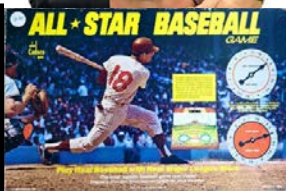


## RAPID-FIRE QUESTIONS WITH A [toggle] REGULAR

THIS MONTH:  
**Paul Luri**



FIRST GAME YOU  
RECALL PLAYING?



WHAT'S A GAME YOU  
ALWAYS ENJOY?



AMERITRASH, EURO,  
OR PARTY GAME?

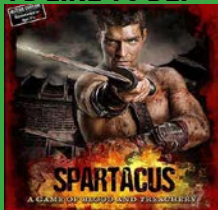
**Ameritrash.  
BUT I RARELY SAY  
NO TO ANY GAME.**

A GAME YOU NEVER  
WANT TO PLAY AGAIN?



**UNLESS YOU  
ADD ZOMBIES**

I'D LIKE TO BE:



PEOPLE THINK I AM:



BUT I AM REALLY:



WHAT COLOR DO  
YOU USUALLY PLAY?

TWO TRUTHS  
AND A LIE

**YELLOW**

**Because it's easier than  
fighting with the kids.**

- I have opened for Rise Against and Fall Out Boy
- I lived in Indonesia
- I was on the Price is Right

## A BRIEF NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Greetings, friends!

October is the SPOOKIEST month, and I'm sure you enjoyed the creepy possibilities it brings. Be sure to attend our ALL-[toggle]'S EVE CELEBRATION on 29 October at Nellies. It's going to be terrifyingly amazing.

November will bring a newcomer event, where we go out of our way to welcome new folks to [toggle] and arrange for games and other new-member friendly activities. But we hope that [toggle] is always a friendly place. You can help make that happen -- if you see a new person, say hello and invite them to a game or help them find one.

Happy haunting! **And [toggle] your inner geek!**

*ps - Two late newsletters in a row! I might need to change the publication date. Or get my act together.*



## Percy the Penguin's [toggle] Tips



Dear Percy,  
When a friend stabs me in the back and fury overwhelms me during a game, I try not to engage in fisticuffs with my pals, so I usually just flip the table. My question, which is the best way to do so? Lengthwise or widthwise?

- Tantrum Decorum

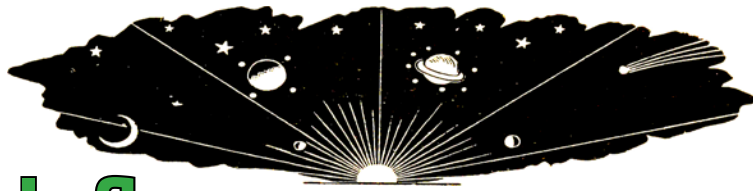
Dear "Decorum,"

As a penguin, I love salt on my meal. But nobody likes an over-seasoned board game. We all get a little salty sometimes, but you've gotta keep it tight.



Assuming you and your friends are sitting two-to-a-side across from one another, you should flip the table lengthwise, so it flies aside. If you lift the closest edge to flip it, some of the more pointy minis become eye hazzards. You may be full of blood rage, but you don't want to hurt your friends permanently.

You also gain when you flip the table off to the side, because with the table out of the way, your buddies can comfort you with hugs. Then you all can pick up the game together.



# Under the Influence

by Master Iko Saghan



**SCORPIO (October 23-November 21):** It is known that Scorpio's deep connection to the world that follows this humble existence fuels and informs your passionate soul. While others might be horrified by your connection to the other-side, trust your heart to use only that which will lift you up. Absorb. Discern. Ascend!



**SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21):** There is a hole in your life. Don't spend your last night on Earth lamenting this deficit. This want is not in your heart, nor soul, but in your game library! Still your mind, silence the voice of negativity, and let your spirit-self whisper what will take you from hole to whole!



**CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19):** Staying in your comfort zone is easy. Doing that which you've done before is safe. But if you don't ever break your routine you run the risk of becoming a comfortable zombie. Dice roll and know not where they will land or will be. Be the hand. Be the die. Cast yourself and discover!



**AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18):** Having spent your energy healing yourself and those around you all year it's time to switch your focus. Lift the shroud of Autumn's gloom... have some fun for fun's sake. Play your favorite games, game with your favorite gamers, or hit a con and let the wind blow you where it may.



**PISCES (February 19-March 20):** Any student of the stars knows that while there are ancient forces that sustain and guide all life, there are also forces eldritch. Horror at this knowledge is understandable. But evil is a force for balance. Darkness is the parchment upon which we mark the map of light.



**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Life is your home. As with games... you may, or may not be in it alone. Knowledge of when--or when not--to invite others in to your residence is a great lesson. Choose wisely as it is better to live in shacks of bliss than mansions of madness, whatever that means to you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Laying sound foundations as you traverse life's path is the key to tranquil tomorrows. The edifice that rests on Spring's labor keeps craftsmen warm in the dead of winter. Similarly, efforts spent in the beginning of a game will reward you many fold as it unfolds.



**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You split the light of the stars into a glorious rainbow of varied passions and pursuits. That which has driven you to explore so broad a swath of experiences is also what has driven you to learn so many wonderful games. Shine that light back out on the dark souls around you.



**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Watching is your first instinct. This is not an impulse to resist at this time. Ask for more information and vet what you hear with care. Are you hearing deep wisdom or just ghost stories? Only after you know should you decide what path to walk or game to play.



**LEO (July 23-August 22):** Everyone is watching. What will they see? They will see what you show them... nothing more. Decide who you will show your smooth exterior surface and who will see the bloody innards of your psyche. A place to gain some insight and practice is large social deduction games.



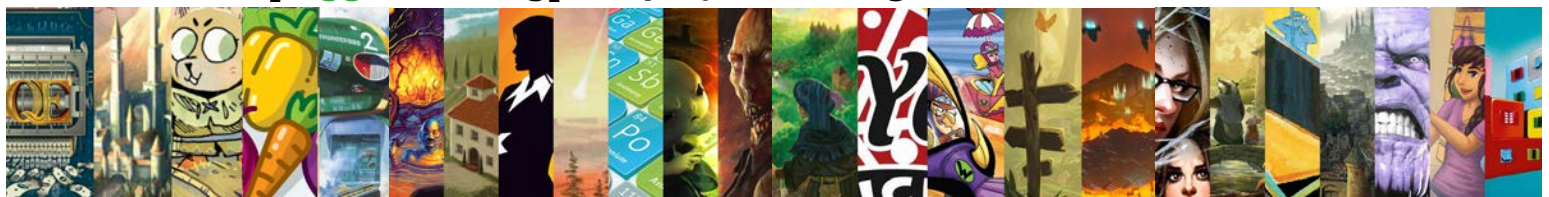
**VIRGO (August 23-September 22):** Entering knowledge can be simultaneously painful and delightful. A glimpse into the mysterium... that which makes the things of which everything is composed is thrilling. But the more you know, the more you know you don't know. Will you learn new games, or remain with the familiar?



**LIBRA (September 23-October 22):** New relationships and long held friendships each have a place in your heart. The newer strengthen it while the elder sign their names indelibly thereupon... as a talisman against life's trials and tribulations. Blend your whole life by playing expansions with new and old friends.



Last month at [toggle Gaming], we played these games and more!



# Join the [toggle] Tour!

Taking a trip? Get a picture in your [toggle Gaming] gear! Post it online or send it to us at [info@togglegaming.com](mailto:info@togglegaming.com).



Jason Brooks

October 4 at 1:34 PM

Alas, Toggle friends! I got to visit Santorini, but unfortunately did not get to PLAY Santorini while i was there. I can vouch that the blue domes are real and plentiful!



## BOX ART BOOGIE:

Identify the games by a piece of their box art

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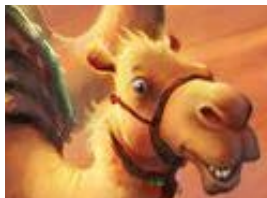
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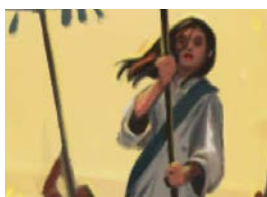
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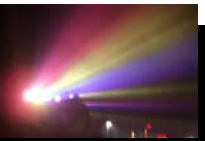
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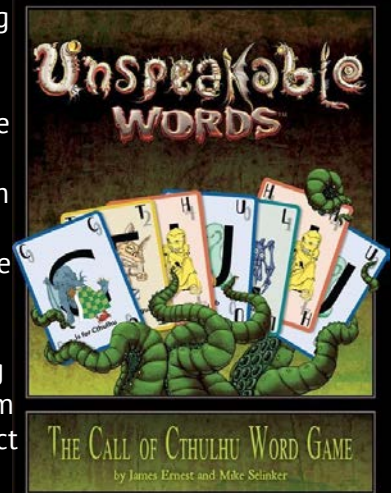


With a over 400 titles in our game library, there are lots of amazing games to try. Here's one to check out!

### UNSPEAKABLE WORDS

by James Ernest and Mike Selinker, 2007

Creepy writer (and appalling racist) H.P. Lovecraft set the stakes for the genre often called "cosmic horror," where unfortunate people happen upon terrible creatures from beyond time and space, beings whose very existence is so disruptive to the mind that we go mad just by looking at them, or thinking about them, or hearing them speak. Seems like the perfect topic for a card game!



In *Unspeakable Words*, you play cards to spell things while trying to prevent yourself from going insane. Unlike other word games where uncommon letters score more points, in this game, letters score based on how many corners they have. As you play more words, you will start to lose your grip on reality. On the plus side, as your mind gets invaded by terrible thoughts, you start thinking in the language of the ancient ones, and all words, even the unspeakable ones, become available to you.

From famed designers James Ernest (*Kill Dr. Lucky*, *Tak*) and Mike Selinker (*Betrayal at House on the Hill: Window's Walk*, *The Pathfinder Adventure Card Game*), this light party-style game will keep you laughing and screaming right up until his greatness Cthulhu returns to devour the world.

It's right on the shelf in the [toggle] Library, so master your fear and take this arcane, eldritch box from the shelves.

You've got nothing to lose ... **but your mind!**

Is there a game in the [toggle Gaming] library you don't think gets enough love? Promote it here! Submit a 300-word piece telling others why they should play the game, and we will likely run it in a future edition of THE [tOGGLE] TIMES. Send it to [brendan@togglegaming.com](mailto:brendan@togglegaming.com)

Neal Slack has completed LEGEND OF ZELDA: OCARINA OF TIME many times.

# September-October calendar

## UPCOMING at [toggle Gaming]



### Tabletop Tuesdays

October: 22, 29 November: 5, 12

@ *Durty Nellie's*, 6pm-Midnight

Join us for our weekly game meetup in Palatine, chock-a-block full of fun games, great people, and tasty victuals. See Meetup or Facebook for more.



### [All toggles' Eve] Halloween celebration

29 October @ *Durty Nellie's*, 6pm - Midnight

Celebrate Halloween with your [toggle] friends! Dress up for the costume contest, enter the Zombie Dice tournament, and take a whack at a piñata.



### LEGACIES Kickstarter Launch

5 November @ *Durty Nellie's*, 6pm - 11pm

[toggler] Jason Brooks will host the Kickstarter launch for *Legacies*, his strategic Euro. Try the game and enter a drawing to be depicted on a card!



### [toggle Gaming] Newcomer night

12 November @ *Durty Nellie's*

Thinking about coming to a [toggle] event but unsure of yourself? Have a friend who has been thinking about coming? This is the night! Greeters and friendly games will be on offer. Join us!



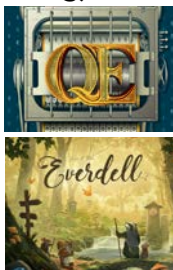
## FEATURED GAMES OF THE WEEK

Descriptions at: [togglegaming.com/events/gotw/](http://togglegaming.com/events/gotw/)

### October 22 - Q.E. (Quantitative Easing)

(donated by BoardGameTables.com)

taught by Brendan Riley



### November 5 - Everdell

(donated by Starling Games)

and taught by Paul Luri



### Save the date:

## [toggle Game Day]

Saturday, 18 January 2020

Join us at Nellie's for our annual winter gaming extravaganza.

Suggest events for the calendar to us: [andrewn@togglegaming.com](mailto:andrewn@togglegaming.com)

## Upcoming Chicagoland Gaming Events

Be sure to wear your [toggle Gaming] gear to spread the word, and send us pics or post them on our Facebook group!



### EAGLES Open Gaming at Izaak Walton League

899 Jay Street, Elgin

Thursdays @ 7:00-10:00pm



### Board Game Night at Palatine Public Library

Library Story Room AB, 700 N North Ct, Palatine

3rd Thursdays - Thu 10/24, Thu 11/21 @ 6:30-8:30pm



### Algonquin Area Board Game Night at Daily Projects Coffee Bar

124 South Randall Road, Algonquin

Wed 10/23, Fri 11/1, Wed 11/6 @ 6pm



### Design, Play, Improve, Repeat at Lou Malnati's Pizzeria

1 Roselle Rd., Schaumburg

Sun 10/28 @ 6pm



### GameHole Con at Alliant Energy Center

Madison, WI 53713

10/31 - 11/3



# FLGS SHOUT OUT

## GAMING GOAT - CHICAGO

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