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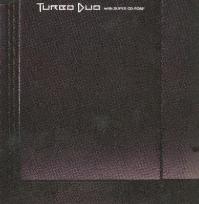
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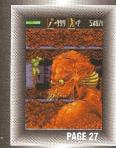
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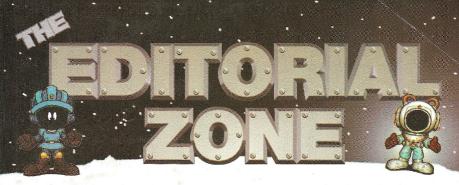
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Welcome to the first issue of Game Fan Magazine Designed for the enthusiast gamer. You'll find a fresh new format that cuts right through the garb and goes to what we all want, good games, lots of graphics, and reliable information from the U.S. and abroad. Let me explain how things work around here. First of all you'll notice that we liked just about everything we covered. There are two reasons for this. #1: Each review page is done by a game player who prefers that type of game. To get a more objective view you can go to Viewpoint and see what Skid & Brody have to say. #2: If we do preview a game it's just to let you know it's coming and has potential. Any info we get about the game from the maker will be shown here, then hopefully we can review it just before (one to two months) it comes out so you can plan ahead knowing what's good. Also, each game is rated in comparison to others on that system. What we want to do is bring you all the quality that gaming has to offer while benefiting the gaming industry as well.

In the 2nd issue of Game Fan we will be adding our Most Wanted/Top Ten category. As a subscriber, by writing in with your current favorite and most wanted choices you will earn points. Once you reach a cartain goal you will receive FREE game related merchandise according to your total. Not only does this get you free stuff, but it lets the makers know what you like and what you would like to see, you really can make a difference ... makes sense doesn't it? In closing I would like to say I hope you like what we've done in this issue. Our next issue will have more new categories and will, of course, be thicker as we add our advertisers and expanded coverage. Also, since we are a new magazine, we'll be going back to give you our opinions on some recent games that got unfair reviews elsewhere (somebody gave Alisia Dragoon a 4 and set me off). Feel free to write us with all your questions and opinions. This is your forum so feel free to use it. Remember, we're all gamers too ... we listen. See ya next month!

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#### FAVORITE SYSTEM: FAVORITE SYSTEM: FR NINTENDO

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SPECIALTY: PUZZLE GAMES ALSO LIKES: A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING. DISLIKES: NONE

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#### BUD D.

are GameFan's 2 resident game hogs. They play all lay, then they fight it out in

SPECIALTY: SIDE SCROLL ACTION GAMES. ALSO LIKES: DRIVING SHOOTING AND FIGHTING GAMES DISLIKES: SPORTS AND ROLL PLAYING GAMES. FAVORITE SYSTEM: SUPER NINTENDO





Taken straight



Greendog was fun enough to through It has nice scrolling backgrounds and good diversity. There's just not enough nere to make it a big game, but it's got enough good points to make it a worthy title

hold my interest all the way really great side scrolling action game but falls short in the graphics and sound categories. A surfer as a lead character is a great idea, but I feel the end result is average at hest

NA SPORTS AVAIL. NOW SE I'm not big on sports games but I really liked High impact. voice, and no "ice skating"

on this title has all the arcade It's got easy controls, great action gamers need. Great digitized graphics and hilaricharacters. This is as much an ous voice combined with action game as it is a sports good control make this game game. Those Iguanas really know what they're doing too good not to get

#### AVAIL. NOV. SEE REVI PG. 11 BY E. STORM



Gods combines a great challenge with excellent graphics and sound. Both the characters and the enemies animate smoothly and are highly detailed. Although Gods is a bit difficult, it is definitely worth the time to finish ... recommendedl

Gods is a great translation from the PC original. Although some might find this game a little difficult, it's worth getting it wired just to check out the awesome bosses. Playability is just right and both the

MATTLE SEGA SHOOTER AVAIL. NOV. S Another great Sega shooter.



Okay, so you say you're tired of shooters. Take my word for it, Blo Hazard is worth checking out, I guarantee there's stuff here you've never seen before. Third generation all

This is an amazing shooter like I've never seen before! Bio Hazard is a really unique game with incredible graphics and game play. Some of the enemies look like they're done in claymation. You can tell this is quality all the way. My only complaint is that it might be a little too difficult.

#### JVC/CORE ACTION CD AVAIL, NOV. SEE REVIEW PG. 12 BY E. STORM PRED.

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Core has done it again! Wonderdog has everything I look for in an action game Great graphics and animation, scaling and rotation, great music, and most of all Wonderdog is a long game with just the right amount of

#### graphics and music are top notch. Definately check it out.

Sega/Mega-CD owners will be in heaven when Wonderdog shows up! This game is a must have and a good reason to buy a CD ROM. It's got awesome music and graphics from beginning to end, and some really kooky characters. I was up all night! Homer will be proud.



P2 is put together well. Though not speciacular, it's fun to play and has some nice graphics (like the exploding hostages), but could've been a little bit longer. Not a blockbuster but a worthy addition to your collection

#### Take Smash TV and give your-

sell the freedom to move around and you've got Predator 2. While not a bad game, I just found it to be a little too average from beginning to end. The best part was watching the hostages get toasted!



difficulty ... bring on part 2! SHOOTER CD AVAIL. NOV. SEE REVIEW PG. 16 BY E. STOR

A must have for Sega-CD owners! Though it is the first in the LD to CD line-up. Thunderstorm looses little in the translation, It's like a rollercoaster ride! I guarantee play over and over again. Oh yea ... to get the sur-round sound, use headphones ... a BIG winner!

Being a serious fan of the

coin-op, I wasn't sure Wolfteam could pull it off. I sure am glad I was wrong! This is a near perfect translation from the arcade. Big time sweaty palms on this one! Be sure not to miss it

#### small and well animated mak-



I really like the way X-Men is X-Men is a totally awesome layed out. The characters are action game. This title has everything you could ask for: Great music, incredible playabilty, and the chance to play your favorite super heroes. Another great SNES game

from Acclaim



HOOTER AVAIL. NOW (JAPAN) S The king of shooters for Sega! Thunderforce IV is incredible. loads of scrolls, four screens high incredible music for a cartridge game. It's pure adrenaline! The only way to beat this is on CD, and guess what they're doing at Tecno Soft VAIL. NOW SEE REVIEW P

This is the ultimate in shooters! I've never played a shooter on the Genesis that even comes close to this. You'll be amazed at everything, and the music kicks butt. Go see a doctor if you pass on this one.



How long can you run around popping bubbles, and how fun can that be? Even though the graphic are Capcom quality, I

This game has been successfully ported straight from the de. Although I usually find that this type of game is not my style, I have to admit, it my style, I have to admit, it quickly becomes addicting. My only complaint is that it should have been two player. Come on Capcom, you can do couldn't get into this one. But If this is your kind of game. I'm sure it's the best one. After all ... it is Capcom



Alien 3 is one of the best Genesis games I've ever played. Not only are the graphics excellent, but the music and sampled sounds are third generation all the way. I just wish they'd give you a little more time! Everything about Alien 3 is first class prime good stuff!

haven't had this much fun

being frustrated in a long time. This game requires good reflexes, a sharp memory, and a cast iron stomach, cause if rescue the hostages in time, they get chunked! Definitely a great action game you'll go back to over and over



I'm sorry, I just don't like cute games. I know, I know, this is

a great Konami shooter with greet color and late of basses but man is it cuto I'll nass

IVC ACTION AVAIL DEC. SEE I

No need to applopize, ever

though you're wrong. This game's another masterpiece from Konami, they can't go wrong! While some might think this game is too cute, I loved it!! A perfect shooter a the way!

#### N ACTION AVAIL. OCT. Way to go Virgin! Where have



you guys been? With games like this. Sega could be #1! Global Gladiators is the best platform action game I've played since Sonic, with eyepopping graphics and some great music. 3rd generation all the word

A great off beat action game

Score one for the Genesis! This game is a masterpiece and deserves a special spot in your Sega game library. Virgin

takes a great idea and makes it happen. Don't miss it

Star Wars totally lived up to my high expectations. That SNES sound really comes through here! Star Wars is awesome all the way through. I put it in the top 10 SNES action game category! Will the



scenes.

Empire Strike Back? KONAMI ACTION AVAIL. OCT.



All right! A unique game! Konami took a tired game and woke if up ... big time! Even if you've played it before, get this one, Prince of Persia mixes great animation with superb game play and incredi-ble music. After playing this one, I Thope they

dizzy. And, you'll be blown away by the music. Super Star REVIEW PG. 32 BY 800 D Ok, Prince of Persia on the SNES, you might think "seen it, done it", NOT! This game is all new and unique! Even if

they'll make you



with all the colors and playability you could ever ask for. It might be hard to track one down, since it's still on the Top 5 in Japan, but it's worth

This game may never appear in the U.S. and that's a shame. Anyone who likes Sonic/Mario type platform action games will love this game. It rates up there with the best of the big ones. Way cool characters and the biggest boss vet good stufft

you've played every version imaginable, you'll find this one the best so far. Incredible animation and a great sound track add to the enjoyment of this game. A must have!

diversity, but what makes it really stand out are the claymation effects, especially on the Big Rat boss. Harley's is a good challenge and it's plenty long. More scrolls and backgrounds would put it in the '90's

Harley's is a fun game with What a great idea for what would have been just another standard action game. I like the thought of being shrunken down and set free in a house gone wrong. This game could use a little more detail in the backgrounds, but makes up for it in the character detail. Check it out!

## (F | K with version on CD Neutonia 32

Following in the steps of part I found Nautopla 2 to be a very one, this 6 meg version of addicting action/RPG (Ever Neutopia has all the same though graph ally not up to ingredients, with better graph par with the SNES or Genesis. ics., music, and a longer this game is laid out extremely quest. If you liked part 1, you'll well. In fact I liked it so much ove part 2. I'd love to see a

I'm going to go out and get Well done!

#### MOON NATSUME SHOOTER AVAIL. OCT. SEE I KEMCO SHOOTER AVAIL. OCT. SEE REVIEW PG. 35 BY E. STORM | DEA



At first glance, you may think this is your average shooter, but play a few levels and you'll think again. This game saves the best for last and gets progressively harder as you go along. Just wait till you see the last level! Phalany is a winner

Obviously many have judged this game without beating it. Remember the rotating tunnel in Castlevania? ... it's here! (at the end). Phalanx is a great shooter, probably too hard for most, but hey, there's always slow motion. Grab an Ascii Pad check out Phalany!

Way to go Natsume! This is I'll say one thing. A year ago what Turbo games should look like, great scrolling back-

grounds, a wide assortment of above average shoote some extra features such as multiple power-ups and the power-ups and great end your reach a TTI SHOOTER AVAIL. OCT. S

#### TAKARA WRESTLING AVAIL. NOW JAPAN S



It's great that SNES owners can play 'Geo games and King of the Monsters plays okay on the SNES, but it's not the Neo-Geo. Maybe they should have called it King of the Monsters

Well, it's hard to rate this game fairly when it has to live up to its Neo-Geo counterpart, but on its own, KOM is a great attempt with almost all of the action intact. Its only downfalls are that it might be too short and does get a bit repettive. A solid game at any rate.

OT opens with a great Super D intro and turns into a great uper CD shooter! The music is hard in grarty and the game play is fast. I especially appre-ciate the sampled explosions instead of the usual 8-bit crackles. The only weak point is the tack of unique environ-

360 Lilke iti

Now this is my kind of shoot er! GOT has it all, packed or to one Super CD. Right from the start you can see the qual-ity of this game. With a totally cool intro plus some truly great head-banging music, All he explosions are sampled



If you like fighting games than Dragon is definitely the best fighting game for the SNES. With more moves (lots more), great colors, and SNES major 16 bit facelift.

this is your game! Double game that lives up to Streets of Rage fame. The amount of details and moves in this game are seriously outstanding. Throw in a two player option plus 16 bit versions of sound, Bouble Dragon gets a Double dragon tunes and you've got an awesome game.



UPL SHOOTER AVAIL. NOW JAPAN 8

on Super CD. While not a bac game at all. I was expecting a little more, especially in the sound category. Good animation and challenge make it above average and a nice action title for the Turbo Duc

#### LD INTERPLAY ACTION AVAIL NOV.



Another unique new game comes to the SNES translated unique concept and makes it perfectly from the PC. OOTW | work! Play an Interactive is the thinking man's action game. With smooth polygons and mesmerizing music

This game takes a new and movie where you're in control. OOTW packs some awesome polygon animation plus an incredible soundtrack. Like

UPL did Atomic Robo Kid complete justice on the PC Engine. Bobo Kid has great playability and graphics along with some of the best color ever on a PC Engine game, My

This little known classic really well on the PC Engine and is a favorite among the staff at GameFan. A great Robo Kid has character. enough appeal to make it

#### ENIX ACTION/RPG AVAIL, OCT. SEE REVIE



Soul Blazer is another Enix masterpiece! This is a great way to follow Actraiser, with a near perfect action/RPG that you won't want to stop playing from start to finish. Even though I'm not into RPG's, this one held my interest. It has enough to offer for even the most hardcore action players.

#### HUDSON ACTION AVAIL. NOW JAPAN SE



Ninja Gaiden comes to the PCI Same as the 8-bit but with an upgrade of this great NES nore colors and detail, it feets title and Ninja Galden comes and plays just like the old 8-bit off well. There's loads of col-NES version. I liked that one ors and detail plus all the nd I like this one even bet-

intermissions A must for all

#### IN BANPRESTO FIGHTING AVAIL, NOW JAPAN



Last Fighter Twin may not be for everyone but I've got a soft apot for Gundams. Last Fighter Twin is a unique fight-ing game with the addition of the Gundams and their magi-cal powers. The backgrounds in this game are excellent as are the graphics and playabili-

Anyone who's familiar with the Gundam characters will be stoked when they get their hands on Last Fighter Twin. Take control of cool little robots and kick some serious metal in this two player Final Fight-style game. Banpresto has a great game and should consider a U.S. release.

#### HUDSON ACTION AVAIL. NOW S Adventure Island is your typi



Adventure Island is a well rounded action title. Though cal run & jump action type rounded sollon title; inough not graphically specificular the playability is great and the game offers a worthy chal-enge. You'll soon find your-self playing over and over. game. While I can't really bag on this title. I found it pretty much average all around. It's nice to see on the Turbo, but The game play is very addict-ing. Adventure Island offers I'd like to see a little more orininality enven

#### NCS FIGHTING AVAIL. NOW JAPAN SEE!



Ranma 1/2 is a great fighting game in the SF2 tradition with I great control and all the signa-ture moves (and then some). But I said it once, and I'll say it again, I don't like cute games. In a fighting game I wanna er some goon, not twirl

This is as close as you can get to SF2 on the SNES/SFC Ranma 1/2 has everything to offer to 1 on 1 fighting fans. There's ten characters choose from, each with their own special moves, plus a special option that lets you play char, vs. char, Another great game from NCS.

#### SNK SPORTS AVAIL. NOW



where the



first action game for the Super CD. Although It's a good game, I know the system is capable of so much more, but hey, after such a long dry

I'm one of those people that held on to my Turbo CD, and s nice to worth it, not that Shapashifter is a great game, but it held my interest. I especially liked the scrolls and the diversity of characters. Now that I've dusted off my system, keep 'em

#### ALPHA-DENSHI FIGHTING AVAIL, DCT.



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ingredients neces



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#### AN INTERVIEW WITH YUZO KOSHIRO





Yuzo Koshiro is the foremost game musician in Japan. Yuzo is responsible for such master works as Y's I&II, Actraiser, Revenge of Shinobi and

Streets of Rage. Recently Yuzo was in California working on the music for Batman Returns for Sega. After a quick phone call we grabbed our tape recorder and jetted over to meet Yuzo at his hotel for a candid interview. Yuzo Koshiro, to our surprise, is only 23 years old. He is energetic and personable. We found Yuzo open and easy to talk to (with the aid of our ace international correspondent, Kei Kuboki). Here's what he had to say.

DHNN: When were you born?

YUZO: December 20, 1967, I am a Capricorn. DHNN: What is your musical background? YUZO: I started playing piano when I was 3 years old, I started playing the violin at 5, and began playing the cello in junior high. I've been composing music since the first grade, just basic stuff though. I didn't get involved in musical activities at school but I was playing keyboards in a band in junior high.

DHNN: What kind of music did you play? YUZO: It was punk and heavy metal like the Sex Pistols (laughs)

DHNN: How did you get involved in game music? YUZO: Just out of high school I was reading a

computer magazine (Login), and I found an ad for a musician from the company Falcom. So I sent them a demo tape, and they immediately

hired me. That's how it all started Officials So what was the first game you ever composed the music for?

YUZO: It was for personal computers, a game called Xanadu DHNN: Oh, yeah? Any other ones we don't

know about? YUZO: I also did the music for Y's I & II. DHNN: No wonder the music was so in credible! YUZO: Thank you. DHNN: Besides Streets of Rage, Actraiser,

Adventure Island what music have you done? recordings are done YUZO: I did Revenge of Shinobi on Mega Drive by the Sonic Band, and also Sonic and Shinobi on Game Gear.

DHNN: What do you DHNN: Sonic 2 is coming out soon, are you feel is your best doing the music for that as well? YUZO: No, not for part 2.

DHNN: How about Land Stalker? YUZO: No, but that game looks incredible. I did Sorcerian. I

DHNN: So what else have you done? YUZO: That's about it for home systems. DHNN: What steps do you take to make game and Actraiser.

YUZO: First of all, when you're composing game music, you have to have the game on the screen. I usually get EPROMS or samples of the game so that I can experience the feelings of the game. Then my imagination goes to work. By moving the characters I determine what kind of beat is suitable.

DHNN: What kind of equipment do you use? YUZO: I use a synthesizer, a drum machine and a sequencer. I compose the music and enter it into a normal computer. I then attach the computer to two sound boards and edit the music then play it through the computer and transfer it into the Mega Drive or Super Famicom. DHNN: Okay, enough technical stuff, Yuzo, what kind of games do you like?

YUZO: Street Fighter 2, definitely! DHNN: What kind of music do you like to listen to?

YUZO: New Wave, Dance Music, Techno Pop, Classical, and Hard Rock.

DHNN: So you like just about everything? YUZO: That's right! DHNN: Is there any music that you like from the U.S.7

YUZO: Van Halen! I saw them live in Japan, and also Soul to Soul, those are my favorites.

DHNN: How do you get the Mega Drive to sound so much better than anyone else? Is there some special secret?

the feel for it too. I don't think other people are doing it the same way that I do. I try to get the best sound by hooking the system up to speakers so I can really hear the highs and lows. DHNN: So what about the game music CD's? YUZO: Those are directly from the same

work so far? WUZO: Hmmmm ... A couple of years back liked that a lot. I also liked Bare Knuckles

DHNN: Do you mean the Sorcerian that came out for the Mega Drive and Super CD?

YUZO: No, I worked on the computer version. but I'm pretty sure the Super CD version has my

DHNN: Do you ever refuse to do music for a game?

YUZO: Yes, if it's a bad game I won't do it. DHNN: What are you working on right now? YUZO: Batman Returns for the Genesis and Sega-CD. Streets of Rage 2, and there's a Nintendo game I can't mention.

DHNN: Anything for Mega-CD? YUZO: Yeah, there is one called Eye of the Beholder.

DHNN: How do you feel about CD? Will it allow you more creative freedom?

YUZO: CD will allow me more freedom to express myself.

DHNN: Any chance that your CD's will be released in the U.S.? YUZO: I would love it, but there are no plans

right now. DHNN: Are you doing the music for Revenge

of Shinobi 2 or Ninia Gaiden for the Mega Drive? YUZO: I'm not sure yet. What made you think

to interview me for your magazine? DHNN: Since we're going to be the number one magazine, and this is issue number on to have the number offe gains mu n Wourgalize that you're vendame

in the U.S.? YUZO: Am I? DHNN: Yes, a lot of our readers love your

YUZO: I'm really 9

DHNN: Thank you very much for your time. We're looking forward to hearing more of your work in the between in the **hitur**e. VH7O-Thanks



Yuzo signs a Bare Knuckies CD for the Big Cheese

# HOCUS POCUS

### Venture with thy controller in hand... To a Land where cheaters prosper



#### Streets of Rage (Genesis/ Mega Trive)

At the little screen, set the cursor on option. Press 'Start' on controller I while holding down bullons 'A', 'B', 'C', & 'B' on the second controller. This will give you a stage select and also allows you to set the number of lives in this game.

#### Magical Froll (Mega Trive)

Plug in two controllers and when the Sega logo appears, on the second controller press buttons (A, B, C, C, B), and (A, G) to the options series and you'll now have the ability to select any level you wish to play.

#### Macross (Turbo Grafx/Pc Engine)

At the option screen, press in order T., Hight, 'Left', 'II', 'Up', 'Down', 'II', 'II', 'II', 'Y. You can now choose from unlimited lives or invincibility.

#### Gate of Thunder (Turbo Grafx/Pc Engine)

At the title screen, press 'Select' then 'T', 'II', 'II', 'T', 'Select', 'I', 'II', 'I', 'I', 'Select', 'Run'. This will give you a stage select.



#### Ranma 1/2 (Super Famicom/Super Nintendo)

Set the cursor on vs mode at the title screen. While holding "L" & "R" buttons, press 'Start". This gives you a configuration mode which allows you to choose two extra characters not in the normal game plus you can play same character. Vs character. Also by pressing the 'Select' button you can choose from the different backgrounds.

#### Prince of Persia (Super Famicom/Super Nintendo)

Go to the password screen and type in 'SPECIAL', then choose 'OK', You should hear a grunting sound. Start the game, then pause. At this point press 'B', 'Y', 'Up', 'Down', 'Left', 'Right', 'L', 'then 'P'. Un-pause the game then re-pause the game while holding 'Select', This gives you a level select, sound test, and unlimited vials.

#### Parodius (Super Famicom/Super Nintendo)

At the player select screen, put the cursor on 'Big Viper' and hold 'Up', 'L', and 'X' simultaneously for 15 seconds. This gives you invincibility, stage select, and all your weapons.

#### Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 4 (Super Famicom/Super Nintendo)

At the title screen press 'Up', 'Up', 'Down', 'Down', 'Left', 'Right', 'Left', 'Right', 'B', 'A'. Then go to the option screen you will be able to change number of lives to 10.

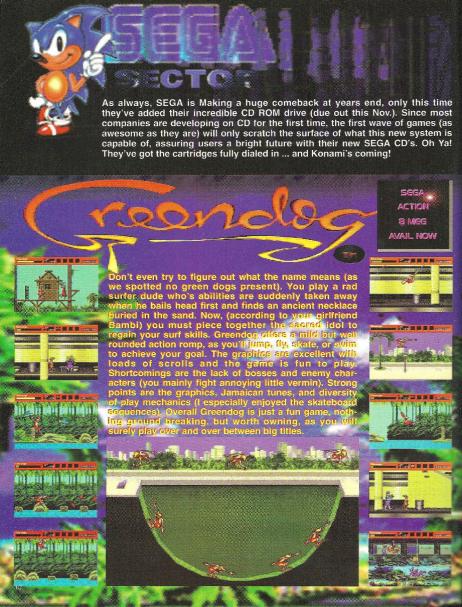














#### MINDSCAPE ACTION 8 MEG AVAIL OCT./NOV.



oh no! Each level is detailed. encounter hordes of coof

shoot, and throw switches the way you'll find tells over age pots, and formulas (and

about GODS is the challenge.

hard but not impossible, and the game is fun enough and keep on playing. Another strong point are the bosses. I

seek out and purchase GODS... Then call in sick!











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W HOP MEADOW



HOLD DOWN AND PRESS "B" ... YOU'RE DRILLING



**GRAB A TORNADO AND** YOU'RE INVINCIBLE





AVOID THE BOUNCING HEAD (NICE ROTATION)



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YOU FOUND ...



YOUR WAY ...







DOGSVILLE



DON'T GET TOO CLOSE!



DRILLIN'



RUN!



WATCH OUT FOR THOSE





One of the first big bright spots in the '92 SEGA CD lineup is Wonderdog, Before I go in-depth let me just tell you, if this is what CD has in store for action game fans ... I'm an owner! Incredible opening animation, incredible music, loads of colors on screen, tons of long levels, great huge non-flickering, no slowdown bosses, more scrolls than you can count, and most of all ... FUN!. During my four days of playing Wonder dog (it's long!) I was a happy guy. I awoke each morning with my password in hand and leaped out of bed without hitting the snooze button once!



SCRAPYARD







IF YOU CAN FIND IT .









When the first level opens and you see those graphics, the first thing you'll want to do is take off running, living and shooting ... but hold on! Take your time. Number one. DON'T shoot the rabbits (it really pisses then off!). Don't hurt them and they won! hurt you. If you shoot em they'll treak and jump at you erratically, so just leave them alone and move on. Your best bet is to walk slowly through the first half of the level and eliminate the moles big dogs and ducks, then you're free to run jump fly and explore. The trees are loaded with bonus-

es and invisible platforms leading to bonus rounds (so look and fly everywhere!). There's a happy face in each level. Once you touch it Wonderdog assumes the Buddha position and magically fills in the invisible platforms leading to higher places and more goodies ( yum!). If you're really thorough you'll find the special bonus and warp to the big top (complete with circus tunes), where you must ring all the bells in the allotted time for a 1-up!. There's also a special underground stage (I wonder where it is?). The

middle boss of level one is the scarecrow, he'll take off his head and bounce it at you (it rotates beautifully!). Dodge the head while powering up and flinging your stars (he's pretty easy). The end boss is two floating rats. Without bringing number two onto the screen bank your star off the ground and pop as many balloons on number one as you can (once they're both on-screen things get hectic). Pop all the balloons and you're on your way to level two ...



DON'T GET BOMBED!

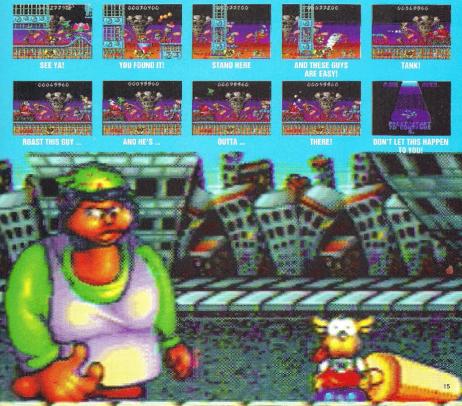
ANOTHER 1-UP!

IT'S THE SARGE! Take him out!

**PLANET KNINOS** 

CRASH & BURN!

Dogsville is possibly the best level of a game I have ever seen. First of all the music here is ultra-cool, and scrolls, you want scrolls? There must be ten in the street alone. And if you really look closely a little guy will stick his head out the window to check you out! This is good stuff! There's a cool sequence you can try here ... Grab the tornado at mid-level, spin right up two inclines, then jump left, and you'll hit an invisible platform. Jump left again at the second bone, and there's a group of bones and a happy face. With the happy face filled in, complete the level. Now you can take the high road or the low road. The first boss in Dogsville is a crazy maid, the second is a fat slob with killer smoke rings. Both are fairly easy to defeat but they're so cool to look at, you'll want to drag it out! From there you'll venture onto The Scrapyard, with its old sofas motorcycle rais and broken glass, Loony moon with scaling UFO's, space freaks and smelly cheese, Planet Weird with flying slugs, ghosts, and freaky faces, Foggia, with all kinds of fog spewing creatures, and Planet Kninos with military dogs and hitden secrets, and then of course, your final destination. All the levels in Wonderdog are new and different, each with their own special gualities and play mechanics, all set to some of the coolest music I've ever heard! As far as setting up your controller goes, try this. If you play with your thumb, use A for run, B to jump, and C to shoot. You should have the run and jump buttons side by side, since jumping is so much a part of Wonderdog. On tricky bosses you might want to use a three finger control to run, shoot, and jump simultaneously. This takes some practice but it works great on the ballon rats and the big maid. So there you have it! SEGA CD rom is really what they say! Wonderdog proves that. It just takes time for programmers to learn the development system, and the guys at Core obviously have! Lets hope we see more companies follow with more great action games like Wonderdog witle we wait



## TAKE

## CONTROL 5





**GET READY** 



FOR THE RIDE.



OF YOUR LIFE...









RE IN THE CANYONS NOW









FOR THE SUB...



THAT WAS CLOSE!

ention intro, as the pilots ady themselves for attack som there you're dropped to New York for your first nission "OK captain,

knock em' out in New York," you hear from your head es you approach the statue berty, and your first target.

they shoot you!, all at a break neck roller coaster ride pace that puts you in the action! If you really want realism, Wolfteam built in a special surround sound feature. When you use headphones, you'll hear a craft from all sides as if the were swirling around your head It's truly AWESOME! As the game progresses it gets harder and harder as your ene-

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## OF

## THUNDER STORM 5



YOU'RE TOAST!



**WATCH THE PLANES!** 



TAKE OUT THOSE TANKS!



STAY ALERT!



TAKE 'EM OUT!



BOOM





**USE THE MISSILES** 



DON'T LET HIM LOCK ON!



ALL CLEAR







YOU JUST GAVE THIS GUY A MAJOR HEADACHE!



CRASH AND BURN!

to lock on and shoot fast o they'll roast you in an instan which brings up a full motio video of you're helt as it careen to keep you busy shooting, steering, and thinking throughout the entire game, all in real-time full motion. You get up to five lives

nd three continues on normal mode, and you'll need them all to complete your mission (The difficulty is set just right). There are a total of ten missions, all unique with their own special

layouts. One key to success is a turbo controller. With turbo your guns won't heat up and you can shoot constantly, otherwise (while your guns are cooling down) your a sitting duck. ThunderStorm is a gas totally unique exper gaming! Another gre

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TECHNO SOFT SHOOTER & MEG AALNOA(JAPAN)



I've got one thing to say about ThunderForce IV... buy its From the intro to the ending, it's pure magic. The music is hard driving Heavy Metal to smooth techno tunes. The graphics are phenomenal for a cartridge. With loads of scrolls and colors. Some of the levels are four screens high, allowing the player movement like never before!. ThunderForce IV is intense all the way through! It makes TF III look eight bit, and TF V is coming... on CD! Can you imagine? I could go onand on, but then we couldn't run as many screen shots, so I'm done. ThunderForce IV, just get it







his adventure to find the King's treasure Get ready for new experience in hrough the magic of the DDS system. Land Stalker will give you realism and excression like you've never seen before. The characters are displayed three dimensionally and animate realer character who will then take you to a higher Experience the forest of bewilderment, the most complex, beautiful 3D maze ever created. Look for a full review in next month's GameFan.





























It seems the Predator's in town and he's out for blood. You've been assigned to rescue his would be victims before he tracks 'em down and chunks 'em with his shoulder cannon All this action is set up in seven various locations from cities to saughter houses, and finally the alien craft. The characters in Predator 2 (though small) are well detailed as are the backgrounds. The action is fast, non-stop shooting, as each area is littered with drug toting bad boys. Power-up weapons are everywhere, including the shotgur, assault rifle, spears, grenades, nets, and flying allen disks. The game play is similar to Smash TV, as you can lock Harrigan into place and move freely. The control is excellent and the music goes well with the game, Every so often the Predator himself will show up to let you know ne's watching you, just waiting for you to make one mistake. If he locks on he'll blow you

to bits. There's also a password screen after each level and some great digitized graphics. Overall Predator 2 is an excellent action/shooter worthy of a spot in your Genesis



















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ARENA ACTION 8 MEG AVAIL SEPT.

The programmers at Probe via
Arena breathe new life into Sega
carts with Alien 3. Like most
movie adaptations the
game loosely follows the
story of the movie.
That's just hype,
big movie,

game but we're often disappointed when we get it home. This is not the case with Alien 3.

Ripley's managed to salvage some weapons from the E.E.V., along with a motion tracker. Your ammo is limited so use it sparingly, as are your tracker's

batteries. Your mission is to save the prisoners and find the exit in the allotted amount of time.

The objective is simple, the game is not. One of the first things I

big



RIGHT FROM THE START YOUR CHANCES OF GETTING CHUNKED ARE GOOD



GOT 'EM!



THIS ALIEN BREAKS THROUGH THE DOOR SO Use the Launcher & Take 'em both out!



LURE THIS GUY IN THEN SHOOT HIM From the Ladder



JUMP BEFORE YOU SLIDE AND SAVE RIPLEY FROM INJURY



IT'S YOU OR HIM



THIS GUY LOVES YOUR PRETTY FACE, SO WASTE 'EM!



TAKE YOUR TIME IN HERE



THIS QUEEN'S A ROYAL PAIN, USE THE GRENADE LAUNCHER FOR QUICK CHUNKAGE

noticed about Alien 3 is the music and sampled sounds. Both are of the utmost highest quality, adding to some of the best graphics and control yet. The levels in Alien 3 are long and difficult. A good memory is required when it comes to locating the prisoners. If you leave even one prisoner we're talking chest rockets. It's goo galore.

Over all Alien 3 is a great game that I'm sure you'll play over and over until you beat it. If anyone prints a level select, be a man and look the other way. If you can beat this one, think of how easy the next one will be. Alien 3 is a winner! See for yourself September 9th.



ALIENS IS FULL OF GREAT BACK-Grounds like this one



IF YOU MAKE IT THIS FAR, ALL I CAN SAY IS GOOD LUCK

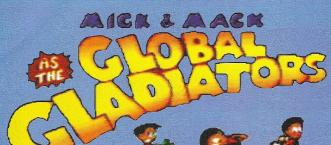


USE THE LADDERS WISELY AND STAY ALERT



ALL THREE EXPLODE, SO STAY BACK











































# BAINAN RETURNS

SEGA ACTION B MEG

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Set in the dark depths of Gotham city, Batman Returns on the Sega Genesis and the Sega-CD. Cool new options are the grappling hook (similar to that of Bionic Commando fame) and an on-screen utility belt to choose your weapons. The CD version has scaling driving scenes that you will not believe with speed and detail that rivals such master works as Monaco GP in the areade. The side scroll action is done incredibly well reminiscent of Strider. Whether cart or CD this one's a guaranteed winner. Has anyone see my cat?









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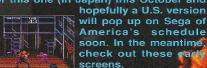


# Ninja Gaiden IV



Sega has an all new 8 meg Ninja Gaiden on the way! Not a copy of the old 8-bit, not an arcade re-hash, this is an all new version which gives you the best from both. The character animation is awesome and the music is top notch. Look for this one (in Japan) this October and















## MAGICAL TROLL

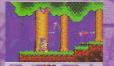
SEGA of JAPAN ACTION 4 MEG AVAIL NOW



Seems evil has taken over the local school, and Magical Taluto (a junior magician) is ready to find out how and by who. This is just one story in the long standing cartoon trilogy which has become so popular in Japan. In this unique action platform game, you'll run, jump, fly, and wave your magic wand through fifteen (5 x 3) beautiful sections of game play as you battle strange creatures and try to find your missing friends. Although this is a four meg game, you would never know by playing it (remember Sonic?) as there are tons of colors on screen and lots of special sound and graphic effects usually found only on higher meg carts. But the best thing about Magical Troll is the game play. All the bosses are totally unique, and one especially will blow you away! There is also a lot of jumping and fly to which is done just right as you can re-adjust you































character in mid-flight. Another challenge is trying to find all nine of your hidden friends, you don't have to but if you do they all appear at the end of the game! And still two more teatures are the magic wand and the flight. Whenever you touch an item with blinking eyes and mouth) and becomes throwable. To fly jump with C' then press and hold 'C', Taluto can only fly a little since he's just a junior magician but if real-























Time Gal, the next in Wolfteam's laserdisk to Mega-CD line-up should be awesome. It's nonstop action all the way ... in-depth next issue.





like a big winner. Our hero can now grapple, backflip, and run. The backrounds and bosses look incredible. Look for more on this great new







































I've got one thing to say about Sonic 2. You're not gonna believe it. We're talking major speed. Sonic and Tails fly on to screens everywhere this November. Get ready for Sonic 2'sday!



incredible shooters) is almost finished with their first Mega-CD title, Nobunaga & His Ninja Force, Look for a full review next month.



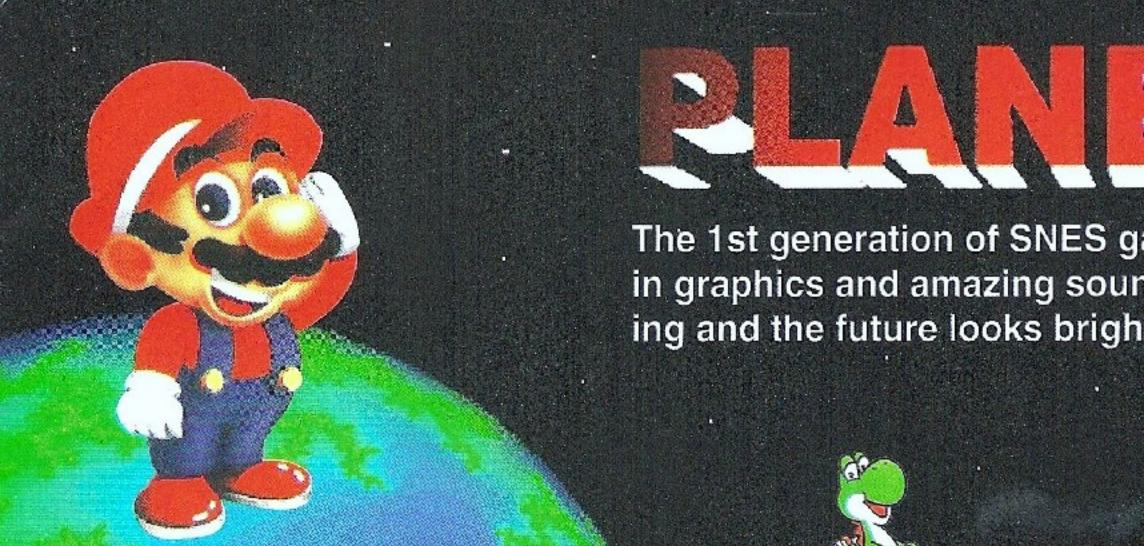
WHEN'S THIS GUY

HORIZONTAL VIEW



From Core, the makers of Wonderdog, comes their next Mega-CD gan Wolfchild, and it looks incredible. If Wonderdog is any indication of with these guys can do, look for this game to be another ten. Both an important American version will be ready by this Christmas ... more next iss





The 1st generation of SNES games have dazzled us with new quality in graphics and amazing sound. The 2nd generation games are coming and the future looks bright on planet SNES.





STAGE



Spiderman, along with the mutant powers of the X-Men, must defeat the deadly Arcade and his mind-altering scheme of mayhem in Acclaim's awesome new SNES action game.

ACCLAIM ACTION \* 8 MEG AVAIL. OCT



The name of the game here is smooth character animation, great backgrounds, perfect control and awesome music. Each of our super heroes has his own Spiderman levels, climbing and swinging, Wolverine clawing and punching, Storm swim-Gambitrumning and super-charging objects. The characters in X-Men are small and after playit I wouldn't want it evels with lets of action and detailed graphics. Everything here is just right! Spiderman and the X-Men rounds out to be a great overall action package, definitely recommended.











Masterrul Swordplay



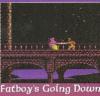
Toasted!



Dual to the Death

In Prince of Persia you assume the role of a young prince who has fallen in love with a beautiful princess. Just when you think you're about to live happily ever after, you are attacked and dragged off to the dungeons. It seems that the evil wizard, Jaffar, also has eyes for the princess and has given her an hour and twentv minutes to live (unless she marries him.) It's your job to escape and make your way from the caverns & catacombs of the dungeons to the halls of the palace. where ultimately you'll fight against Jaffar himself for the life of the one you love. This is a game that's been done on all systems from personal computers to portable handhelds, and even the Mega CD! Being a big fan of this game, I've played them all. I have to say this is definitely the best version yet!





Fatboy's Going Down



Split Pensonalities



Bones Don't Die





this guy wasn't hand enoough... You have too avoid the falling skulls



Find your way through this maze of warps

#### Level 17 - Allah be with you



version yet! Konami/NCS took an incredible game and made it better. While having some similarities between the other versions, the SNES version has an additional eight levels with all new traps, enemies, and pitfalls. The attention to

detail is stunning. If you've never seen Prince of Persia before, you'll be amazed at the quality of animation. The

Each level you'll encounter has its

move on, and you BETTER be practiced in the art of sword fighting if you plan to rescue your love. I can't say enough about this game, it unfolds like a story complete with cinema intermissions and an incredible ending. This one will keep you up all night, and once it's been beaten you'll find yourself going back through to beat

your time. Prince of Persia is the ultimate action/adventure game and hopefully we'll see more games like this in the future.



seach out the sword.





Electronic As ACTION 8 MEG AVAIL 4th Oth



DING! HALFWAY POINT RUN FAST OR GET CANNED

and divino it's been done in Aris' first alternot at claymation something than a sports title on the Super NES is a success!! In this action came you play

who's into mutating small animals aa a loisuustu past time. Harley dets a bit over zealous and mistakeniv shrinks him-

self. Worse vet

Jamming through bathroom, playroom, etc.,, as an instaplers, spin on soao and float



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CONSTRUCTOR ALL DESCRIONS



full size. Even though HERE'S YOU'RE GOAL!

THERE'S SOME COOL STUFF DOWN

BUZZZZZ



some of the backarounds bored me a bit, I had a lot of tun playing Harley's, It's not too cute and it's not run-of-the-mill by any means. The first time I got to the huge wart-nosed boss rat I had to pause the game just to check him out ... I was way dazzled by the claymation effect. Harley's is definitely a cool game well worth owning. It may make you think about bugs in a whole diff-

HERE BUT DON'T BUN OUT OF AIR





thumb Maleks Toecause Harley's in for the ride of his life!!! is a game that has to be played to realize it's full potential, Each enemy character, bug-eved beasts to huge rats erent way.

Rat

Attack!

Intelligina

SOME RUNGS AREN'T AS STABLE AS OTHERS



DON'T JUMP ON THE LIVE WIRE!







BUN YOU'RE INVINCE







TAKARA FIGHTING 8 MEG AVAIL NOW (JAPAN)



TAKE IT OUTSIDE BOYS

YOU'LL FIGHT IN THE STREETS.

HEAD ON COLLISION!







At long last... SNES owners get to play a NEO-GEO game on their system! King of the Monsters is back and little has been lost in this eight meg version of it's fifty five meg counterpart.

Jump into battle as one of four mutated monsters wrestling it out over helpless cities. Do head slams, body throws, and back breakers, all the moves are there! Play against a friend or battle it out against the computer, only one can survive and become the King of the Monsters ...





IT'S UP...IT'S GOOD!



TIME OUT!



KEMICO SHOOTER 8 MEG AVAIL, 4th OTR.

KEMCO's new shooter Phalanx is here, but is it just another shooter?, no way. The diversity of levels, number of scrolls, graphics, color, and music are all done incredibly well. And there are some really cool play aspects. In one level you actually control the speed of your mission as you dip in and out of a huge spaceship five screens long and three screens high! Another high point is the advertising level... *if you can get there!* Phalanx isn't easu, even on easy, but it's definitely worth the ride (all the way p

through.) If i had to think of one drawback it would be a little teeny slow-down, but to be honest with you, with that much

> on screen i welcome a little 50. So if you're looking for an intense shooter, you can't go wrong with Phalanx.































Finally! an SNES action fighting game that has incredible animation. lots of color, long levels, and no slow down! Someone finally figured characters and free up ry for play-ability and moves and back-groundel Some of your moves include kicks, uppercuts, knee slame, throws, rapid punches, behind-tha-back kicks (while holding another goon at bay), and my personal favorite... you block



TRADEM 8 MEG











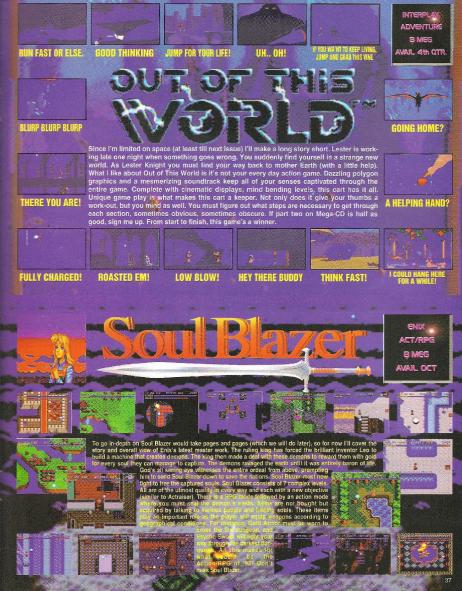














Here's one that hasn't made it over here yet for some reason. So, if you're in the middle of a dry spell, you might want to check it out. As part two in the SD series unfolds there is a malfunction in the environmental control system causing the special powers of the SD nation to vanish, thus opening the door for rebel nations to take over. The SD's

only hope is to find four Gachapon Capsules which are spread throughout lhe galaxy. These capsules store
the energy needed to restore order to
the SD colony. Four courageous
fighters stand up for the mission,
Ultraman, Gundam F-91, Rider Rx,
and Fire Roa, but they don't know
about the other side. Far from Earth,
Dark Brain Master of Demons, has

also been searching for the capsules. Last Fighter Twin play similar to your Final Fight style action games, only much better. You can change to any of the four characters at any time, each with their own special technique and more. Each fighter can run, jump, punch, kick, throw, pick up, and slide. In addition, you have a magic bar at the top of the





JALECO SPORTS B MEG -BB AVAIL. Ist OTR. '93



Jaleco's Professional Basebal 2 is about to debut within the friendly con fines of your Supel NES. This game is a major upgrade of the mation, much better color usage and game play that employs realistic physics in the movement of the bar and players. This 8

Meg game has a battery back-up for storing your season in progress and keeping track of all statistics through the dog days make that final run toward the pennant This is the game o hoice for all S-NES

baseball fans.



A LINE SHOT TO FIRST!



VIDEO SYSTEMS INC DRIVING 8 MEG +BB AVAIL NOW JAPAN





40 CHECK THE AIR AND TIRES, MISTER

The checkered flag is raised and you're off. floor through the straights and you may. have a chance to take pole position. It's racing recorded for posterity as at it's best on you Supe NES. It's F-1 Grand Ifrom Video Systems, Inc. In this simulation, you race through all sixteen grand prix courses or your way to a championship season. The game

features full-screen mode 7 rotation during the races and aerial fly-by's previewing each course. our fastest times are as your progress hrough the season. This game is one of the more difficult racers available for the system and is a true challenge to all DIE HARD racers.



ROUND : 5 CIRCUIT: GILLES VILLENSOVE CIRCUIT



SPEEDING THROUGH CANADA, EH?







F1 Roc hasn't shown up here yet and part two is already scheduled for a Nov. release in Japan ... What gives?



tal Fury comes to your Super NES s fall! With all the splendor of the so Geo Version this 12 meg version



The new Super Battletoads looks like a contender for game of the year. We'll keep you posted. On this great new game.



Fist of the North Star finally gets a fighting version in part 6! Look for an import release this November.



Due out this Novembe Cybernator looks like it will t another Konami masterpiec Arcade quality all the way!



Sure to be the best Batman yet, Konami's Batman Returns looks fantastic. More Konami quality due out this fall.



anma 1/2 pt. 2 is on the ay in Japan, complete with gger characters, more crolls and all new moves



Roger Clemins Baseball in our next issue by Talko.

Look for this section to get thicker and thicker, and better and better as TTI breathes new life into the Turbo Grafx with some great cards imported from Japan, some great new original efforts and the new CD ROM upgrade. Here's just the beginning of what could turn out to be a great future for Turbo players everywhere. If you see any imports in this section that you'd like to see here in the U.S., be sure to let us know, and we'll get the message to TTI. These guys are



ACTION/ADV. SCD AVAIL OCT.



your form. You'll ac you battle level afte and sorcerers, a your purcha upgrade. Yo

The music i basically go some Shad apart for me

no mere mortal would stand a chance, but as the Shar uid stand a charice, but as me she of from an axe warrior to a black pan of level, pausing only to upgrade you to heal your wounds in fown. The s ise real you'ce to greek you and help fecision. This is done very well of

nrough long acce is also excellent. rd side scroll action

Beast scrolls put in for effect control especially the panths only he can make mp backwards and off the

een Another of the annoying 'features are the flies in the cave. It's a nice level with multiple floating forms and good enemies until these annoying (and hard to hit) little bugs start diving into your head. You can destroy their hives but then more just seem to appear from nowhere. These plague you throughout the level thus killing the fun in that level. It's a Shape Shifter is a bad game, it's got a

lot of good points and it's an original idea. It's just not up to the Legendary

Axe/Bonk quality that I would expect from a Super CD game. It does how ever give Duo owners the hope that games of that quality can (and most likely will) come out with added length. music, and special effects. In the meantime, Shape Shifter is a worthy adventure that's worth a look.





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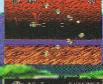
# DEAD MOON

SHOOTER

AVAIL OCT

big surprise with Dead Moon, the new (for us anyway) shooter great feature is when you're from Natsume. After diverting a comet from certain collision with Earth, forcing it to hit the Moon, probes are sent out to survey

FG-16. The use of color and music is also excellent. Anothe fighting a boss and he goes left. your ship (by moving right) will rotate to shoot in his direction, a elcome addition to shooter











HUDSO 6 MEG AVAIL NOW



You loved Neutopia and you're craving more. Finally your way is over. The sequel has arrived. Your job is to find the missing Jazela (your father) who mysteriously disappeared after defeating the Evil. Demon Dirth in the previous Neutopia. Hordes of evil monsters

have invaded the land to make sure you don't succeed. and the Evil Demon Dirth has been reborn to help them. Your quest takes you through a vast field and into Action/RPG that keeps with tried and true Zelda type ga play. The quest was long and held my interest all the through and the music is some of

the best I've heard on the Turbo. So, if you've got a little time on your hands. Neutopia II will keep you busy until the next hot Turbo title.







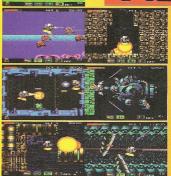






## AFREIFIE

4 MEG AIL NOW (JAPAN)



Since I got into gaming. Atomic Robo Kid has been one of my favorite characters, probably because I played the PC Engine version first. Unlike the arcade or Genesis version, this one's got all the levels and a power gauge that were not present on the other formats. Add to that great color and the best graphics I've ever seen on PC Engine (what happened?) and you've got a great action/shooter. So track down a copy of Atomic Robo Kid. (U.S. release?)









HUDSONSOFT ACTION 4 MEG





### NINJA GAIDEN

Recently in Japan, Hudson did something surprising, they finally released a well known action title on the PC Engine ... Alright! On a system that's riddled with shooters, this is a welcome change. Ninja Gaiden on PC Engine is a carbon copy of the original 8-bit masterpiece from the NES, but with better detail, more colors, scrolling backgrounds. and better music. So if you're an old Ninja Gaiden fan, you'll love this one. All the challenge and fun is there making this a must for U.S. release.





















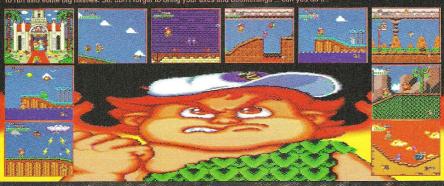
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## MEW ADVENTURE SLAND

HUDSON ADVENTURE 4 MEG AVAIL NOW

Just as his marriage commences, Master Higgins once again falls victim, as his new bride is swept away by evil doers. Does this guy have bad luck or what? New Adventure Island by Hudson employs all the fun and addictiveness of its counterparts. The control and playability are done well. And, for a four meg game, it's plenty long, making it a worthwhile journey for Adventure Island fans. Get ready for a lot of jumping as you'll cross countless levels of treacherous terrain to rescue your babe. Along the way, you're sure to run into some big nasties. So, don't forget to bring your axes and boomerangs ... can you do it?











TTI has a lot in store for both their existing Turbo Grafx customers and future Turbo Duo owners. Here are just some of the few great games to look forward to. The long Turbo Grab hit. Also Griffin k 16 RPG Ghost through able Q '93, g Turbo Duo the long Dungeon expanded c new Turbo



The Neo Geo is enjoying a great year. Games like Fatal Fury and Baseball Stars 2 have got Geo players thirating for more. White roll-playing, driving, and strong action platform format, the Geo could vault even further in the vest home entertailment market. Let's hope SNK hears our plea!









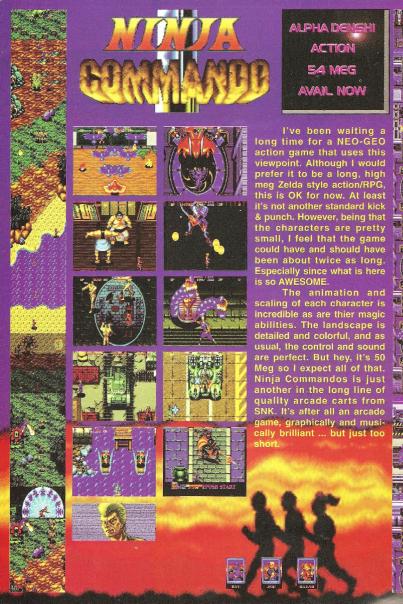


frect Fighter fans rejoice! World Heroes, the new 8 meg one-or-one fighting game is smashing its way to your throese system. His fall, it holes like SMK is determined to release a better fighting game and they we come awfult to determined to release a better fighting game and they we come awfult to determine the determined to release a better fighting game and over again trying to pummel to unit friends into the cround! The control is great with tons of special moves for each of the eight characters. And with two modes of combat from and death match. I doubt this game will getter much dute. World Heroes is a welcome addition to the Nord Fighting shows up.



here is bugel Get ready for the first 10

fighiling game.





JUST UNDER THE TAG



MOVE BABY, MOVE



IT MAY NEVER COME DOWN



NO ONE SAYS ANYTHING ABOUT MY MOTHER!

In the short history of video games, basefull games have been for the most part, disappointing, Some looked good, some played well, and some offered simulations with meaningful statistics and floability to play an entire season. But, no baseball video game to this point has put it all together to achieve the near perfect blend of playability, simulation, and graphic realism until now.

Beseball Stars 2, although lacking the ability to play an entire 182 game season while keeping track of statistics (a feature that we hope game companies will consider mandatory in the next wave of baseball games), is as close to experiencing real baseball as there has ever been away from the ball-park.

The graphics, as we have come to expect from SNK and the Neo-Geo, are fantastic. The hitters are about 34 of the size of the screen and the animation of the playdre in both the picture/batter view and the 34 view is very realistic. In addition, Baseball Stars 2 offers graphic excellence such as, full screen close-ups at every base, close-ups for diving and leaping catches, and



RUN IT OUT, RUN IT OUT!

fights after the batter has been hit by a pitch, and my personal favorite, the "Camera" following the action from a behind the batter viewpoint to scale toward the infleders instead of going streight to the 3/4 view. My only complain is that if doesn't stay that way the entire time, scaling back and rollowing the ball all the way to the blacatiers. Oil well, Baseball Stars 2 mayte?

The game play in Baseball Stars 2 is also top-notch. Control over the player's movements is fluid and you do not have the problems that have plagued other baseball games like fielders running to the wrong bases or being positioned incorrectly in the outfield. The control response is orisp and immediate allowing you to have full control at allowing you to have full control

trol response is orfsp and immediate allowing you to have full control over jumping, diving, pick-offs, etc. In short, Neo-Geo owners can not do better than Baseball Stars 2. It simply has the best graphics, sound, and game play this side of ESPN.



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## HANDS ON PORTABLES BY Hands on Harry

those people who a always hung-in my year. What dan I say... I love it do easile I just go back to my old to Blue Lightning its. However, after a the CES I don't

think we'll be waiting anymore! There were a lot of games ready, and they all looked great but ... the 4 meg Dracula and Dirty Larry looked phenomenal.

So take it from me, you and your Lynx are going places! See ya' next month with lots more!

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Whoa: motant food monsters! Finally, another great Lyrx game. Kung Food has big characters and controls great. Some of the characters are a crack upt The graphics are detailed and well shaded, and there's even a little scaling. A definite MUST-DLA for Lyrx fans!



#### SCHEDULED FOR 92 RELEASE...

Elvira's Pinball Jam, Pit Fighter, Shadow of the Beast Steel Talons, Rolling Thunder, World Class Soccer, Baseball Heroes, Battlezone 2000, Dirty Larry, Daemons Gate. Dracula the Undead, J Connor's Bad Boy Tennis, Malibu Beach Volleyball. NFL Football Switchblade 2. Storm Over Doria, Super Off Road, Double Dragon, 720°, Cabal, Eye of the Beholder, Lemmings, Ninja Galden 3, Ninja Nerd. Raiden, Road Riot 4wd. Vindicators: Full Court Press. Heavyweight Contender, Power Factor, Space War, and Super Asteroids/Missile Command.

## Ming Soon

Kung Food 2. Shadow of the Beast 3. Dirty Larry 4. Pit Fighter Dracula 6. Double Dragon 7.Baseball Heroes



Outrun Europa scales incredibly smooth for a GG game. The action is tast paced and diverse, and the control is great! Hopefully the first in a long line of quality 2nd generation GG caris









Ever since Shinobi and Sonic, I've been waiting for the magic to return to my GG. Although most of the games have been decent, nothing has been as good as those ... until now! No more master system means more R&D for my GG 4meg Sonic, Batman Returns: Double Dragon, and Terminator from the masters at Virgin, and much more (I'm limited on space. 1st issue va' know) but I'm ready! Bring em' on .. I'll be back next month with more news.

COMING SOON

1: Outrun Europa: 2&3: Streets of Rage 4. David Robinson's Supreme Court 5, Shinobi II 6, Taz 7, Double Dragon 8, Batman Returns 9. Terminator



A lot of the good news from Japan major surge in the marketplace di pation of Sonic 2, Thunderstorm just to name a few. Some good ne Drive version of Aliens in addition Heist, and Sunset Riders for the 2 by Game Arts, Thunderforce V by Wolfteam, Golden Axe 3 from strong line-up and you've got a ma getting set for the release of the right out of the gate like Batman some speed and detail, and Yuzo Terminator CD which is not only action format. Terminator also has right out of the movie! Look for O well! JVC is ready with three ho Master Skull Keep. Sony is set to knock your socks off. Get ready for as Cobra Command, Bignet has rumored to have Mortal Combat. S Spectrum Holobyte also have titles While we're on the subject of CD's. have been put on hold untill as lat should be able to hold out for as lo incredible for thier CD debut, Good starting to use the new DSP. This more depth and detail to the graphic 2.5 mhz to 7-10 mhz. Games using other Nintendo news, we recently att completed Battletoads, it looked Breath of Fire, Konami's Batman Re show in our next issue. NEC Avenue will premier on the all new Super D Wolfteam's Thunderstorm FXI allow the effect is incredible. And, last but controller for the Super Famicom. It Sega news, there's a four player tap mean four player Sega Games? Let's in other stuff!

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olve around Sega, having enjoyed a MCD) and Shining Force, and anticia Force, Land Stalker, and 3x3 Eyes s rumored to be working on a Mega incoment of Turtles. The Hyperstone nning stages in Japan include Lunar Devastator, Time Gal, and Star Blade by Climax. Add this to an already nere in the U.S., Sega of America is release, SOA's got so heavy hitters nd scenes scale smoothly with awend. Virgin is hard at work on the new ors as the characters in a side scroll motion video, and the music will be ne CD) from Virgin early next year as onderdog, Wolfchild, and Dungeon turistic, first person shooter that will on is bringing over Thunderstorm FX nd Third World War, and Acclaim is ge in the works! Tengen, Sierra, and s for a great debut of the Sega CD. red about Nintendo CD is rumored to les looking as good as they do, we s Nintendo is working on something s that the third party companies are olygons easier to program and adds eeds up the CPU considerabely from ow up soon, we'll keep you posted. In ow in Japan and got a peek at a nearly mes at the show included Capcom's Blastman, Look for a full report on the er virtual reality sound system, which ecember. This new system (similer to nd sound when wearing headphones. empleted its new Hyper Beam wireless ber 25th for about \$55.00 U.S. In other a Drive version of Gauntlet. Could this here. And that's what's happening ...



Tengen is working on a four player tap for the Mega Drive



Nintendo's DSP upgrade



Konami's new Hyper Beam

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ARCADE



Yet another fighting game has hit the arcades in Japan, Brandia.



Here's the girl that got the part of Chun Li in Japan's SF2 commercial. What do you think?



In other SF2 news ... In Japan, they are currently working on a full length animated SF2 movie. Let's hope it comes out over here.



Also hot at Japanese arcades is Suzuka 8 Hours







Even though these screens are very early, you can see that the Mega CD version of Final Fight will come very close to the arcade original. This two player version will be out around December in Japan.



Here's an early shot of Batman for the Sega CD





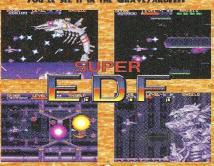
Golden Axe 3 has been announced for the Mega CD. For now, all we have are these great arcade screens. If the CD version even comes close, it should be awesome. 53

## THE GRAVEYARD

The Graveyard is where we exhume old games, games that kind of slipped by UN-noticed.

Mayne it was released at the same time as a monster game hit the shelvesy or mayne you just bought your system and it's not around anymore. Either wayne, sooner or latered you'll see it in the Graveyarders.









HERE'S A SHOOTER THAT GOT A BAD DAD BY JUST ABOUT EVERYONE WHO REVIEWED IT, BECAUSE OF A LITTLE SLOW DOWN (WHICH IS SPORADIC AND DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE QUALITY OF THE CAME). EDF COMMINES A UNIQUE BLEED OF PULSIC WITH SOME INCREDIBLE SHOOTING ACTION. AS YOU FLY THROUGH COLOR CHARGING SINSETS MULTIPLE SCALING BACKGROUNDS, AND TIERCE MECHANIZED BOSSESS. ADD TO THAT ENDIESS LAYERS OF SCROLLS AND TONS OF WEAPON UP GRADES, AND YOU'VE GOT A CREAT SHOOTER.











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the Beast, and Hit The Ice For the Turbo. And we'll take an in depth look at Art of Fighting and preview Viewpoint (and anything else we can get our hands on). Plus new Lynx and Game Gear titles, and a full report on the Nintendo show from Japan

# THE END



