

# this year.

Recapping the best podcasts.

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## #1: The HotSpot (2005)

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**RICH GALLUP**  
**BOB COLAYCO**  
**JEFF GERSTMANN**  
**CARRIE GOUSKOS**

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The debut year of a seminal gaming podcast hosted by Rich Gallup and featuring talents Bob Colayco and Jeff Gerstmann. Rather than a diffuse discussion about the games everybody was playing, with Gallup at the helm The HotSpot spoke exclusively about the news. The personalities of the cast filled in the blanks and made this unique show special.

### Timestamps

0:02:15 - Introduction  
0:06:00 - Perfect Dark: Initial Vector  
0:12:30 - Splinter Cell: Double Agent  
0:19:00 - Nintendo  
0:26:00 - The Halo movie  
0:32:30 - Xbox 360  
1:12:00 - Jack Thompson and video game violence  
1:32:00 - Freeform discussion and random clips

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**Upcoming releases:**

#98: This American Life (126 to 150)

#99: Loveline (Third Quarter 2002)

#100: ???

#101: Why Oh Why (2014)

#102: Radiolab (2014)

#103: Snap Judgment (Season 1)

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2006; 2007; 2008;  
Top 40

**The Adam Carolla Show**  
Jan 2006; Feb 2006;  
Mar 2006; Apr 2006;  
May 2006; Jun 2006;  
Jul 2006; Aug 2006;  
Sep 2006; Oct 2006;  
Nov 2006; Dec 2006

**Behind the Dish**  
2013 Season

**Blue Jam**  
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Series 3

**Culture Gabfest**  
2011

**The Dave Dameshek Football Program**  
2011

**Daves of Thunder**  
Full run

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2012 Season; 2013 Season

**EGM Live\***  
2006

**GFW Radio**

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### Richard Gallup

Gallup joined the GameSpot staff in 2003, initially starring as an intern for the video show GameSpot Live. He was later hired on as a video producer, managing the website's video projects and video reviews. Gallup hosted On the Spot, what was then GameSpot's weekly video review show. In 2005 Gallup was put in charge of GameSpot's podcast project, The HotSpot. He left GameSpot in 2007.

### Robert Colayco

Bob Colayco wrote for GameSpot as an associate editor. He was lauded for his knowledge of sports, particularly basketball and football. Colayco left GameSpot in 2006 to pursue a career with Blizzard Entertainment.

### Jeff Gerstmann

Gerstmann's career at GameSpot began in 1996 when he was hired as an intern. He stayed with the site during its expansion while simultaneously working his musical talents. Gerstmann made several appearances in the mainstream media, including an infamous showing on *Good Morning America*. He is beloved for his sharp and charming sense of humor. In 2008 he founded Whiskey Media's Giant Bomb, and currently appears on the Giant Bombcast podcast.

### Carrie Gouskos

Carrie Gouskos joined the GameSpot team in early 2005 as a features editor after a short career as a game tester for Acclaim Entertainment. She was a frequent guest on The HotSpot, providing balance against the male-dominated cast. She left GameSpot in 2006 to work development with BioWare Mythic.

Tags: 2005, Bob Colayco, Carrie Gouskos, GameSpot, Gaming, Jeff Gerstmann, Rich Gallup, The HotSpot

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**rmanthorp** July 8, 2011 at 4:20 PM

Love it! Really love all your work! One question, how can I add this to iTunes as a podcast?

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**Anonymous** July 12, 2011 at 4:02 AM

From the Giant Bomb forums:

Copy the URL from the RSS Feed page, and head to the podcasts section in iTunes. Click Advanced > Subscribe to Podcast, and paste the URL. The podcast should appear and you'll be able to transfer them as podcasts to your iPod.

(Thanks to 'garrettpinkney'.)

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2006; 2007; 2008

### Giant Bombcast

2008; 2009; 2010; 2011; 2012; Ryan Davis Memorial; 2013; 2014

### Good Grief

Full run

### Hang Up and Listen

2013

### The HotSpot

2005; 2006; 2007; Top 40

### Idle Thumbs

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### Left, Right & Center

2011; 2012

### Loveline

Q1 2000; Q2 2000; Q3 2000; Q4 2000; Q1 2001; Q2 2001; Q3 2001; Q4 2001; Q1 2002; Q2 2002

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2001; 2011; 2012; 2013

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### Planet Money

401 to 450; 451 to 500

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2005-2006; 2007; 2014

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2005; 2006; 2007; 2011; 2012; 2013

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2012; 2013

### This American Life

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### Too Beautiful to Live

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### Uhh Yeah Dude

2006; 2007; 2008; 2012; 2013; 2014

### Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!

2011

### The Why Factor

2012

That aint no caravella....looks like a creepo - Anonymous

Best podcast. - Anonymous

My favorite show on the site besides Daves of Thun... - Anonymous

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That should read &quot;a full Gabfest archive,&amp;quo... - This Year

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