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It is necessary to send only one copy of an article. Although handwritten manuscripts are permissible, authors are strongly encouraged to send typewritten articles in order to ensure legibility. Crossword puzzles, diagrams and the like should be drafted in black or India ink in a form suitable for photo-offset reproduction.

In non-fiction articles, the responsibility for the accuracy of any statements rests primarily with the author. The general scope of any investigation should be defined: for example, a statement that words have been taken from the Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary or Unabridged Dictionary, or place names taken from the Rand McNally Commercial Atlas or the Times Index-Gazetteer of the World. If a word or a name comes from an unusual source, this should be identified. Footnotes in general should be avoided; references can be given either in the text or at the end of the article.

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ELBA ILLIABLE

GLENELG, Scotland - In a long-delayed decision, the Supreme Palindromic Court ruled that the Italian island of Elba is not liable for loss of ability sustained while viewing the island. N. Bonaparte, a former French emperor, had been seeking unspecified damages in a case dating back almost two hundred years. The majority opinion, written by Justice Otis Ito, says somewhat elliptically, "Live on did Able; Elba did no evil."

Asked to comment on the result, Bonaparte would only say, "An elehts was I ere I saw St. Helena." Observers speculated that this might signal the start of a new legal action.

DELIA HAILED

NEW BYBWEN - The Society for Palindromes for Society (SFPFS) recently awarded Delia, Kansas its prestigious Prolific Palindrome Generator Medal (5 letters). The Medal is given to the proper name that combines with the most ordinary words to form palindromes. Delia has thirteen such combinations, twelve of them with common words.

Previously, the SFPFS has given the Prolific Palindrome Generator Medal (4 letters) to Elba, which also forms 13 different palindromes. Different awards are given for different length words.

DELEVAN NAVELED

DELEVAN, NY - A freakish rain of navel oranges fell on this upstate New York village recently. The villagers were quite amazed, according to Mayor Roy Am. "We were really expecting Valencias."

DELRAI SNARLED

DELRAI, N.J. - An unusual traffic jam struck Delran, NJ, a suburb of Philadelphia. Some motorists were stranded for as much as a tenth of an hour in this normally quiet town.

Apparently, the tie-up was caused by rumors that Word Ways magazine, a major New Jersey institution, was moving to Delran. A. Ross Eckler, publisher of Word Ways, denied the rumors, saying "A man, a magazine, a move -- voma enizag amanama." He did not elaborate on his statement.

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- Sports: STEM METS is an unofficial National League motto.

- Gardening: CALI LILAC and CAMUS SUMAC are popular this year.

- Travel: ELATH TALE adventure in Israel's southern resort.

- Books: SALTA ATLAS reference to the Argentine province of Salta.

- Style: NORPAC APRON new protective garment introduced by Norpac Foods, an Oregon-based food processing company.

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