

COLLOQUY

ALAN FRANK writes:

I recently ran into a couple of things for which WW readers should need no explanation. On page 13 of the September, 2017 Scientific American is the sentence, "A team led by Jean-Jacques Hublin of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany, has recovered more human fossil and stone tools, along with compelling evidence that this site is far older than the revised estimate." And a building near my house is labeled with its name, "Amherst Zion Church."

The sentence contains all letters of the alphabet, with a 125-letter pangrammatic window "Jacques Hublin of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany, has recovered more human fossil and stone tools, along w." Pulling in the end of the previous sentence gives a 115-letter window: "Now new evidence is re[writing the Jebel Irhoud story again. A team led by Jean-Jacques Hublin of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipz]ig..." That's too long to set any records; I thought that the single-sentence one was more interesting.

And the church has all the vowels in order. It took an embarrassingly long time for me to notice it.

JEFF GRANT sent the following:

Alphabetic Trigrams

Many words contain an alphabetic trigram, for example **dabchick**, **define**, **roughing**, **hijack**, **calmness**, **somnolent**, **canopy**, **popquiz**, **first** and **student**. I recently came across the following on a news website:

'There have been many reports of rising Afghanophobia in Pakistan.' [[inews.co.uk](http://news.co.uk), 27 Oct 2016 (Net)]

The word **Afghanophobia** has two alphabetic trigrams (agh, nop). The similar terms **Afghanophobe** and **Afghanophile** have also been used online. Are there other words containing two alphabetic trigrams?