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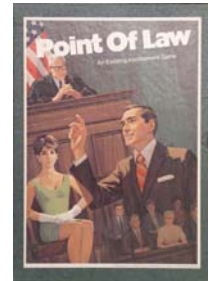
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EPGS meets from 10:00 AM to 9:30 PM this Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, in Oxford Valley Mall's Community Room. Subsequent meeting dates are scheduled the first and third Saturdays each month thereafter.

## Anniversary Gaming

Its always annoying when I've already researched the events for an EPGS meeting date that gets changed, but even more so for September 17<sup>th</sup> which was the anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution, the battle of Antietam and the start of the Market-Garden campaign, among others.

Weirdly the anniversaries of both the cancelled meeting date as well as the actual meeting dates have a common theme, even more of a coincidence because of contemporary events. Our abortive\* September 17<sup>th</sup> date is the birthday of both former Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger (1907) and current Associate Justice David Souter (1939). September 24<sup>th</sup> is Chief Justice John Marshall's birthday (1755) and the anniversary of President George Washington appointing the original five Justices (1789). October 1<sup>st</sup> was late Chief Justice William Rehnquist's birthday (1924), a birthday he shares with Jimmy Carter, the only president not to have the opportunity to appoint a Justice since the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. I don't know of any games specifically about the Supreme Court, but games about trials include *Point of Law* (3M), *Verdict* (Avalon Hill), *Verdict II* (Avalon Hill) and *Blind Justice* (Avalon Hill).

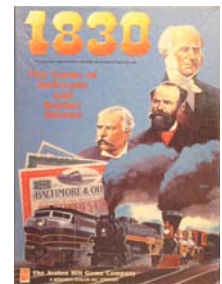


\*How did this word get in a paragraph about the U.S. Supreme Court?

September 24<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of Muhammad's arrival in Medina. The games *Mecca to Medina* (Muslim Games) and *Medina* (Hans Im Gluck / Rio Grande) are topical to this. It is also the anniversary of 1869's "Black Friday" when the gold market plummeted in the wake of Jay Gould and Jim Fiske's attempt to corner the gold market. Gould is the center of the three railroad tycoons pictured on the cover of *1830* (Avalon Hill). In 1890 the Mormon Manifesto was published. The game *Settlers of Zarahemla* (Inspiration) is based on other Mormon writings.

September 24<sup>th</sup>

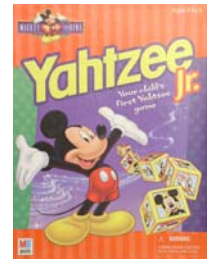
- 622 Muhammad completed his flight from Mecca to Medina
- 1755 Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall born
- 1776 British parole 500 American prisoners captured during invasion of Canada
- 1789 President Washington nominated the first five Supreme Court Justices
- 1869 "Black Friday" gold prices plummet
- 1890 Mormon Church publishes the Mormon Manifesto renouncing polygamy
- 1896 Writer F. Scott Fitzgerald born
- 1934 Babe Ruth's last game as a Yankee, a 5-0 loss to the Boston Red Sox
- 1936 Creator of Muppets and original voice of Kermit the Frog Jim Henson born
- 1941 Japanese consul ordered to spy on Pearl Harbor. Message intercepted, considered irrelevant
- 1946 Football defensive lineman Joe Greene born
- 1959 Second voice of Kermit the Frog Steve Whitmire born
- 1968 CBS debuts *60 Minutes*. Sometimes its stories have even been non-fraudulent.



October 1<sup>st</sup> is the anniversary of more events that can be commemorated through games. *Beat Detroit* (Dynamic Games) is appropriate for the anniversary of the introduction of the Model “T”. *Great War in the Near East* (XTR/Command#38) and *Allenby’s Blitzkrieg* (Schutz) are appropriate for commemorating Lawrence of Arabia’s capture of Damascus. The 1934 expansion of the German armed forces and 1938 German occupation of the Sudetenland were events that led to the Second World War. Games concerning this are *Origins of World War II* (Avalon Hill) and *Days of Decision* (Australian Design Guild). *The Italian Campaign: Salerno* (Decision/S&T#150) covers the campaign in which the Axis lost Naples and Foggia. On this date in 1946 the main Nürnberg trial concluded with the sentencing of the defendants. A game on this topic is *Nuremberg: Trial of the Century* (Minden/Panzerschrek#2). Finally Jimmy Carter’s profession before entering politics, peanut farmer, made him the butt of many jokes such as the games *Karter Peanut Shell Game* (Morey & Nealy) and *Peanuts to President* (Daily Enterprises).

October 1<sup>st</sup>

- 1880 John Phillip Sousa became director of U.S. Marine Corps Band
- 1903 First game of modern World Series. Pittsburg won 7-3, but lost the Series to Boston 5-3
- 1903 Pianist Vladimir Horowitz born
- 1908 Henry Ford introduced the Model “T” automobile
- 1918 Lawrence of Arabia’s forces captured Damascus from Turkey
- 1921 Actor Walter Matthau born
- 1924 U.S. President Jimmy Carter born
- 1924 U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist born
- 1934 Hitler orders Army and Navy expanded, and the creation of the Luftwaffe
- 1935 Actress Julie Andrews born
- 1936 Francisco Franco named head of Nationalist government in Spain
- 1938 Germans occupy the Sudetenland
- 1943 Allies capture Naples and Foggia in Italy
- 1945 Baseball star Rod Carew born
- 1946 German war criminals sentenced at Nürnberg
- 1949 Mao tse-tung proclaims the Peoples Republic of China in Beijing
- 1962 Johnny Carson became host of the *Tonight Show*
- 1963 Baseball star Mark McGwire born
- 1971 Walt Disney World opened in Orlando FL
- 1977 Soccer star Pele played his final game



## The Games We Played

The most played games this month were the newly released *Palazzo* and boring old *Puerto Rico*, being played three times apiece. Many games were played twice: *Advanced Squad Leader*, *Age of Mythology*, *Amun-Re*, *Carcassonne*, *Louis XIV*, *Naval War*, *Tower of Babel*, *Triumph of Chaos* and Bill Micklow’s *Civil War* playtest.

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NEW	TITLE	PUBLISHER	AUG 20	SEP 3
G	<i>1825 Unit 1</i>	Hartland Trefoil	1	
	<i>Advanced Squad Leader</i>	Avalon Hill / Multi-Man	1	1
	<i>Age of Mythology</i>	Eagle		2
	<i>Amun-Re</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande	2	
	<i>Attika</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande		1
	<i>Axis &amp; Allies - Europe</i>	Hasbro/Avalon	1	
	<i>Babel</i>	Kosmos / Rio Grande		1
	<i>Barbarossa to Berlin</i>	GMT	1	
G	<i>Battlegroup</i>	Lost Battalion	1	
G	<i>Bohnaparte</i>	Amigo / Rio Grande	1	
G	<i>Boomtown</i>	Asmodée / Face 2 Face		1
	<i>Buffy the Vampire Slayer</i>	Hasbro		1
	<i>Carcassonne</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande		2
	<i>Carcassonne - The Castle</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande		1
	<i>Category 5 / 6 Nimmt</i>	Amigo / US Games Systems		1
G	<i>Civil War</i>	Bill Micklow	1	1
G	<i>Crusader Rex</i>	Columbia		1
	<i>Domaine</i>	Mayfair	1	
	<i>El Grande</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande		1
G/P	<i>Emperor's War 1805-1815, The</i>	Operations Study Group		1
	<i>Empire of the Sun</i>	GMT		1
	<i>Game of Thrones, A</i>	Fantasy Flight	1	
	<i>Hannibal: Rome vs. Carthage</i>	Avalon Hill	1	
G	<i>Hearts</i>	?		1
	<i>Hive</i>	Gen Four Two	1	
G	<i>Honeybears</i>	Piatnik		1
	<i>In the Shadow of the Emperor</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande		1
	<i>Ingenious / Einfach Genial</i>	Kosmos / Fantasy Flight		1
	<i>Ivanhoe</i>	GMT		1
	<i>La Citta</i>	Kosmos		1
	<i>Louis XIV: Intrigue in the Court of the Sun King</i>	Alea / Rio Grande	1	1
G	<i>Mystic Wood</i>	Gibson's / Avalon Hill / Ariel	1	
	<i>Naval War</i>	Battleline / Avalon Hill	2	
G	<i>Palazzo</i>	Alea		3
	<i>Palladium</i>	Palladium Books	1	
	<i>Paths of Glory</i>	GMT		1
	<i>Pirate's Cove</i>	Days of Wonder	1	
	<i>Princes of Florence</i>	Alea / Rio Grande		1
G/P	<i>Pro Football / Paydirt</i>	Sports Illustrated / Avalon Hill		1
	<i>Puerto Rico</i>	Alea / Rio Grande	2	1
	<i>Risk 2210 A.D.</i>	Hasbro/Avalon	1	
G	<i>Saboteur</i>	Amigo / Z-Man		1
	<i>Scrabble</i>	Selchow & Righter / MB / Hasbro	1	
	<i>Star Wars - The Queen's Gambit</i>	Hasbro/Avalon	1	
	<i>Sticheln</i>	Amigo		1
	<i>Struggle of Empires</i>	Warfrog	1	
	<i>Tahuantinsuyu</i>	Hangman	1	
	<i>Tales of the Arabian Nights</i>	West End		1
G	<i>Target Arnhem: Across 6 Bridges</i>	Multi-Man	1	
	<i>Tigris and Euphrates</i>	Hans im Glück / Mayfair		1
	<i>Tower of Babel</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande	1	1
G	<i>Triumph of Chaos</i>	Clash of Arms	1	1
G	<i>Tutankhamen</i>	Amigo / Out of the Box		1
	<i>Twilight Imperium</i>	Fantasy Flight		1
G	<i>Victory &amp; Honor</i>	Jolly Roger	1	
G/P	<i>Wiz-War</i>	Jolly / Chessex		1
<b>18/3</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	-----		

G = New Game

GP = New Game and Publisher

Military Games are Red

Railroad games are Blue

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