SUBWORDS: A SUBDIVISION OF NEOLOGISTICS

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Subwords are needed terms branched off or evolved from real words or phrases through mutation or hybridisation, in the spirit of Ross Eckler’s “We Need a Word for This!” in the May 2006 issue (p.75). I tried for two of each letter but fell two short (of space).

addition adddition padding one’s work with every conceivable triviality

antirevolution when left and right “wingers” get stuck at cross purposes in a revolving door

battle-acts throwing the frying pan at hubby, for example

beat-to-a-pulp fiction violent stories for sickoes to masturbate to

centimentality holding onto useless gadgets merely because they cost a lot

clockenspiel a clock and bull story about why you’re late

danderough (rhymes with hicough) blowing one’s top, a layer of dead scalp

duckbill platitudes aphorisms at first thought to be hoaxes

empty nest egg The kids took it all and left.

envoyeur a peeping-Tom ambassador

Faith heeling blindly obeying one’s religious leader (Like Ross?)

fastidiots those who immediately clean up the tiniest mess

gangplan a scheme for mass executions “on board” achieved by dropping off the end of it

greendhouse effect how hot air endangers the earth by blocking out effective action

heckle and jibe tauntingly call someone two-faced

hemidemisemiquaffer a very very very lite drinker

incomparable government assurance that anyone can find a job if they just try

Incomepoop a financial newsletter

jalousy envy of the imagined easy three-meals-a-day life of a prisoner

justapose stand beside but only pretend to be ‘with’

kindwhile an interval filled with niceness rather than meanness

knoll coward a person afraid to go to Dallas

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lepricon an Irish sprites’ wordbook

litterature junk mail (after Tom Stoppard, who coined the word to mean poor writing)

Macdonna a singing hamburger

malignorant dangerously dumb, like certain Presidents

nausoleum a burial chamber that is not airtight

nobligation the feeling among aristocrats of owing nothing to the greater society

oldfactory an abandoned building converted into a nausoleum (qv)

ooze and aahs fun in a mud bath

perpendiculous Viagra

pottyboiler a pop novel written on toilet paper (“When it flows get it out and down!”)

quasi-modal a style of bell-ringing

quilt feelings sewing circle therapy sessions

rank and foul employer’s view of union members

receding hairline fracture a self-healing crack (by virtue of being a wise crack?)

scared cow intimidation by religious threats, leading to a faith accompli

subblurbs the fine print in ads and on packaging (where the unhealthy ingredients are listed)

Theosaurus a book listing all the dinosaurs God excluded from Noah’s ark

tripode a poem about a journey on a three-legged horse

ubisquitous a type of baked bread that can be found anywhere

unanimosity world peace as sought by all, especially beauty contestants in their interviews

venerable revered despite having an STD

verdigo He semi-voluntarily jumped from the height, dat’s vere.

weekling a seven-day-old baby unable to lift heavy weights

whodidit a grammatically correct murder mystery

xenonphobia fear of nobility (what a gas!)

xylophony artificial wood

yelled shouted “uncle” loudly

zoombie (rhymes with die) one of the undead blown up by binoculars as it speeds by