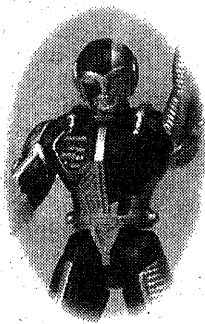


**A CLOSER LOOK**

# Power Rangers' Mighty Profits Spur More Morphing Heroes

If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, the Power Rangers should feel even mightier than usual. At least three other live-action shows featuring karate-kicking, spandex-sporting, weapon-wielding, alien-fighting teen-agers have popped up on the airwaves, apparently inspired by the merchandising riches generated by the Rangers. Two of these shows already have their own toy lines, providing an alternative for those delivering Christmas i.o.u.'s in place of scarce Power Rangers merchandise. The third will introduce a line of toys this spring. **TODD KRIEGER**



SHOW (named after featured heroes)	Mighty Morphin Power Rangers	Superhuman Samurai Syber-Squad	Saban's V.R. Troopers	Tattooed Teen-Age Alien Fighters From Beverly Hills
<b>VILLAIN BENT ON WORLD DOMINATION</b>	Lord Zedd, who controls an army of villains.	Kilokahn, the Evil Overload Overlord (voice by Tim Curry).	Grimlord, a corporate executive with a pet lizard, who can transform into a gargoyle-like being.	Emperor Gorganus from the Planet Moleculon.
<b>EVIL METHODS</b>	By gaining control of the magic coins that give the Rangers their power, Lord Zedd hopes to clear the way for his army of goons, known as Putties, to take over the earth.	With the assistance of Malcolm Frink, an evil teen-ager, Kilokahn creates computer viruses that attack electronics and telephone terminals.	Through besting the V.R. Troopers and commanding the Virtual Reality World, Grimlord uses Skugs (like Putties but with gold helmets) to do his dirty work.	Seeks to gain control of the Power Portals, which allow a being to transport himself to any place or time in the universe.
<b>GOOD-GUY MENTOR AND COUNSELOR</b>	Zordon, a fat hologram in the Mighty Morphin Command Center.	None.	Professor Hart, who looks like James Earl Jones with love beads.	Nimbar, a space blob who selected the four heroes; guards Power Portals.
<b>GOOD-GUY SIDEKICK</b>	Alpha 5, a robot.	None.	A wise-cracking dog named Jeb.	None.
<b>MAGIC WORDS FOR TRANSFORMATION</b>	Characters call out their respective extinct animals: "Tyrannosaurus Rex," "Pterodactyl," "Sabre-tooth Tiger," "Mastodon," "Triceratops."	"Samurize"; said while striking a musical instrument.	Characters call out "Trooper Transform."	Characters call out a word descriptive of their inner character: "Apollo," "Centaur," "Scorpio" or "Taurus."
<b>CATCH PHRASE</b>	"Go, go, Power Rangers."	"Superhuman Samurai," a light-metal song.	"We are, we are V.R."	A theme song.