Gaming Help
This refers to the feature article Amazing World of Dots and Boxes (SR, March 2017) by Shrey Shekhar. After reading this article I remembered my childhood days when I also used to play this interesting game just thinking how to capture more and more boxes to win the game. But at that time I did not know that there are also winning strategies for this game. The strategies explained in the article are interesting and are helpful to win the game.

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Farming Vertically
The editorial Mobile Phone Radiation: Potential or Exaggerated Risk? published in the April 2017 issue of Science Reporter will help to make the young generation, who use mobile phones for hours, aware about the potential risks, including brain tumours. The cover story Vertical Farming: Key to Mitigating World’s Hunger? was also interesting. Using this technology we can grow crops, fruits and vegetables in our houses easily. Seeing the future impending food shortage, vertical farming could be a boon for the whole world. Harvesting will be so easy and labour costs will decrease. There is no fear of droughts or floods or infestation either.

The spread of vertical farming in India in the next five years will be interesting to watch. I hope that this technology could put an end to the suicide of farmers in the country while at the same time meeting our demand for food.

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Combating Food Shortage
The article Vertical Farming published in the April issue presents the need of the hour. The article was indeed informative and outlined an attempt to solve the shortage of food in the future. We need to think in this way as the population is increasing rapidly but cultivable land is fast disappearing. The article very beautifully brought out the advantages of vertical farming. I would like to congratulate Science Reporter for this wonderful article.

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Exploding Lakes
I am a regular reader of Science Reporter since 1990 and still enjoy it.

Nyos Lake in Cameroon.

One short feature on Bolivia’s salty marvel – the Salar de Uyuni lake – seemed very attractive to me. This lake with enormous stores of lithium will be able to meet the future needs of lithium for lithium-ion batteries of the world.

In this context I would like to mention that there are many other strange lakes on our earth. One such lake is Nyos in Cameroon. Lake Nyos in 1986 released a cloud of carbon dioxide which killed about 2000 people and about 3500 livestock. These types of lakes are called “exploding lakes” and they eject gases without any prior warning.

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Exciting Quest
I have been a regular reader of Science Reporter since the past six years. I love the way of presentation of science in the magazine.

In the March 2017 issue, the article Quantum Computers focuses on one of the grandest expressions of human spirit. Quantum computers are one of the topmost marvels of modern computer science.

From the very dawn of human intellect there started endless efforts to know answers to ‘how, when, why, where’ etc. All scientific inventions are results of such searches. In the near future our cell phones may have a quantum operating system...but the human quest for still newer things will never stop. Let us wait and watch for more exciting developments to happen.

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