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Throughout much of the 20th century, the names Bally, Gottlieb, and Williams have been pinball deities to pinball wizards worldwide. These were the big three companies, whose pinball machines were the precursors of today's video games.

Gottlieb was founded in Chicago in 1927. One of its first tabletop pinball machines from 1931 was called Baffle Ball, which sold for \$17.50 and gave players a half-dozen-or-so chances (depending on how the game was set) to get a ball into a hole for just a penny. A Williams game from 1952 called Horsefeathers allowed two players to play side-by-side, as balls bouncing on bumpers advanced mechanical horses on the game's backbox. As for Bally, its Caperville game from 1966 featured stylized spies in an underwater world of angular heroes and heroines...

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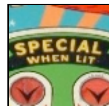
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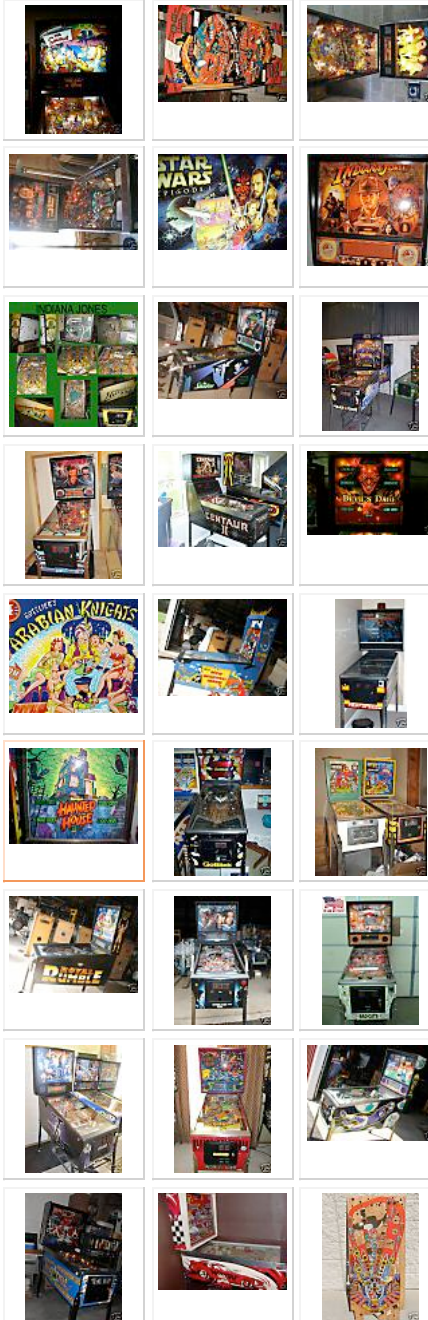
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Rolling Stone, September 17th

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**San Francisco's best dive bars**

guardian.co.uk, September 11th



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New York Times, September 10th

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Pittsburgh Post Gazette, September 9th



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**JUST BACK: Silver Ball Museum**

New York Post, September 6th

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**A full-tilt love affair with pinball machines**

Philadelphia Inquirer, September 4th

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**Techman: Pinball -- Patriarch of the modern video game industry**

Pittsburgh Post Gazette, August 29th

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