

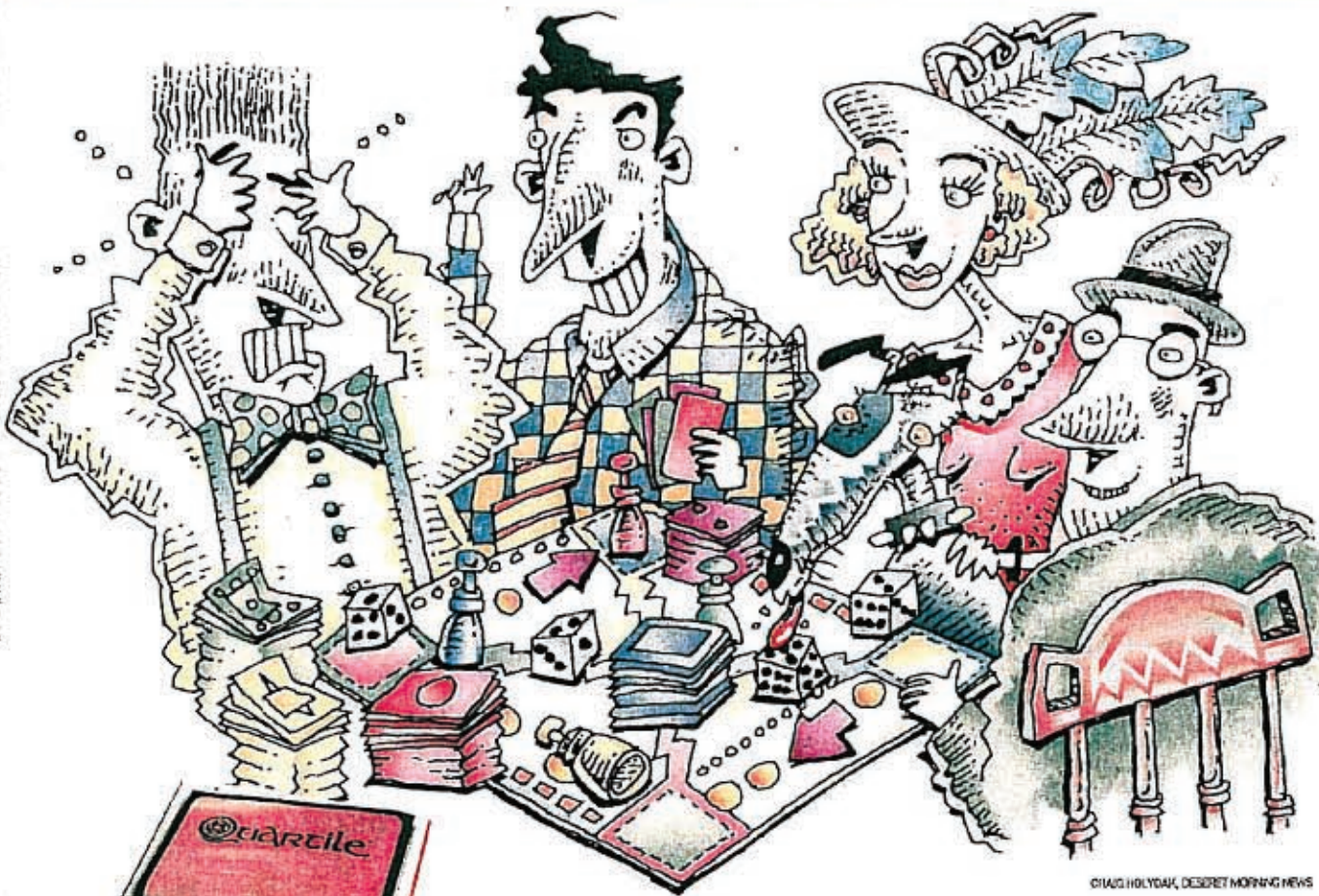
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Board and card games still offer family-friendly fun

Name of the game

By Carma Wadley, Deseret Morning News

Since we live in such an electronic world, you might think things like board games are passe.

Not so, says Greg Jones, manager and "Prime Minister of Games" at Game Night Games in Sugar House. "There were lots more new games this year. The number of titles is really picking up. It's exciting and, at the same time, a bit overwhelming."

Maybe it's because we live in such an electronic world. Board, card and party games offer old-fashioned fun — the kind that doesn't need a lot of bells and whistles.

That's not to say there aren't some splashy games out there. Graphics, component parts, design are all top-notch, says Jones.

When people think of board games, they often tend to think of traditional games, such as Monopoly and Risk. And while those are still out there — even in updated versions (this year you can get a Disney-Pixar Monopoly game or a "Star Wars" version of Risk) — there's a whole lot more going on in the game world.

The biggest trend, says Jones, has been the emergence of what is called Euro-style games. "These games share certain characteristics that make for a much more engaging and socially interactive experience," he says.

They generally don't have player elimination, so no one has to find something else to do while other players battle it out. They often play out in less than an hour. They typically have more player interaction and they have high-quality components and varied, interesting themes.

Many of them originate in Germany, where gaming is serious business. "In Germany, newspapers run reviews of board games next to the book reviews," says Jones.

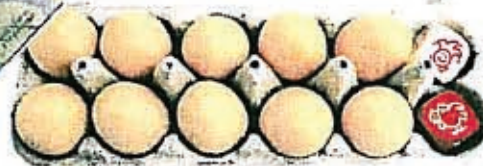
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Popular new board games this year cover a wide range of genres, skills, interests and age levels.



Zooloretto received the prestigious German Game of the Year award.



Kids can play Dancing Eggs or games featuring horses, frogs and variety of activities.

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NO KIDDING?



Slash

Just play along

Real names of pop/rock music stars

1. Slash — Saul Hudson
2. Nikki Sixx — Frank Ferraro
3. LL Cool J — James Todd Smith
4. Mick Mars — Robert Deal
5. Method Man — Clifford Smith
6. D'Angelo — Michael Ansher
7. Grandmaster Flash — Joseph Saddler

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Blue vs. Red charity

The third annual Blue vs. Red Gilroy Charity Run, a series of races benefiting the Shoes for Children Program and other community sports-related projects, is today at Liberty Park, where registration begins at 7:30 a.m. There will be a 10K race at 9 a.m., a 5K race at 9:45 a.m. and a Kids Fun Run at 10:30 a.m. Run for your favorite team — the Cougars or the Utes — and help a charity in the process.



Time for caring

A series of Kids Who Care family nights every Monday at 7 p.m. from now until Christmas is being hosted by the Provo Community Action Services and Food Bank. The free interactive activity teaches families how they can help others in the community. To reserve a spot for your family, call 801-681-5227. Community Action Services and Food Bank is located at 815 S. Freedom Blvd., Provo (www.CommunityAction.UT.org).



Let's tango!

The Argentine Tango MILONGA group is hosting a dance party and pitluck event on Saturday, 8 p.m.-midnight, at Marsh Construction, 325 E. 2000 North, Ogden, to acquaint others with the romantic art of the Argentine tango. Admission is \$10 at the door.

