

CHEATER'S PALINDROMES: PART 3

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Darryl Francis is the third of the four compilers of Cheater's palindromes which were originally featured in the November 1990 Kickshaws. As he is a Scrabble fanatic, many of his constructions are concerned with his adjudication of words played in games between the Greek god Janus and Jeff Grant.

SSELGNIAEMSI'S MEANINGLESS FAKE WORD: ROWEKAF
A PHONEY: YENHPA! FFULBAS IS A BLUFF

The above are just four of his judgments in the games between Jeff Grant, who played strictly to the OSPD supplemented by the **Mbuto Dialect Dictionary**, and Janus who relied heavily upon his unrivaled knowledge of pidgin English spoken only by people with two faces. Jeff won the contest outright, scoring heavily with those fifteen-letter Mbuto words which covered all three triple squares on the peripheral lines and which had a Z or a Q atop a dark blue square.

I WANT NAWI I CONSUME MUSNOCI WE DRINK NIR DEW
Darryl Francis is an epicure and a gourmet; this is reflected in his second group of constructions. Nawi is not only a food-stuff but also Darryl's pet name for the Mbuto lady to whom Jeff introduced him during his epic Scrabble contest with Janus. Visualising her as a Mbuto stew of seka and assorted roots increases Darryl's libido, and, after partaking of the aphrodisiac nir dew, he throws caution to the wind and, under these circumstances, has even been known to ignore his favourite pasta, musconi. A health food, Darryl likes to chop it up and rearrange it on his plate whence he calls it "ion scum".

CAPABLE WAS I ERE I SAW ELBAPAC
Napoleon was also fond of nir dew. So addicted was he that he frequently suffered heartburn - hence his habit of rubbing his chest. Nir dew is produced on the isle of Elba where it is also bottled and prepacked in quantities of a dozen, known as an Elbapac. Napoleon had his supplies rushed to Waterloo daily and, until his addiction proved too strong, he gave Wellington a lesson in military tactics. Sadly, he overdosed on nir dew with the result known to history.