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 it.

In the "Reaganagrams" article in the May Word Ways, an asterisk was inadvertently omitted from AGE, WAR AND SIN ROLL ON – the second anagram not generated by computer.

Several readers were inspired to construct Reaganagrams of their own. John Henrick felt NO, DARLINGS, NO ERA LAW was a "magnificent specimen... destined to surpass all others ever" and weighed in with the following:

**WORLDS:** EARN, GAIN, LOAN (an allusion to foreign aid?)  
"SWELL AN IRA, DON!" (GROAN) (financial advice to Treasury)  
NAN, ALL ARE DIOR (expensive dresses for his wife)  
SOLON RAN WAR DEALING (El Salvador, Nicaragua?)  
NO WAIL NOR SNARL, EGAD! (be moderate in demeanor)  
ANGER AND WAR. SOLO? NIL! (no one will survive the Bomb)

His favorite, because of the imagery, is ARENA DIN: WAGONS ROLL.

Three more incorporate the name of Grenada, recently much in the news:

SOON I'LL WARN GRENADA; GRENADA ILL, SO NON-WAR;  
ILL GRENADA? ARSON NOW!

Dmitri Borgmann takes the authors to task for calling Reaganagrams anagrams, since most of them have very little to do with the President. He feels that INSANE ANGLO WARLORD, one of the two non-computer-generated specimens, is the "outstandingly best" of the lot, proving the superiority of mind over machine ("computer domination of logology is a great evil"). He adds a few of his own:

**LO!** AN "ANA-" WORD-SLINGER (he uses many words like analog?)  
LOW-IN. LOANS ARRANGED (to combat high interest rates)  
A WILD LOAN 'RANGER, SON! (the aphetic form of arranger neatly puns on Reagan's cowboy image)

Finally, David Shulman constructed a very clever free-verse sonnet with fourteen anagrams of his own:

Alas, no warning, older!  
An Erin go - lad ran slow  
As all, adoring renown,  
Rolls a win on Grenada,  
And will soon arrange  
Lads no longer in war,  
Enrolls onward again.
In the May 1983 Colloquy there was mention of an infinite-level acronym, GOD; Philip Cohen adds the computer hackers' MUNG = MUNG Until No Good (mung means 'mess up, ruin'). Two other interesting specimens from the world of computers are:

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\begin{align*}
\text{MINCE} &= \text{MINCE Is Not Complete EMACS} \\
\text{XINU} &= \text{XINU Is Not UNIX}
\end{align*}
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(MINCE and EMACS are both text editors)

However, Philip notes, XINU, sides reversed, is UNIX.

In the November 1983 issue, Leonard Ashley called for examples of words made obsolete by advancing technology. Louis Phillips suggests the following:

- **UMBRELLA** certainly is no longer an accurate term, coming as it does from OMBRELLA, OMBRA - meaning shade. How many persons use the umbrella for shade? It seems the umbrella is more usually used to keep off water. Perhaps there should be a PLEUVELLA - one for rain, one for shade?

- Dmitri Borgmann suggests replacing diARTicular with semiARTiculate in "Complete Tetragram Permutations" - still not in the Pocket Dictionary, but far more intelligible to the average reader. Tom Pulliam notes that mITRAl is not in the Pocket Dictionary, but nITRAte is.

No one sent in an answer to the Wombat rebus at the end of "Good-Bye, Dr. Wombat!" in the February 1984 Word Ways. The solution to this elaborate and ingenious linguistic rebus is as follows:

- Rabbit: this stands for Spain, which the Phoenicians named for the rabbits or conies they found there (SuPHaN in Phoenician, often written SPN with indeterminate vowels, cognate to the Hebrew SHaPHaN); one of Hadrian's coins symbolizes Spain with a rabbit
- River through apple orchards: apple orchards is MANZANARES in Spanish, and Madrid is located on the Manzanares River
- Sun shining through portal: PUERTA DEL SOL is the name of the central square in Madrid, where people often meet
- Wooden X with thongs; the cross on which St. Andrew was martyred (tied with thongs, so he would take longer to die) is known as a crux decussata; his festival is on November 30
- Four notches on three legs: four score (notch = score) and three;
i.e., 83 (for 1983)

X again, and sun high in sky: 10 o'clock in the morning
Thus, the place and time is Puerta del Sol, Madrid, at 10 am
on November 30, 1983.

Errata: In "A Sound-Alike Dictionary", aNTiSeRa was omitted as
the NTSR entry. In "Names on the Border", the right-hand entry
at the foot of the page should have been AL FL Alaflora AL. In
"Analyzing Wiretaps", the airtw entry is WATIR, and in definition
5 Cnri Rt should be CRNI RT. Finally, in "An Elaborate Medieval
Mnemonic", the Aristonian forms Cesaro (line 1) and Celaront (line
2) should be interchanged. Further, the word not should be deleted
from the Third Figure and Fourth Figure syllogisms at the top
of page 98.

Harry Partridge points out that ten of the Russian palindromes
in the February 1984 Word Ways are defective because the soft
sign (represented by an apostrophe) is a letter of the alphabet
in Russian. He adds that translations should have been provided.
Tit is Russian for 'Titus', a name given to serfs, and griboedov
is 'mushroom-eater'.

Benjamin Zimmer of Flemington, New Jersey fills JJJW in "The 4-
Set Problem" in the May 1983 issue with Djajawidjaja, an Indones­
ian mountain range in the Hammond Medallion World Atlas. The
same reference lists Zzyzx Springs as the one-word Zzyzx, which
improves XZZZ.

Philip Cohen writes on "A Smashing Victory":

I think he's definitely won; the common vigor and violence is
clear. But everything else ranges from dubious to drivel. I'm
particularly offended by the orthographic delusion that /sh/
= /S/ + /H/ .. [1] noted how long it took me to say 'trash'
.. at normal speed, a bit under .5 second; quickly but clearly,
a bit over .25 .. It's probably true that it takes longer than a
word ending in a stop, but not by much. The attempt to cram
'flash' into the lengthy-action mold is a masterpiece of sophist­
ry .. If he'd just let the words dictate the meaning - strength,
vigor, force, violence all seem to fit 'ash' at least as well
as lengthiness - it would have all made more sense.

Benjamin Zimmer adds two words to "My Set Piece" in the May
1982 Kickshaws: the 1-transaddition to AGINST given by ANGITIS
in Webster's Second, and the 5-transaddition by GNAISTS or TASSING
in the OED.

The Word Wurcher points out another solution to the Biblical pair
associated with the dance ("Last Will and Testament" in the Febru­
(naked!), and commented on it - to her sorrow".

Tom Pulliam and Philip Cohen were confused by Alan Frank's scor-
omitted as hand entry.

Benjamin Zimmer fills the QXX hole in "Words Having Three Rare Letters" in August 1972 with XaXaQuine in Dorland’s Medical Dictionary.

Martin Gardner notes the existence of a second Curiosities of the Bible, written by J.H. Vincent (1832-1920), a Methodist bishop in Buffalo and Topeka.

In the May Word Ways, Louis Phillips presented a collection of Knock-knock jokes and What’s the Question riddles in "The Apple-Sauce Chronicles". According to Paul Dickson in his new book, Jokes (Delacorte, 1983), Knock-knock jokes may have originated with Dorothy Parker in 1920, but they did not become a national fad until the summer of 1936. What’s the Question was introduced on Steve Allen’s TV show in 1958, and a collection of these appeared in The Question Man (Bellmeadows Press, 1959).

Mary Hazard points out two rebus misinterpretations in "The Letter Rebus (Part 2)" in May:

**BETH:** aBoriginally is not a B followed by three dummy letters, but instead the Hebrew letter beth, the 'original' form of the letter B.

**Wangled** is not the letter W turned on its side (though the form of the verse suggested this), but instead wan G led, clued by a fainter-than-normal letter G.

The Alphabet

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