**HOT SUN, OR LIFE IN A CAR**

DARRYL FRANCIS
Sutton, Surrey, England

Josefa Heifetz Byrne’s famous anagram of Southern California, given in the May 1970 Word Ways, is an apt description of my recent three-week holiday in the American southwest. Actually, I spent very little time there; about 75 per cent of the visit was spent in the neighbouring state of Arizona, with forays into Mexico, Utah and Nevada. While driving, I was mentally noticing placenames that looked anagrammatically interesting. I managed to convert some of the placenames into acceptable words on the spot, but others had to wait until I got back and process them in the computer. Here are 25 placenames that yielded one or more anagrams apiece:

- Anegam, agname, manage
- Artesia, aristae, asteria, atresia
- Champie, impeach
- Chinle, lichen
- Cochise, choices
- Cordes, coders, credos, decors, scored
- Crestline, stenciler
- Durango, aground
- Escalante, elastance
- Gila Bend, blindage
- Gisela, ligase, silage
- Las Vegas, salvages
- Morenci, incomer
- Naslini, anilins
- Nogales, engaols
- Palo Verde, overpedal
- Piedra, diaper, paired, pardie, repaid
- Pintura, Puritan, uptrain
- Quartzsite, quartziest, quartzites
- Rosemont, mesotron, moneros
- Saint George, segregation
- San Simon, mansions, onanisms
- Sedona, anodes [a reversal]
- Teec Nos Pos, copestones
- Tucson, counts