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May 27, 2003 – He's back! On July 2nd Arnold Schwarzenegger stars in the U.S. release of **TERMINATOR® 3: RISE OF THE MACHINESTM**, the biggest installment yet in the blockbuster **Terminator®** series. And from the key members of the design team that brought you **Terminator 2: Judgment DayTM** now comes Stern Pinball's greatest pinball machine ever, **TERMINATOR® 3: RISE OF THE MACHINESTM**. Designed by Steve Ritchie, formerly of Williams, **T3TM** combines all the intensity of this non-stop action movie with pinball at its fastest and most daring.

Steve Ritchie is one of the great pinball designers of the modern pinball era. He has created such famous titles as **Black Knight**, **Star Trek: The Next Generation[™]**, **Firepower**, and **High Speed**. **TERMINATOR® 3: RISE OF THE MACHINES[™]** is Steve's first pinball design in seven years.

The **TERMINATOR® 3: RISE OF THE MACHINES[™]** pinball offers non-stop action features, including a Rocket Propelled Grenade launcher in the backglass. This interactive mechanism fires balls into targets for high score and progressive game play. An interactive backglass mechanism has not been featured in a pinball machine for many years, and Steve has responded to operator and player requests to have one.

Also featured in **TERMINATOR® 3: RISE OF THE MACHINES™** are:

- Stainless steel ramps throughout the game that insure long life and smooth play;
- Over 450 different speech calls, including original speech by Arnold Schwarzenegger;
- A Power-Cannon[™] that launches balls into stainless shooter tube activated by gun grip or optional button;
- T-XTM plasma cannon that fires balls at the player but never down the drain;

- Chrome-plated wire form tubes that deliver balls throughout playfield;
- 'Red' feature that offers a new kind of pinball excitement;
- Kickback and ball-save feature that makes TERMINATOR® 3: RISE OF THE MACHINES[™] a friendly yet challenging adversary;
- New lane changing feature that creates more player-input possibilities.

In the movie **TERMINATOR® 3: RISE OF THE MACHINES[™]**, a decade has passed since John Connor (played by Nick Stahl) helped prevent Judgment Day and save mankind from mass destruction. Now 22, Connor lives 'off the grid', with no home, no credit cards, and no cell phone. There is no way he can be traced by Skynet, the highly developed network of machines that once tried to kill him and wage war on humanity. That is until out of the shadows of the future steps the T-X[™], a Terminatrix® (Kistanna Loken), Skynet's most sophisticated cyborg killing machine. With incredibly advanced powers and beauty to match, she is the ultimate threat to humanity. Now Connor's only hope for survival is the Terminator® (Arnold Schwarzenegger). Together, they must triumph over the technologically superior T-X[™] and forestall the looming threat of Judgment Day…or face the apocalypse and the fall of civilization.

Steve Ritchie says, "The **T3**® team has succeeded in pulling out all the stops to create a reliable, high quality pinball machine that is sure to entertain young and old alike. A proven theme with the ultimate global demographic, **TERMINATOR® 3: RISE OF THE MACHINESTM** might be the best pinball license of all-time. The game will generate strong earnings and repeat play, and our features give the player more skillful control opportunities than any other pinball machine before it."

"We have paid special attention to the new and inexperienced player by being up front with the rules, even instructing the player what to shoot for, and when to shoot it! We are communicating the rules to the player with speech, sound effects, and dot matrix data to keep even the most inexperienced player 'in the game' and wanting more." "With all stainless and chrome plated ball paths, the game should be lower maintenance and a better return on investment. Our back glass feature is unique and attractive, yet easy to play and follow. Scoring well rewards the player with incredible effects that impress the entire location. Every location needs at least 2 TERMINATOR® 3: RISE OF THE MACHINESTM!"

Gary Stern says, "Having Steve Ritchie design his first game for Stern fulfills a dream. He is a great designer, a designer that will advance pinball. And he is fun to work with!"

TERMINATOR® 3: RISE OF THE MACHINES[™] is available UL, CUL and CE approved, as applicable.

The **TERMINATOR® 3: RISE OF THE MACHINES[™]** pinball machine will begin shipping in May, 2003.

To get your **TERMINATOR® 3: RISE OF THE MACHINES™** pinball machine, contact your nearest Stern Pinball distributor. You can also contact Jolly Backer at 1-708-786-7039 or by e-mail at jolly.backer@sternpinball.com, or Shelley Sax at 1-708-786-7030 or by e-mail at <u>shelley.sax@sternpinball.com</u>. Visit Stern's website at <u>www.sternpinball.com</u> for more information on Stern Pinball.

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