

COLLOQUY

Ross Eckler's essay on "Making the Alphabet Dance" is now reprinted in order at www.wordways.com. Many readers had pages mixed in their copy.

Mark Wolf [Mark.Wolf@cuw.edu] would like to buy a copy of D. Borgmann's *Curious Crosswords*. Can a reader supply a copy? We would also welcome lists of appropriate books for sale that can be offered to others.

Susan Thorpe comments:

p. 302 - Richard Lederer omitted SiLvEr from the list of elements which can be spelled from element symbols. Lv is the symbol for Livermorium, element 116.

p. 304 - Here are 2 more example of Dave's *Double Triple Play*:

ONE
CONE HONE
SCONE SHONE

Note that the word SCONE can be pronounced to rhyme with RON.

OUGH
HOUGH LOUGH
CHOUGH SLOUGH

In HOUGH and LOUGH the OUGH is pronounced as the OCK in LOCK

In CHOUGH and SLOUGH (to shed skin) the OUGH is pronounced as the UFF in MUFF

A comprehensive list of the different pronunciations of OUGH appears in Word Ways May 1993 p. 87.

p. 316 - Here are some 4 and 5 letter overlapping names to add to Ross's 3-letter ones:

RayMONDdale	MaxWELLington	EdWARDle	LeSTERling	DunSTANley
ElizaBETHell	RicHARDcastle	WinSTONE	BertRANDell	MariGOLDberg
PrimROSEnthal	YolANDERson	BLAZEnby	IDRIScoll	FRANKin
JAMESbury	AlBERTwistle	AnDREWitt	CIAUDEn	HELGAr
RuPERTwee	NiCOLEman			

HildeBRANDreth HildaGARDEner

Tristan Miller writes: Some Word Ways readers may already know about Babel: The Language Magazine, a full-colour print magazine all about linguistics which was launched in November 2012. Since last year I've been contributing puzzles to their Language Games feature. Past and future games include "How's your Denglisch?" (on German anglicisms), Etymological Imposters: (on misleading word origins), and "Lexical Lapses (on identifying patterns of word errors). Starting this year a digital edition of Babel is also available from <http://www.babelzine.com/>.

Jeff Grant remarks:

T.A. Hall's request (p282) for a Type A example of an internal palindrome ending -ED can be answered with IDEAED, 'provided with an idea or ideas' (Chambers Dictionary), which is allowed in international Scrabble competition.

Regards Sir Jeremy Morse's comment in Colloquy on p247, I agree that Chambers Dictionary makes it clear that CH is always used in combination and therefore isn't a stand-alone word. Nevertheless it is acceptable in international Scrabble. Be that as it may, my 1691-point single move based on PSYCHOANALYZING does not depend on CH being in place. The letters on the board before the 15-letter word is formed are S, HOA, A, Y and IN. The seven letters played are P, Y, C, N, L, Z and G.

Sir Jeremy Morse comments:

(p. 283) I can fill in 3 of the 7 gaps in Arthur Schulman's list with:

HAFNIUM:	HUMANIFY (OED)
PHOSPHORUS:	SHIPSHAPER (=more shipshape)
THALLIUM:	MULLETH (old verb form)

I offer the following coinages for the other 4:

DARMSTADIUM:	DEMIDRAMATIST (e.g. Beaumont who co-wrote with Fletcher)
LAWRENCIUM:	MICROLAWN (in a Japanese garden)
MENDELEVIUM:	MINIVOLUMED (issued in small book form)
RUTHERFORDIUM:	FATHERMURDER (Angle-Saxon equivalent of PATRICIDE, of MANSLAUGHTER).

(p. 316) My second son has a overlapping name for Ross Eckler, AndreWilliaMorse. (We had no logological intent in so naming him.) Rarer, and more pleasing, would be cases where the first initial was the same as the last letter of the surname, e.g. RaymonD-anie LeveR, whose 15 letters would be inscribed around the rim of a plate.

(p. 318) "Make a go/of" and "is against" are splendid combinations of offsite meanings, and supplement such well-worn examples as SCREEN (show, hide) and CLEAVE (join, split).