**Base 27: The Key to a New Gematria (May 1993)**  
Lee Sallows

1492 = BAG  
AM, BOB, EAR, GOG, JAW. The constant difference between terms is 1825 = BMP, so that after JAW is LOL, a non-wint.

In the quadratic, $x = FUN$, so $1x^2 + 2x^3 = SAYING$.

**Wordnim and Grundyword**  
Jeremiah Farrell and David Wright

For Grundyword the nim-sum of the nim values of the four words is $0 \oplus 1 \oplus 2 \oplus 0 = 3$. This is non-zero so you must be able to play so that you leave your opponent with a zero. The only way to accomplish that here is to change the value 2 to a 1. Therefore, break LLAMA to a 3-2, say ALL-AM.

**Kickshaws**  
David Morice

**Water, Water Everywhere**  
PEARL, PEAR, PEA

Order, Please  
By length, the words progress from four to fifteen letters: mayo, octet, jangle, apricot, julienne, febrifuge, junctional, marshmallow, augmentation, novelizations, decompenstation, septuagenarians. Since the first three letters of each word spell out the standard three-letter abbreviation of a month, the words can be arranged in monthly order: JANgle, FEBrifuge, MARshmal­low, APRicot, MAYo, JUNctional, JULienne, AUGmentation, SEPtua­genarians, OCTet, NOVelizations, DECompensation. Try reading the second list aloud to someone and ask if they can figure out what the words have in common. It's more difficult to decode the list when it's spoken.

**Transcancellations**  
(1) a TONIC, (2) the SITE, (3) AGE, (4) Nothing

**Queen Anne Is Dead**  
reverse ANNE IV to get VIENNA

**Internal Lettershift**  
Start with U, add 10 to get E, continue adding 10 to each new letter till you get UEOYI, an onomatopoeic sound one makes after biting into a very sour lemon.

**Long Trails of Etymology**  
Leonard R. N. Ashley

1. trellis  
2. palanquin  
3. donkey  
4. Africa  
5. pheasant  
6. zenith  
7. mattrass  
8. fracas  
9. clue  
10. squad  
11. rebuke  
12. massacre  
13. churl  
14. prefer  
15. larceny  
16. pantaloon  
17. safe  
18. lackey  
19. crooning  
20. carpenter  
21. runt  
22. Whig  
23. pounce  
24. mien  
25. harbinger