideaway last week, but the landlady at the Hair and Hound stormed: 'Get off my property before I call the police.' Does this mean they have got the world's only copy of the game? Answer next week!



Nintendo

NO-HOPER

By STEVE READ
Sun System Editor



GOOD news for Super Scope fans ... there are at least four new games coming soon.

And one of them is The Hunt For Red October, based on the film starring Sean Connery.

It's long overdue - but as soon as Nintendo send me a copy I'll tell you all about it.

HERE are some codes for Lemmings on the Super NES: Fun - WBZWWCB; Tricky - SKKWSZD; Taxing - MGVBKZ; Mayhem - CQLRCHF.

HERE's a nice tip for Mario 2 on the Game Boy: Build up an almost infinite number of extra lives by getting the bubble near the hippo and floating across the top of the screen to a bonus stage. Return to the map and do it again.

AND HERE'S some gratuitous abuse for our artist Jeff (below) from my loyal readers: Andrew McGinn of Chippenham, Wilts, writes: 'You've got a much better haircut than him.'

Kevin O'Connor of Lochgoilhead, Argyll, writes: 'At least you've got a smile on your face - Jeff's got a face like an a** in January.'

A bit like The Cheat, maybe...



THE CHEAT

HERE we are with yet another load of fantastic cheats for those of you that like to take the short cut to success. If you want to share some of your cheats with the rest of the world send them to The Cheat, at the usual Mega Guide address.

AMIGA

KICK OFF 2: Substitute the opposition goalkeeper twice, then he won't even go for your shots - Ricky Byam, Sudbury, Suffolk.

MEGA DRIVE

KRUSTY'S SUPER FUN HOUSE: To open up all the level doors and have infinite lives enter the code SMALLIW on the password screen - Christopher Padget, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

BACK TO THE FUTURE 3: To skip to the end of the level pause the game and press UP A DOWN A LEFT A RIGHT A and you'll be taken to the end of the level - John Berridge.

BURNING FORCE: On the title screen press B A B A A C A A and START for ten extra lives - Gareth Quinn, Manchester.

MASTER SYSTEM

FORGOTTEN WORLDS: Use two player mode and when one of your players dies, press START several times for infinite continues - M.Lucas, Glasgow.

OUTRUN: At the beginning of the game wait before you start the race and watch what the man with the flag does! - M.Lucas, Glasgow.

SUPER NINTENDO

SUPER MARIO KART: If you want to try out the Special Cup do the following - On the track select screen go to Mushroom Cup and type L R L R L R R and A - Lee Piper.

Keep on cheating!

THE BIG 'UN

THE BORING BIT

WINDOWS HOROSCOPE

By GARFIELD LUCAS, BA (six O-levels, a cycling proficiency certificate and an uncle called Tom)
EVER tried casting a birth chart? No, neither have I but I'm told it's not easy.

Until now. Visions is a neat little astrology program for Windows from Lifestyle Software.

Tap in your time, date and place of birth - hit a button and your chart appears in seconds. The chart (or wheel, as zodiac buffs prefer to call it) shows the positions of all the planets at the moment you are born as well as house cusps. To print a simple wheel, just hit print. Or save it to the clipboard and print from a graphics package for a smart, professional-looking colour chart.

Choose Natal Data from a drop down menu and Visions tells you your ascendant, aspects and all the other astro mumbo jumbo.

Astrology freaks claim the position of the planets at the moment of your birth affect your character and fortunes.

While I reckon all that stargazing is a fair old load of cobblers, I was very impressed by the astonishing processing power of Visions, it does some nifty number crunching and produces results in seconds. Visions also attempts to read your chart and assess your character with a two-page report cobbled together from a sort of database. It'll also foresee your fortunes on any given date in the future.

A stargazing pal tells me these computer interpretations and predictions are frowned on in astrology circles, but I found them a bit of fun.

Visions comes complete with a database giving you the birth details of 29 famous people, including Princess Di, Marilyn Monroe and Dan Quayle. You can add as many people's details as you like to the list. I found the on-screen help very useful. Not only did it explain clearly how to drive the program, but also all the complicated astrological buzzwords.

To enjoy Visions at its best you need a 386 PC running Windows - plus a decent monitor and printer.

BORE DUDE SAYS: A super program - powerful and easy to use. By Mindscape, Visions is worth £39.95 of anyone's dough.

CRUSADE AID

SPACE CRUSADE - THE VOYAGE BEYOND, AMIGA/ST By BRIGHAM GREEN

SPACE Crusade was a piece of cake first time around but now it's been updated with some mission IMPOSSIBLES!

Your new ship has a top mounted grenade launcher which can fire up to four grenades at once. The Gretchins have gone and have been replaced by SPACE OGRES. These carry a heavy weapon, and can either fire once and then have a go at you in arm-to-arm combat or just fire once with an extra weapon dice. Remember the Soulsuckers? Now there's a new one - MOTHERSUCKER, the Soulsucker Queen. This is an unseen alien which cannot move but spits venom at you and your crew.

Gremlins have breathed fire into this game with new weapons, skills and moves. As Commander, your ultimate goal is now to reach the rank of Admiral but it's a long, tough haul to the top. I didn't rate the original but this is fun.



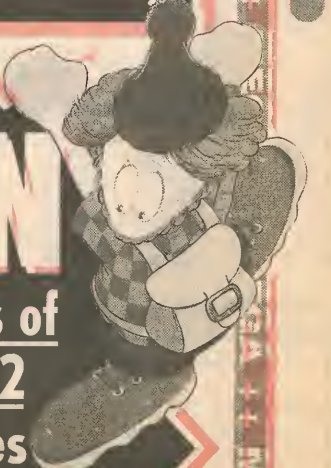
SCORE DUDE SAYS
THIS update is pricey at £14.99 but it turns an easy peasy game into a good challenge. From Gremlin Graphics. Original game plus update is £25.99.
OK BY ME



Upgrade fixes this sad game



WIN
25 copies of
Lemmings 2
The Tribes



WOW! The Mega Guide and Psygnosis have come up with a fab comp for all you Lemmings fans out there.

We've got 25 copies of Lemmings 2 to give away, as well as 50 badges for runners-up.

To enter just answer this question: Is a Lemming a) a rodent b) a fruit c) a fish? Tell us whether you've got an Amiga or PC.

Send your answers on a postcard to Lemmings competition, The Sun, 1 Virginia Street, London E1.

The world's moaniest grump only in the

Old Father Git



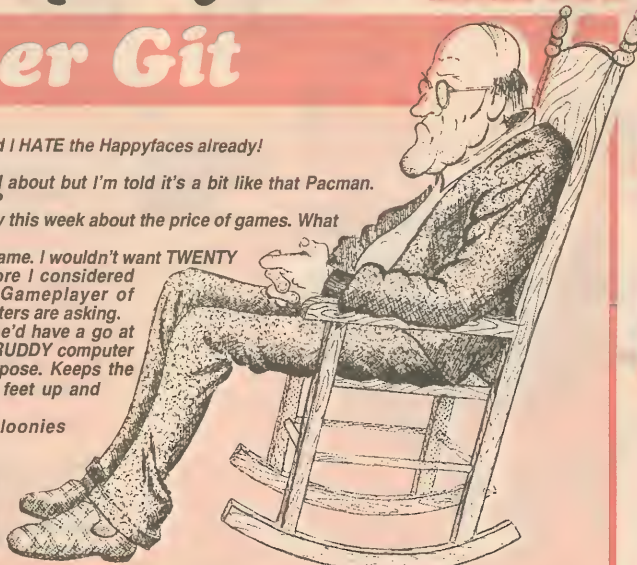
I HAVEN'T even played this game and I HATE the Happyfaces already!
Smiling smiloid gits.
Gawd knows what this rubbish is all about but I'm told it's a bit like that Pacman.
That was a load of twaddle, wasn't it?
I see the Score Dude had a bit to say this week about the price of games. What a berk that bloke is!

I wouldn't want a TENNER off this game. I wouldn't want TWENTY quid off it. I'd want £49.99 off before I considered buying it—which is exactly what Gameplayer of Chatham, Kent, and other grey importers are asking.

If the Score Dude had any sense he'd have a go at PARENTS for letting their kids play RUDDY computer games. All very nice for them I suppose. Keeps the kiddies quiet so they can put their feet up and inject RUDDY lentils into their noses!

Happyfaces? Zonked-out ruddy loonies more like.

No wonder kids are SKINNING CATS and selling the fur to raise money for games like FACEBALL 2000 on the Super NES, which is available on import only-so you need an adaptor to play.



FACE ACHE

FACEBALL 2000, SUPER NES By ANTHONY GRIFFITH

HOW would you like to be a Holographically Assisted Physical Pattern Yilded For Active Computerised Embarkation?

Or how about HAPPYFACE for short. Also called Smiloid's, these cheerful chappies go around saying Have a nice day!

Yes this game could only be American and even though it sounds incredible sickly, it's quite good. It does not matter if you're eight or 80, male or female, novice or ace, anyone can play this and be good at it.

Faceball 2000 is Pacman with a difference. You are placed in an arena, with loads of other smiloid's and it's a fight to the last.

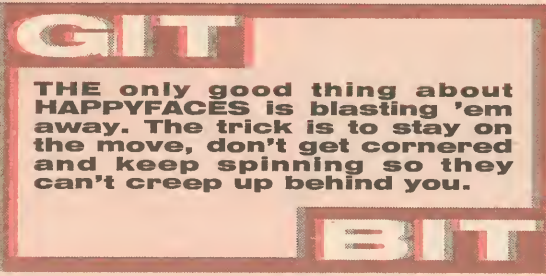
The action is viewed through the eyes of your smiloid which gives a feeling of virtual reality.

Graphics are simple but very

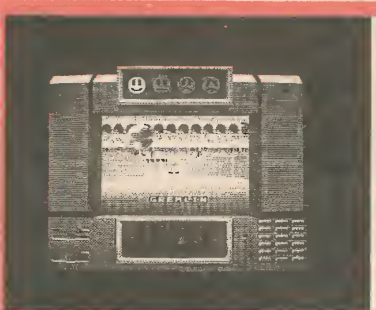
effective, and the same for the sound. Gameplay is a winner, simple controls, simple tasks, but very involving.

Even Aunty Pat would rate this. It maybe a shoot 'em up but it's not bloodthirsty by a long shot.

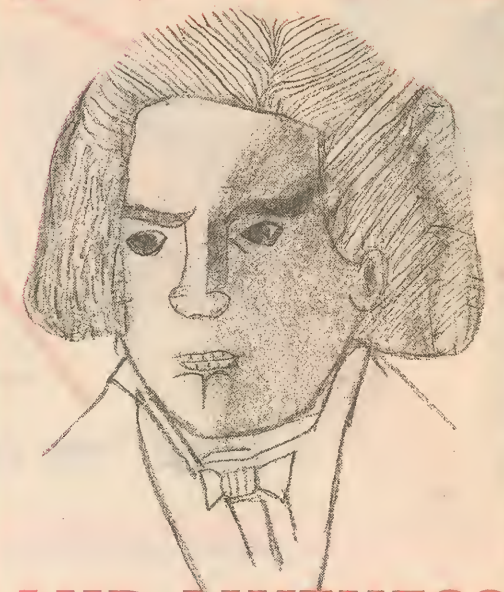
SCORE DUDE SAYS: Original and refreshing from Bullet Proof Software but too pricey at £44.99. Get yer prices down!



THE only good thing about HAPPYFACES is blasting 'em away. The trick is to stay on the move, don't get cornered and keep spinning so they can't creep up behind you.



Old Father Git



LUD LIKENESS

HERE'S a picture of Ludwig Van Beethoven by Robert Vernon of Glenwood Junior school, Pontypool, Gwent. Nine-year-old Rob's brill pic was sent in by Mrs Skinner (teacher). Well, Mrs Skinner (teacher) we reckon you're as daft as our Aunty Pat!

We wanted pictures of computer games characters. Old Ludwig may have been a dab hand at composing but as far as we know he has yet to make his debut on the consoles.

Seriously though, we like the pictures very much—thanks for sending them.

If YOU have a drawing—on any subject you like—send it to the following address.

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