Webster's Dictionary defines colloquy as mutual discourse. Readers are encouraged to submit additions, corrections and comments about earlier articles appearing in Word Ways. Comments received up to a month prior to publication of an issue will appear in that issue.

Jeff Grant belatedly adds a number of AEGINRST transpositions to the 131 developed by Dmitri Borgmann in the November 1976 Word Ways; as before, many of the words or terms have been coined for the occasion.

132 GENITRAS - 14th cent. spelling of 'genitors', or genitals (OED)
133 GNASTIER - comp. form of 'gnastie', a 17th cent. spelling of nasty (OED)
134 I. R. AGENTS - men from the Inland Revenue Department
135 NEAR-TIGS - near-touches in the game of tig
136 RAGIN' EST - superlative form of 'ragin', slang for raging
137 REGNAIST - to gnai st again; 'gnaist' is an early form of 'gnast', to gnash, in the OED
138 RIGA-SENT - sent from the city of Riga (cf. 'heaven-sent')
139 STANGER, I. - an individual in the 1975/76 Brisbane telephone directory

Ed Wolpow has filled in Tom Pulliam's missing synonym squares with words starting with J, X, Y and Z. Viewed as collections of synonyms, these are less than perfect, but perhaps the best solutions available.

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s o J ourn ta X odium mold Y en Z ootic
tr O lley ba Y berry spor E ho O kworm
sa U nter al L spice hyph A cr O talid
cl R cult ir O wood ascu S ca N icola
ru N away pa L metto plan T al O cinma
tr E kker pr O sopis fa S ciola
vo Y ager ma G nolia ep I demic
ma Y temus li S teria
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More consecutive letters from Maxey Brooke: "SS's, SS's, SS's!!" screamed Susan, "that's all I hear!!" The latest issue of Logophile (Vol. 3, No. 1) contains a charming poem by David Norman:

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I know a chap called Davy Judd who really loved his beer;
He'd sup his Double Diamond till it made him feel quite queer.
And when you'd think he'd had enough and couldn't take no more,
Then Davy Judd'd, D. D.'d, drink till he slumped to the floor.
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Fire the proof for Pulliam, Har August issue. put, and girt should be 'pist' URN is not enter 'eye' in the anagram of letter TREATISE: acquire. The line should be deleted onward. In "I lost a final E,"

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Fire the proof-reader! Jeff Grant, Hap Hazard, Philip Cohen, Tom Pulliam, Harry Partridge and Homer Calkins noted various typos in the August issue. In the "Palindrome Pairs" table, 'pot' was misspelled put, and girt should be 'engirt'. In "Word-Rubric Rebi!" pai mater should be 'pia mater' (see PER), BEE should be credited to Stalin, URN is not enigmatic but FORMAT is, and there should be a comma after 'eye' in the Nightowl rebade. In "Anagrams and Transposals" the anagram of lemonade is demon ale. In "Word Ways Challenges" under Crashing Words wines should be 'wires', and under Pattern Words MI should be MS. A line was omitted in Tom Pulliam's synonym square for TREATISE: add echte S is. In the Brain Games review, omit the word quirt. The line connecting crowd to onward in "Word Roots and Branches" should be deleted, and lines drawn connecting drown to both wonder and onward. In "High-Soring Scrabble", bellow (in the explanatory notes) lost a final E. In Colloquy, 'mn' is a variant of mm, not min, and straight-tongued is in the English Dialect Dictionary.

New -cide words keep coming to light. Jeff Grant has discovered 'brahminicide' (or 'brahmanicide')(one who has killed a Brahmin, or the killing of a Brahmin), 'gelicide' (a frost), 'legicide' (a destroyer of laws), 'linicide' (a weed-cutter), and 'utricide' (one who stabs an inflated vessel of skin), all in the OED. George Sheeets has found 'eteteticide' (Howard E. Evans, Life on a Little-Known Planet, 1974-78), 'nemacide' (from Merck Index, item 3015 -- either a variant of nematocide, or a trade name of dichlofenthion), 'nemicide' (from Merck Index, item 8949 -- a trade name of tetramisole), 'pseudonicide' (from a can of disinfectant made by Vonachen Industrial Supplies, Peoria, III.) and 'ottaclide' (a trademark of the Ottawa Chemical Division of Ferro Corporation, Toledo, Ohio). He confesses that the word georgicide in the February 1979 article was an invention -- but Rudolf Ondrejka wonders if, perhaps, it might exist somewhere in a discussion of assassination attempts on British kings or on Chicago gangster George "Bugs" Moran.

Howard Bergerson has brought to light another numerological oddity associated with the word FOX. Adding to Boris Randolph's discovery in the August 1977 Kickshaws that the FOX is the Biblical beast with mystical number 666 (since F = 6, O = 15 with digits summing to 6, X = 24 with digits also summing to 6), he notes that 6 + 15 + 24 = 45, and 666 = 37x3x2x3, with its prime factors also summing to 45.

In the May 1979 Kickshaws, Will Shortz mentioned words that become new words when translated into Pig Latin. Frederick Landers would like to call readers' attention to a similar language called Turkey Irish, in which 'ub' is inserted before each vowel in a word. In this language, dull becomes 'double', bull becomes 'bubble', hub becomes 'hubbub', and he appropriately becomes 'hubby'. Any other examples?

Philip Cohen thinks that Maxey Brooke should have mentioned that 'anagram', in National Puzzlers' League usage, is synonymous with aptagram.
Additions and improvements for all three parts of "Word Ways Challenges" continue to flow in; all unattributed ones were sent by Jeff Grant. Summarizing by section:

Word Squares: The first square below uses only three vowels, and the second has only two consonants. 'Schw', 'hrte' and 'wittr' are early spellings of shoot, hurt and utter in the OED. 'Aeeae' was the legendary home of Circe (see Webster's New Geographical Dictionary) and 'eneye' and 'eyeere' are early OED forms of ineye and eyer. The third square, containing only six vowels, was constructed by David Rosen using only words from the Merriam-Webster Pocket Dictionary.

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S C H W T   A E A E A   S T R A P
C R W T H   E N E Y E   T R I N E
H W R T E   A E A E A   R I N G S
W T T E R   E Y E R E   A N G S T
T H E R M   A E A E A   F E S T S
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Finally, here is a regular 5x5 square using only the letters E and S, and a double 6x6 square using only E, R, S and T.

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S E S S E   T R E S S
S S S S E   T R E S S
E E S S E   T E R S S
S E S S E   T E R S S
E E S S E   T R E S S
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Morse Code: Tom Pulliam suggests that a longer inverse pair than 'kneel/ratty' is given by 'inmask/mainor'.

Alphanumeric: According to Tom Pulliam, the NI difference pair 'bedrown/Canchi' exceeds 'mulita/hicks', and the four-word sets 'boxy/mide/dea/ad' and 'ainoi/heat/ade/ca' beat 'Egypt/brid/pie'. He also notes that the NI sum word 'canfus/dotage' is longer than 'affine/glaws', and a three-word set is 'tatty/guns/big'. Finally, he proposes 'Flagellariaceae', with a score of 98, as the lightest 15-letter word, and 'anidiotical' as the longest centrally balanced beam word.

Letter Shapes: An OED search for words made up of vertically symmetric letters revealed BECHECKED, CHECKBOOK, CHICKHOOD and DEBOICHEE, and the English Dialect Dictionary has COCK-CHICK and the ten-letter CHICK-CHOCK. All these are beaten by HOOCHE-COOCHE, a var. of hootchy-koothy, an erotic dance, in NI3. How about the non-dictionary term of endearment COOCHIE-COOCHIE? Among tall-letter words, 'lillypilly' is matched by 'biddy-biddy', 'fifty-fifty', 'fifty-fifith' (all N2), and 'hiddygiddy', 'higly-pigly', 'light-tight' (all OED). These are beaten by 'highty-tighty' (haughty) in the EDD, and the inferred 'fifty-fifithly'. The all-high-letter word 'lobidibi' is equaled by 'tiffiiffi' (an early form of tiffiiffi) in the OED. 'Pygg' (15th cent. spelling of pig) in the OED and 'jugg' (diaL. var. of the verb gig, to creak) in the EDD are longer all-low-letter words than gyp.

Pattern Words: Either by 'Al' or pattern abbaa 'feer', found 'place name TIG. The twin by 'eteet' & Wagnalls U is represented by 'aitai', one of the missin ed by 'aitti', 'hiu', a var trated by 'huu' (If Y counts a l l y in match the eight-letter palindromic words 'o' of dialect vari ans. Re
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Restricted Letters: A group of 32 word crats, framed others are found in Chambers.

Words in Words in Chambers can be progressively
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Note that no word in Chambers is a challenge. '101' and 'ol' are identical, 'oi' and 'ral' are in the NI3, or can be added Baba and the

Miscellany: Ed suggests I to the ten-dig subtransposal betwines/we
Pattern Words: Tom Pulliam notes that the pattern cbabaa is illustrated either by 'Ailill' or 'Danann', both in NI2; he also discovered that the pattern abbaac can be represented by 'Annaas'. Jeff Grant adds 'effeer', found under effeer in the OED. Bbaabb is represented by the place name 'Ooloo' in Northern Territory, Australia according to the TIG. The two missing five-letter patterns, ababa and ababa, are given by 'ettee' in the OED and 'Eeloe', a mountain in Asia, in the Funk & Wagnalls Unabridged; the missing four-letter pattern, abbb, is represented by 'ooze' (ooze, in the English Dialect Dictionary). A few of the missing vowel-consonant four-letter patterns are abCC illustrated by 'aitt', a variant of ait (oat) in the OED; Abbc illustrated by 'hiuul', a variant of the archaic pronoun heo in the OED; and Abbc illustrated by 'huuyl', a variant of the interjection hui (begone!) in the EDD. (If Y counts as a vowel, Ed Wolpow notes the NI2 words tyee, pooa and 1lyyn match the patterns Abcc and Abbc, respectively.) The two eight-letter patterns aabbcdef and aacbbdef can be upgraded to dictionary words 'olliest', the superlative form of oolly, a Herefordshire dialect variant of woolly in the EDD, and 'fuulyth', listed under full vb. 2b in the OED. Finally, Wassamasaw (swamp), in Language on Vacation (1965), is a place name palindrome exceeding Kanakanak.

Restricted Letter Sets: (CF) (LR) (AE) (MT) (ES) is a five-letter garble group of 32 words in which there is a choice of letters in each position; crats, frams, frats, and frems are plurals of EDD words, and all others are found in the OED (flete and frete early forms of fleet) and/or in NI2 or NI3. How "bed" and "boots" are 'at' and "boots" in the OED. Words in Words: 'Territorialis', a variant spelling of territorializes in Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary (see also -ise in NI2) can be progressively deleted in 15 different ways:

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al, torii, terrises ia, orl, tise, terris ria, ol, Iiti, errs, tes
li, rias, oc, territs o, trial, rii, terses r, ol, Itali, rs, teres

Note that no word has been used more than once, as specified in the challenge. 'Territores' (territoire), 'orl', 'ia' (yel), 'ril' (rili) and 'oi' are in the OED, and 'iti' and 'itis' in the OED Supplement; 'oi' and 'ral' appear in the EDD. All others can be found in NI2 or NI3, or can be inferred from words therein ('Ali' appears in Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves in NI2).

Miscellany: Ed Wolpow and Tom Pulliam both discovered the 22-letter NI2 word HYPERCoNSCIENTIOUSNeSS made up entirely of chemical element abbreviations; if only single-letter abbreviations are allowed, Ed suggests PSYCHOPANNYCHY is the longest. Both found solutions to the ten-digit number 1532487609 in which each digit is used exactly once and which is a perfect square (of 39147); substituting letters for digits, one of many solutions is 'interclash/thirl'. Ed Wolpow's subtransposal 'reflexed/axolotl' scores 15,552,000 (multiplying together the letter-values $A = 1$, $B = 2$, etc.), but Tom Pulliam's 'betwines/western' beats this with 55,062,000. An eleven-letter sub-
transposable word is 'abracadabra/pili', according to Ed Wolpow.

Tom Pulliam easily found numerous eight-letter shiftgrams, such as 'abutment/habitual'; it should be possible to find examples nearly twice as long. Jeff Grant found a large number of words in the sub-transposal set which scores 300: acte(act), adoe(ado), alay, alay, ato, ayal, ayl, bafe, beef, befe, cabby, cadee, cady, cate, cede, ceed (seed), cd, dace, doe, eel, eela(ela), elo, jao, job, lay, lee, ly, oade, oat, oad, oda(odeum), ode(o,vb.), tace, tec, to, toa, yl (all in the OED) and Edo, tao, teca and yal (all in NI2).

Proper Names: Tom Pulliam fills gaps in Presidential town names with Ford (KS, VA, WA), Carter (KY, MT, OK, SD, TN, WI, WY), Hiram (GA, ME, OH) and Stephen (MN), all from the Rand McNally Road Atlas.

Philip Cohen adds six more AEST transposals to Jeff Grant's sixteen in the August 1979 Colloquy:

Aste - populated place (OSN Gazetteer USSR)
A-Tse - populated place (OSN Gazetteer People's Republic of China)
Stae - populated place (OSN Gazetteer Sweden)
tesa - teesa, the zugunga falcon Poliorhnis teesa (Century Dictionary); also the stream Torrente Tesa (OSN Gazetteer Italy)
Tse-a - a variant spelling of Sia, a New Mexico Keresan tribe (Handbook of American Indians North of Mexico)

This leaves only ESAT and TSAE, which look like plausible combinations of letters; a complete solution of 24 transposals may be possible.

Jeff Grant has found three more NI2 words containing all the letters from N through U: disquiparation, counterquips, preconquest. He notes three more transposals of the letters AEPRS: areps (arep' is an archaic verb meaning 'to reach' in the OED), raeps (dialectical form of ropes, in NI2), and spaer (one who foretells, under spae in the OED). Using 'defog' and 'klam' from NI2, 'hij' from the OED, and 'qrs complex' from NI3, he was able to shorten the Games & Puzzles alphabetic word chains:

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\begin{align*}
ABC, \text{defog, hijack, limnophil, querist, uvrow, XYZ} \\
ABC, \text{defog, hij, klam, nop, querist, uvrow, XYZ} \\
ABC, \text{defog, hij, klam, nop, qrs, tu, vow, XYZ}
\end{align*}
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As a lagniappe, he presents a series in which the letters of the alphabet alternate: AbBaCy, DwErFs, CeHeIm, JoKuLs, MeNiOr, PfQuReRs, âTrUîVe, WaX, âYeZ. Alas, this is slightly marred by 'geheim' which appears only in the etymology for Geheimrat in NI3.

Cynthia MacGregor observes that Leo Rosten's The Joys of Yiddish cites the word 'yinglish', a blend of Yiddish and English. Spanglish, she adds, is commonly encountered in parts of New York City. In the Broadway musical "Seesaw", Cy Coleman and Dorothy Fields included a song en-
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titled 'Spanglish' in which New Yorkers sang/spoke a mixture of the
two languages.

Philip Cohen agrees with Darryl Francis that transatlantic pronunciations
are hard to predict; he has seen 'Miz Medders' (Miss Meadows, in
West Virginia mountain dialect) and 'bellerin' (bellowing).

In response to "High-Scoring Scrabble", Sam Edelston suggests the
word UNEQUILIBRIZING; 'equilibrize' is listed in NI3 and other diction-
aries as a synonym for equilibrate, and 'unequilibrated' is in the Cen-
tury Dictionary. Although this has the desirable property of placing the
high-scoring letters Z and Q on the 4th and 12th squares (double letter
value), the total value of the word is only 56, three less than BENZOXY-
CAMPHORS.

Philip Cohen's "Word-Rubric Rebi" was the basis of a prize contest by
Murray Pearce at the July 1978 Stamford Convention of the National Puz-
zlers' League. As a special tiebreaker, he devised a new enigmatic re-
bus: DEMONS = counterdemonstration center.

Jeremiah Farrell wonders if the tendency of rebus puzzles to have more
than one answer could be corrected by offering a hint of the answer.
Sadly, he concludes that this may not be sufficient, as the following
examples indicate:

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Mary Hazard reports on a beauty parlor named Beachcomber -- nice,
even though it is not on the shore of Lake Ontario. In Morristown,
there's a clever meli of an oft-encountered pun: FRESH HAIR.