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Today's Topics:

1. Regarding New York Times crossword payments (Will Shortz)

Message: 1
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From: Will Shortz <wshortz@aol.com>
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Dear friends,

A quick announcement about a change in New York Times crossword payments -- for the better:

As you know, there is a two-tier system, designed to reward the most frequent and experienced constructors. Until now, for a contributor's first to 10th crosswords in the paper, the rate has been \$500 (daily) / \$1,500 (Sunday). Beginning with the 11th crossword the rate has been \$750 (daily) / \$2,250 (Sunday).

The rates aren't changing, but the threshold for the higher rate is being reduced. Beginning January 1 the higher rate (\$750 and \$2,250) will apply starting with a contributor's fourth puzzle.

The change is designed to encourage even newer contributors to contribute more often, by the setting of an easier bar to meet for the higher rate.

The rates for Sunday variety puzzles will remain the same:

? Cryptics, Puns & Anagrams, novelties -- \$600? Diagramlesses -- \$500

Along with Joel, Sam, and everyone on the Times' games team, I'd like to thank every one of you who contributes, for helping make the Times' puzzles so successful.

--Will Shortz