STRATEGIC PLAY

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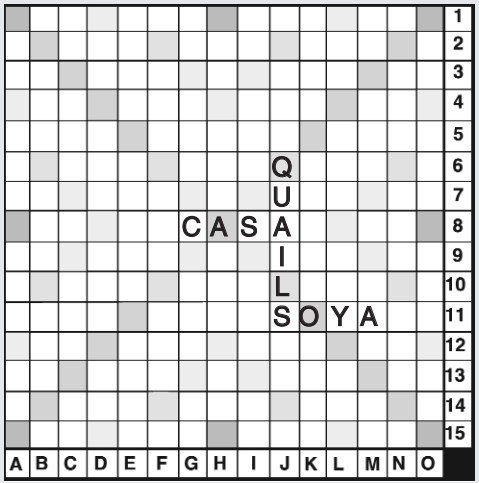
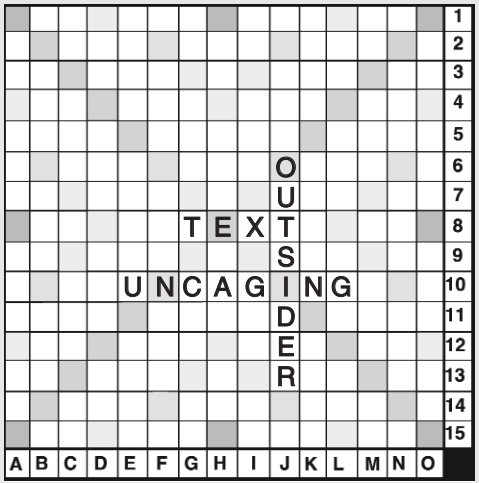
BOARD #1



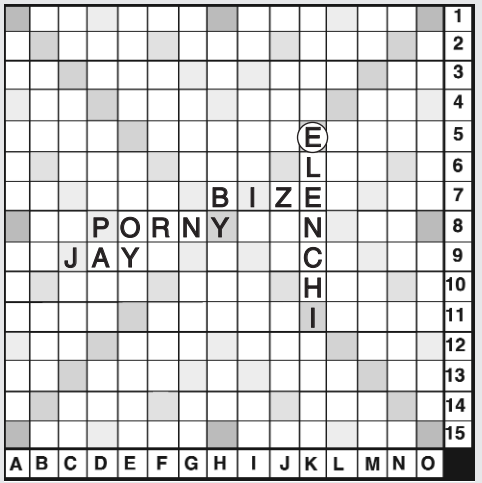
YOUR SCORE: 36 **OPP. SCORE:** 41
YOUR RACK: ELLNRRX
CHOICES: REX 12K 41; LEARN M9 12; LAXER M10 24; LYNX L10 28; EX 12L 37

BOARD #2



YOUR SCORE: 63 **OPP. SCORE:** 86
YOUR RACK: AAOPRSU
CHOICES: APO 11D 20; PARURA 13H 18; UPROAR 13H 22; DUO 11J 15; ODA 11I 15

BOARD #3



YOUR SCORE: 48 **OPP. SCORE:** 139
YOUR RACK: EEIIRSU
CHOICES: EXCH. EIU; EXCH. EIIU; ICE 9J 5; LIEU 6K 6; JURIES C9 26; NISEI 8K 18; EXCH. IIU

While learning and playing obscure words is an integral part of the game, what keeps many players coming back for more is the challenge of deciding upon the best strategic play in a complex position. Strategic thinking is very different from word searching.