

## COLLOQUY

Susan Thorpe writes: "Amongst Rex Gooch's Fibonacci examples in "Abstemious, Prime, Fibonacci, Square Words" perhaps BEACH BUM should be highlighted, being the only example to include all seven Fibonacci letters. Irritatingly it has two letter Bs. So how about that kebab constituent, the HAM CUBE?" Sir Jeremy Morse is also interested in what might be called Modular Words: Odd (1-Mod-2) Words such as SEQUACIOUS, Even (0-Mod-2) Words such as NTH and BRRR (no vowels available), 0-Mod-3 Words such as FLUORIC (missing only X), COLORIFIC, COLOURFUL, 1-Mod-3 Words such as MAYDAYS, 2-Mod-3 Words such as BETWEEN, 0-Mod-5 Words such as JETTY, OTTETTO and TOOT-TOOT, and 0-Mod-7 Words such as GNU.

Oops! In "Stew Inside Curies" change last word on line 1 page 55 to "ti" and the first words on line 21 page 57 to "Kips saw ton bridally". On page 5 of "Every Word-Pair in This Set Has One Crash", the first HALITES should be MOFETTE. In line 8 of "Recreated" FEAR should be FEAT. Mike Morton notes that STRAIT should be STRAIGHT in one of Michael Keith's pikus.

Max Maven writes "Regarding 'When In Rome, Make a Joke,' an alternative solution for 'dead letter' could be POST PARTUM. Years ago, Canadian puzzleist Mel Stover told me of a lovely faux translation from Latin that was adlibbed by a friend of his. Someone at a meeting asked for the definition of 'colloquium.' Mel's friend promptly stated 'It's where the Roman Senate hung their togas.'"

Sir Jeremy Morse says "I cannot add to [Susan Thorpe's] one-word examples for 'ABCDE,' but offer other five-letter groups: prizEFIGHTer, FEIGH (OED), HiGHFIELD (placename), MILK-Jug, MONK-Like, saLMON-Pink, comMONPLace, PaMPLONa (placename), SiMPLON (placename), STRUVite (OED), STURVe (OED). Common hyphenated six-letter examples are craB-FACED and hIGH-FED. A thirteen-letter two-word example from the days of hemp-stealing is hiGHJACKED FIMBLE, covering half the alphabet."

In "Roman Numerology" Susan Thorpe improves on eXtraVehICuLar (5 different RNLs) with either unEXCLusIVeness or eXtraVentrICuLar. She suggests looking for the longest uninterrupted string of RNLs in a word (ArmaDILLIDIIDae, known as "pill bugs"), and the longest word composed solely of RNLs (DIVIDIVI, a tropical American tree). Rex Gooch notes that P-45 (ending -CONIOSIS) has 18 RNLs in it.

Stephen Chism writes "Because you published my article on "The Vowel-indrome" in Word Ways, I am now included as an author in the Modern Language Association's MLA Bibliography. As an academic, that is a real feather in my cap. Because of your journal, I have delivered a paper at an International Popular Culture Conference at Oxford University, published a book which has been well-reviewed in two journals, and appeared as an author in the most prestigious database in my discipline (Language and Literature). Thanks!"

Richard Sabey has also searched for "Scrabble-Friendly Eight-Squares" locating the following. All words but CASHCARD appear in either the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary or Official Scrabble Words; this appears as one word in the 14th edition of the UK Advanced Crossword Dictionary.

C A S H C A R D  
 A P P E A R E R  
 S P R A N G L E  
 H E A R T I E S  
 C A N T I N A S  
 A R G I N A S E  
 R E L E A S E R  
 D R E S S E R S

Susan Thorpe contributes some different ALPHABET words to add to Mike Morton's "Anthology of Alphagrams" in the February Kickshaws.

ALPHABETARY a pearly bath	ALPHABETED the bad leap
ALPHABETICALLY I play all the ABC	ALPHABETICS is help at ABC
ALPHABETISATION a paintable hoist	ALPHABETING Belgian path
ALPHABETOLOGIST Abel hit goalpost	ALPHABETIQUE bequeath pail
ALPHABETISING bait helps Inga	ALPHABETIZED Hazel paid bet
ALPHABETIZES sizeable path	ALPHABETOLOGY pageboy to hall