

COLLOQUY

Richard Sabey offers two more ways to cope with multi-hyphenated words: a hyphen with a space on one side (used in German sometimes, as in *Frauenliebe und -leben*); a hyphen with a space on both sides (a Japanese text on the game of Go called a certain tactic *shi-cho* and its countertactic *shi-cho - breaker*). He adds "Sometimes the slash is used where it needn't be. For example, you don't need to write 'a treatment plant/fish hatchery in one'. You can write 'a treatment plant and fish hatchery in one'." And why not singer-songwriter instead of singer-songwriter?

Darryl Francis reports that INITIALISM, UPDATE and YUCATEC are the only three words from Word Ways used in illustrative citations in the Second Edition of the Oxford English Dictionary. They appear in three consecutive issues of Word Ways from August 1983 to February 1984, in articles by Faith Eckler, Alan Frank and Maxey Brooke. (The INITIALISM sentence was lifted from Gale Research's *Acronyms, Initialisms and Abbreviations Dictionary*.) Will posterity remember Word Ways by these three highly-idiosyncratic examples? One is reminded of Max Beerbohm's short story "Enoch Soames" in which Soames sells his soul to the Devil in order to visit the British Museum reading room 100 years later (June 3, 1997) to ascertain posterity's opinion of his poetry--where he discovers his only mention is in Beerbohm's story!

Speaking of initialisms, Chris McManus writes "I recently began playing a new game, Pangrammatic Initialisms. The object is to use all the capital letters of the English alphabet in a coherent sentence as initialisms. My example: 'The UXB from HQ searched the YWCA; elsewhere JFK junior discussed ZPG, SETI and VD, in a joint appearance with NORML'. This example uses only eight common initialisms, uses each capital letter only once over all the initialisms, uses no computer initialisms (they make the task too easy), and includes a pun."

Susan Thorpe writes "I agree with Ed Wolpow when he surmises there are a great many tautonymic names in the field of biology. The...August and November 1996 issues of Word Ways persuaded me to have a closer look at these tautonymic names in the world of birds. For this I used A Complete Checklist of the Birds of the World by Richard Howard and Alick Moore." She found six genus/species names that Samuel Long overlooked: *Diuca diuca* (common finch), *Grus grus* (common crane), *Incana incana* (socotra gras warbler), *Porphyrolaema porphyrolaema* (purple-throated cotinga), *Pyrope pyrope* (fire-eyed diucon), and *Seph-anoides sephanoides* (green-backed firecrown). She will list triple avian tautonyms taken from this work in a forthcoming Word Ways article.

Mark Isaak also commented on Long's "Tautonyms in Biology" as follows: "In addition to Famishus famishus, Warner Brothers also referred to Wile E Coyote with the spelling Famishius famishius. Road Runner is once referred to as Delicius delicius. To the list of heterotautonyms, add Diceros bicornis (black rhino), whose name is Greek and Latin for 'two horns'." How about an oxymoronic biological name? Brachinus elongatulus (a bombardier beetle) is short-long, both words referring to the length of its elytra.

Chuck Fendall found one solution to the 10-letter generalized Jotto problem: BLACKSMITH GUNPOWDERY.

The November 1984 Kickshaws reported on the effort of the residents of Hooey Street in Dover NJ to change the name to the less-embarrassing Rutan Drive (both Hooey and Rutan were early Dover settlers). Twelve years after the aldermen bowed to residents' wishes and changed the name, Samuel Hooey's great-great-granddaughter reopened the question by getting 9 of the 12 Rutan Drive residents to sign a petition requesting that the Hooey name be restored (when spoken, Rutan is easily confused with Route 10, a nearby highway). However, one of the 9 later retracted his vote. A Morristown reader facetiously suggested various anagrams of Rutan-Hooey: Rue any toot, A hoot ye run, A honey tour, You'n are hot, True N yahoo, Tan your hoe, Route Hanoy, Yo no huerta, and E! Hay un toro!

Richard Sabey reports several geograms considerably longer than STRONGARMS in Nyr Indictor's August article: ADVENTITIOUSLY in the OED, and MULTILINGUALISMS and SUPERENTHUSIASMS in Webster's 2nd.

Peter Newby reports a flurry of interest in the Daily Mail on personal names in which the last name is an anagram of the first: Ronald Arnold, Lea Hale, Nella Allen, Ashley Halsey, Eric Rice, Brian Brain (a cricketer). In a variant of this game, Gavin Dias of Westcliff-on Sea, Essex married Gina Davis!

Kudos: Lee Sallows writes "I thought Leonard Gordon's base 27 magic square with MAGIC as magic sum was excellent." Jeff Grant adds "I particularly enjoyed Dan's Placename Isogramy and your Jotto article...Phallicdromes is clever."