The former electorates of Marrakech, Greek, and Arabian en masse, and 1082 that had borrowed four Latin, Greek, and Poisson to a Poisson that is borrow-

Alliteration is frequently used: TODDLE to TOTTER, CRECHE to CROAK, AFTERBIRTH to AFTERLIFE, QUICK to QUIET, EMBRYO to EMBALMER, OVUM to OBIT, INTERCOURSE to INTERMENT, CYESIS to CESSATION, DESCENT (of birth canal) to DECEASE, GRAVID to GRAVE, AMOUR to ADIEU, and LAYETTE to LAID AWAY. However, consonance, in which both the beginning and the end of the word pair match, is more satisfying: MATUREITY to MORTALITY, SEED to SOD, 'GINNER to GONER, EXERCISE to EXEQUIES, INSEMINATION to INCINERATION (or INHUMATION, or INANIMATION), SUCKLING to SICKLING, WEANING to Waning (of life), BLINK to BLANK, FETUS to FINIS, FETAL(ism) to FATAL(ism), LAUNCHING to LYNCHING (life of another murderer), LOVING to LEAVING, MATING to MEETING (one's maker), LITTLE to LETHAL, BIRTHING to BURYING, BRED to BROOD (on death), and CONFINEMENT to CONSIGNMENT. FORMI-

CATION to FORMICATION (the sensation of having ants crawling over one) is by all odds the most vivid consonance-pair.
If the central parts of the words match in sound, this is called assonance. Two examples are ZYGOTE to THY GOD, and BABE to GRAVE.

Another device used is to select a single word with two different meanings, such as LIBERATION (from the womb, or from life's cares), ALOHA (both a greeting and a farewell in Hawaii), RATTLE (a baby's toy, and a respiratory impairment), PASSAGE (through the birth canal, or to an afterlife), UNION (sexual, then divine), DARKNESS (of the womb, and of the tomb), IMPLANTATION (of sperm, and of the body in the ground), ROCKING (cradle and chair), and the exceedingly graphic FERTILIZATION (of the ovum, and of the earth).

One anagram, well-known to members of the National Puzzlers' League, can be adapted to the human life cycle: REAL FUN (sex, producing a child) to FUNERAL.

Somewhat less interesting are a collection of inherently antonymic word pairs: A to Z, ALPHA to OMEGA, BEING to NONBEING, EXISTENCE to NONEXISTENCE, ENTRANCE to EXIT, AMOR to MORS (Latin gods of love and death), EROS to THANATOS, DESCENT (of the birth canal) to ASCENT (to Heaven), and COMING to GOING.

A handful of word pairs are quasi-homonymic: AWAKE to A WAKE, BORN to BOURNE, COITUS to QUIETUS, "SO, COME!" to SUCCUMB. Others add internal letters (or sounds): IMMORALITY to IMMORTALITY (documenting the life of an illegitimate child), PASTIME to PAST TIME, CREATION to CREMATION, and INTERCOURSE to INTERCORPSE.

Since terms for birth and death are so easy to find, how about headings for BIRTH, MARRIAGE and DEATH suitable for newspaper columns? Years ago, I recall seeing HATCHED, MATCHED and DETACHED in the Readers' Digest. Some possible expansions of examples given above are BRED, WED and DEAD; START, HEART, and PART; TOTS, KNOTS and PLOTS; and (germ) CELL, (wedding) BELL, and (death) KNELL). Any others?