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ANIL has written a wonderful new book *How to Double the Meaning of Life* chock full of all sorts of wordplay. Some items have previously appeared in *Word Ways* but there is much that is new. We are preparing an in depth review of the book for the February issue and use in this issue several excerpts as fillers. See the back cover for ordering details.

DON HAUPTMAN has a review "O. Henry: A Birthday Tribute" in the Atlasphere, http:\\www.theathlasphere.com/columns/110908-hauptman-o-henry.php. He also notes that the October 21, 2011 newspapers report "that the separatist ETA group has pledged to end its four decades of violent protests in Spain. This is a spoonerist's holy grail: At last all the Basques really have been put in one exit!"

DAVE MORICE has another article in the December 2011 *Games* magazine - "The 10,000 Page Book." It describes his adventures in writing his 10,119 page poem that was put in a book measuring 8.5 inches by 11 inches by 2 feet and weighing 65 pounds. (*Word Ways* reported on this last November.)

MIKE KEITH found these new results from the May issue.

> "I found one more anagram arithmetic equation of the "pure" kind, like the two given in the initial lines of Anil's article on p. 94 of the current Word Ways. It is:
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> TWENTY + ELEVEN − THIRTEEN = NINETY/TEN + TWELVE - THREE
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> This equation is related to the one by Dave Morice but is more than just a rearrangement of Dave's integers. It is obtained by replacing the left-hand-side ONE and right-hand-side TWO in Dave's anagram by a left-hand-side ELEVEN and right-hand-side TWELVE (which leaves the anagram property unaffected, since both of these pairs, after cancellation, are EN and TW − an observation related to the fact that ELEVEN TWO is an anagram of TWELVE ONE). After this replacement the new set of numbers is subjected to a different calculation to achieve arithmetic equality.
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> Halfway down page 94, Anil calculates (one trillion) to the power − (seven+four), or (10^{12}) to the power (-11), as 10 to the power $(12-11) = 10$ to the power 1, or 10. But (10^{12}) to the power -11 is 10 to the power -132, is it not?

tap dancing

An excerpt from Anil's Book.