

EPGS Heroics

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EPGS meets from 10:00 AM to 9:30 PM this Saturday, November 19th, in Oxford Valley Mall's Community Room. Subsequent meeting dates December 3rd and 17th.

EPG *Paydirt* League Standings

AFC Division

TEAM	COACH	WINS	LOSES	TIES	WIN%	Games Played	Games Behind	PF	PA	DIV Wins	DIV Losses	DIV Ties	Div %
Pittsburgh	Steve F.	3	1	0	750	4	2	48	37	2	1	0	667
San Diego	Alex	4	2	0	667	6	0	112	103	3	0	0	1000
Cincinnati	Chris	2	3	0	400	5	1	83	79	2	2	0	500
Buffalo	Keith	1	3	0	250	4	2	77	56	1	3	0	250
Indianapolis	Dave	0	3	0	000	3	3	32	90	0	2	0	000

NFC Division

TEAM	COACH	WINS	LOSES	TIES	WIN%	Games Played	Games Behind	PF	PA	DIV Wins	DIV Losses	DIV Ties	Div %
Philadelphia	Ken	3	0	0	1000	3	1	74	63	1	0	0	1000
Seattle	Steve C.	3	1	0	750	4	0	100	79	2	1	0	667
NY Giants	Jim	2	1	0	667	3	1	69	44	1	1	0	500
Carolina	Larry	1	1	0	500	2	2	31	44	1	1	0	500
Minnesota	Mike	0	4	0	000	4	0	60	91	0	2	0	000

Games Magazine Awards

Congratulations to *Australia* for being selected *Games* magazine's Game of the Year!

CATEGORY	TITLE	DESIGNER	PUBLISHER
Abstract Strategy	<i>Project Kells</i>	Murray Heasman	Tailten Games
Advanced Strategy	<i>Louis XIV</i>	Rüdiger Dorn	Rio Grande
Family	<i>Dr Untergang von Pompeji</i>	Klaus-Jürgen Wrede	Amigo
Family Card Games	<i>Die Weinhändler</i>	Roman Pelek & Claudia Hely	Amigo
Family Strategy	<i>Primordial Soup (Ursuppe)</i>	Doris Matthäus & Frank Nestel	Z-Man
Two-Player Games	<i>Jambo</i>	Rüdiger Dorn	Rio Grande
Party Games	<i>Snorta!</i>	Chris Childs & Tony Richardson	Out of the Box
Historical Simulations	<i>Friedrich</i>	Richard Sivel	Simmons Games
Puzzles	<i>Tipover</i>	James W. Strphens	Thinkfun
Overall	<i>Australia</i>	Wolfgang Kramer & Alan Moon	Rio Grande

Anniversary Gaming

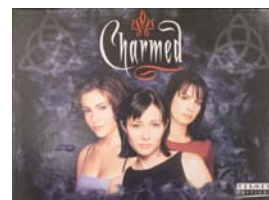
November 19th is a bad day to be featured here: Garfield, Lincoln, Indira Gandhi and Sadat were all assassinated, (though Lincoln can be saved by playing an appropriate card in *Chrononauts*). Fort Mifflin is in the set of expansion cards to *We the People* (AH). The Gettysburg Address is commemorated in the title *For the People* (AH / GMT). Ted Turner's birthday can be commemorated by either *Regatta* (3M / AH) or *Yacht Race* (Parker Brothers) and his later billion dollar donation to the U.N. along with Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick's birthday can be celebrated by a game of *United Nations* (Yaquinto). There are numerous games on the Battle of Stalingrad. Winning at *Beat Detroit* (Dynamic) should be east if your opponents produce Edsels.

November 19th

- 1752 Revolutionary War Colonel George Rogers Clark born
- 1777 Fort Mifflin captured by the British
- 1831 U.S. President James Garfield born
- 1863 Lincoln delivers *Gettysburg Address*
- 1916 Goldwyn Company formed, (now M.G.M.)
- 1917 Indira Gandhi born, Indian Prime Minister 1966-77, 1980-84
- 1926 U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Jeanne Kirkpatrick born
- 1938 America's Cup winner, TBS & CNN founder, current MGM owner, donor to U.N. Ted Turner born
- 1942 Soviets begin Operation Uranus to recapture Stalingrad
- 1954 First automatic toll collection booth installed on New Jersey's Garden State Parkway
- 1959 Ford produced last Edsel
- 1977 Egyptian Anwar Sadat became first Arab leader to visit Israel
- 1986 Phillies third-baseman Mike Schmidt wins third Most Valuable Player award
- 1997 First surviving septuplets born to Bobbi McCaughey



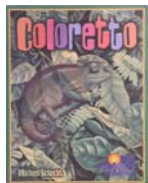
December 3rd is George McClellan's birthday. There are several games about his flawed victory at the Battle of Antietam. The pre-WWI Balkan Wars are simulated in *Balkan Wars* (Decision/S&T164). *Shadows over Camelot* (Days of Wonder) and *Charmed: The Book of Shadows* (Tilsit / Clash of Arms) are both cooperative games, (although *Camelot* is considerably more interesting). Although *Toxic Waste* (?) is set in the U.S., it seems an appropriate game to commemorate the Bhopal disaster.



December 3rd

- 1755 Painter Gilbert Stuart born. He resided in Philadelphia during the 1790s.
- 1826 Union general and 1864 Democratic Presidential nominee George McClellan born
- 1833 Oberlin College in Ohio became first co-ed college in the United States
- 1857 Joseph Conrad, author of *Heart of Darkness*, (which inspired film *Apocalypse Now*), born
- 1912 First Balkan War ended; Turkey pushed back to present-day boundary
- 1943 Roosevelt, Churchill and Chiang began Cairo conference about post-WWII Asia
- 1944 Greek Civil War between Communists and Democrats/Monarchists began
- 1960 The play *Camelot* opened with Richard Burton and Julie Andrews as the leads
- 1965 Figure Skating champion Katarina Witt born
- 1967 Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed first human heart transplant
- 1973 Holly Marie Combs born, T.V. actress in *Picket Fences* and *Charmed*. (Combs pictured on right.)
- 1984 Union Carbide chemical release in Bhopal India killed over 6000

The Games We Played



Our football league inspired *Paydirt* to be our most-played game this month, being played nine times. In second place was *Puerto Rico* with four plays. Ho, hum. Tied for third with three plays were *Brawl Tag Team*, *Coloretto* and *Triumph of Chaos*. Other games being played multiple times were *Amun-Re*, *Diamante*, *Tutankhamen* and *War of the Ring*

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NEW	GAME	PUBLISHER	OCT 15	NOV 5
	<i>Age of Mythology</i>	Eagle		1
	<i>Age of Steam</i>	Warfrog		1
	<i>Amazonas</i>	Kosmos / Mayfair	1	
	<i>Amun-Re</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande	1	1
	<i>Ancients</i>	Good Industries / 3W / Mike Nagel	1	
G	<i>Architekton</i>	Queen	1	
G	<i>Basari</i>	FX Schmidt / Out of the Box	1	
G/P	<i>Blue vs Gray</i>	QED Games / GMT		1
G	<i>Brawl Tag Team</i>	Cheapass		3
G	<i>Carcassonne - The Discovery</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande		1
	<i>China</i>	Überplay	1	
	<i>Citadels / Ohne Furcht und Adel</i>	Hans im Glück / Fantasy Flight		1
	<i>Clans</i>	Venice Connection / Rio Grande	1	
	<i>Coloretto</i>	Abacus / Rio Grande	1	2
	<i>Cribbage</i>	?		1
G	<i>Crime Lords</i>	Steve Jackson	1	
	<i>Dancing Dice</i>	DaVinci / Mayfair		1
	<i>Das Zepter von Zavandor</i>	Lookout	1	
	<i>Diamant</i>	Schmidt	1	1
G	<i>Flandern 1302</i>	Queen	1	
	<i>Goa</i>	Hans im Glück / Rio Grande		1
G	<i>Indus</i>	Queen / Rio Grande	1	
	<i>Ingenious / Einfach Genial</i>	Kosmos / Fantasy Flight	1	
	<i>Jambo</i>	Kosmos / Rio Grande	1	
	<i>Kardinal und König / Web of Power</i>	Goldsieber / Rio Grande		1
	<i>Kung Fu Fighting</i>	Slugfest	1	
	<i>La Citta</i>	Kosmos / Rio Grande		1
	<i>Leapfrog</i>	Fragor		1
	<i>Lord of the Rings Miniatures</i>	Sabertooth		1
	<i>Mare Nostrum - Mythology Expansion</i>	Café Games	1	
	<i>Maya</i>	Abacus	1	
	<i>Palazzo</i>	Alea	1	
G/P	<i>Parthenon: Rise of the Aegean</i>	Siren Bridge / Z-Man	1	
	<i>Puerto Rico</i>	Alea / Rio Grande	3	1
	<i>Ra</i>	Alea / Rio Grande		1
	<i>Samurai</i>	Hans im Glück / Abacus / Rio Grande		1
	<i>Santiago</i>	Amigo	1	
	<i>Scrabble</i>	Selchow & Richter / MB / Hasbro		1
	<i>SI Pro Football / Paydirt</i>	Sports Illustrated / Avalon Hill	6	3
G	<i>Submarine</i>	Rio Grande		1
G	<i>Take It Easy!</i>	FX Schmidt	1	
	<i>Ticket to Ride: Europe</i>	Days of Wonder		1
	<i>Tigris and Euphrates</i>	Hans im Glück / Mayfair	1	
	<i>TransAmerica</i>	Rio Grande	1	
	<i>Triumph of Chaos</i>	Clash of Arms	2	1
G	<i>Tsuro</i>	Wizkids	1	
	<i>TurfMaster</i>	AZA	1	
	<i>Tutankhamen</i>	Amigo / Out of the Box	1	1
	<i>Up Front</i>	Avalon Hill	1	
	<i>Vinci</i>	Eurogames/Descartes	1	
	<i>War of the Ring</i>	Phalanx / Fantasy Flight		2
	<i>Wellington</i>	GMT	1	
	<i>Wilderness War</i>	GMT		1
12/2	TOTAL	-----	33/41	27/33

G = New Game

GP = New Game and Publisher

Military Games are Red

Railroad games are Blue

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