In the May 1995 *Word Ways*, Darryl Francis gave examples of words having every numerical score from 1 (a) to 248 (superstitiously), and challenged readers to come up with a word scoring 249. Leonard Gordon suggested pyknodysostotics, pericardiomediastinitis, electroencephalographers, hexanitrodiphenylamine, hyperprothrombinaemia, photoroentgenographic, mercaptopbenothiazole and chemopallidothalamectomy, all but the first and last in Webster's Second or Third or inferrable from it. Richard Sabey noted superinstitution in Webster's Second. Susan Thorpe added inauthoritativeness, reconstructiveness and photosynthesizing from the OED. Sir Jeremy Morse suggested zoophysiologists (inferred from the Funk & Wagnalls unabridged word zoophysiology) and the inferred word untrustworthier. But Christopher McManus, working with a collection of seven computerized word lists, reported that there exist at least 180 such words! So there is no real need to coin suitable examples, such as Michael Helsem did in a letter to the editor:

> If I may anteproprietorially observe that this so-called "word-weight gap" at 249, like many another assassinmade-mystery, exists only in the pseudoweltanschauung of the dictionary-logologist, it would doubtless lead one to oolongphaeic-anagrammatize such zeitlichkeitlessness as grave or gravid tyrannosauruswoe. However, many of my own friends being equally neowankerly decriminalizationalists, I will merely sweeten the enigmacrystallography of my newfound untrystlessness...

The list below gives examples of words scoring 251 or more; asterisked ones are due to Leonard Gordon, + ones to Richard Sabey, and + ones to Susan Thorpe. Most of their examples come from Webster's Second or Third, or are plurals inferrable therefrom. The remainder, supplied by Christopher McManus, come mostly from the 25th edition of Stedman's Medical Dictionary.

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312 dacryocystorhinostomies* hematospectrophotometers*
313 polytetrafluoroethylene W3* formaldehydesulphonylates*
314 counterrevolutionists* ureterocystanastomosis*
            cryohypophysectomizing
315 laparocolpohysterotomies* thymosulphonephthaleins*
316 retroperitoneololistiche Dorland* arthropneumoroentgenogram
317 thyroparathyroidectomize** chelognathoprosopodysplasia
318 ureteroneocystostomies colpoureterocystotomy voluntary
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319 humuhumunukunukuapuaas W30 dacryocystorhinostomize
320 cryptocrystallizations* pseudohypoparathyroidism*
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339 deoxynucleotidyldttransferase
340 triethylenethiophosphoramide+ ethanolaminephosphotransferase
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352 arthropneumoroentgenography
353 counterimmunoelectrophoretic
354 radioimmunoelectrophoretically
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As a lagniappe, Leonard Gordon extends Darryl Francis's August 1972 article "Lightweights and Heavyweights", giving the lowest-scoring and highest-scoring examples of words of length one through fifteen.

16 syringosystrophy (17.00) lactobacillaceae (6.56)
17 untrustworthiness (16.65) chemicomechanical (7.35)
18 typhloureterostomy (16.11) astragalocalcaneal (8.11)
19 hypophyseoprivously (16.26) palaeacanthocephala (7.53)
20 ureteroneocystostomy (15.50) chemicomineralogical (8.75)
21 counterrevolutionists (14.95) chemico-pharmaceutical (8.90)
22 dacryocystosyringotomy (14.91) historicocabalistical (9.55)
23 ureteropyelonephrostomy (14.91) electroencephalographic (9.52)
24 transureteroureterostomy (15.33) pseudosaccharomycetaceae (9.54)

In Darryl's original list, cryptozygosity (17.36) outweighs tumultuousness, and voluptuously (18.25) outweighs untumultuous.

Atlas There (At Last Here)

All Over the Map (10 Speed Press, 1994), by David Jouris, develops a clever idea introduced in Word Ways a quarter-century ago by Leslie Card: collect groups of related placenames in the United States, such as Latin words, plants and flowers, stars and planets, weather, foods, occupations and some two dozen more. Jouris plots town locations on 33 US maps and provides opposite each map several paragraphs giving the stories behind a few of the names. Readers will probably be most beguiled by the Eccentric Map (reproduced on the cover of this $9.95 paperback) which contains a wide variety of onomastic oddities, from Riddle to Enigma, from Toad Suck to Toad Hop, from Peculiar to Normal, from Why to Whynot, from Sleepy Eye to Smut Eye, and from Hell to Utopia.