Among the New Words

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This installment of “Among the New Words” continues the consideration of words nominated in the 2013 Word of the Year proceedings at the annual meeting in Minneapolis on January 2–4, 2014. The Spring issue contained the first batch of nominees, extending alphabetically from the overall winner because to Harlem Shake. The nominees here run from revenge porn to underbutt (the winner and runner-up, respectively, in the Most Outrageous category). A full list of the winners and runners-up in the various categories can be found in the introduction to the Spring installment of “ATNW” (AS 89.1: 89–110) and details of the voting and lists of past winners are available at the ADS website (http://www.americandialect.org/because-is-the-2013-word-of-the-year).

Blending, as always, is a major source of lexical innovation, represented below by such items as sharknado and Thanksgivukkah (winners, respectively, of the Most Unnecessary and Least Likely to Succeed categories). Both of these examples can be thought of as “stunt words,” meant to draw the eye and provoke an immediate response. Sharknado, a movie on the Syfy channel, was a viral marketing success in large part due to its enticing title. Its tagline highlighted the self-evident nature of the blend: “Enough said!” But even though sharknado is easily parsed as “a tornado full of sharks,” that is only because we can recognize a blend of the form X-nado as a certain kind of tornado. Other titles of campy Syfy movies employ blends to describe fantastic animal hybrids, such as Sharktopus (shark + octopus) and Piranhaconda (piranha + anaconda)—just as cronut in our previous installment iconically represents a fusion of a croissant and doughnut. This represents a lexical tradition going back to such fanciful beastly names as hippogriff (‘horse-griffin’) and lycanthrope (‘wolf-man’) (Ben Zimmer, “A Fishapod Called Tiktaalik,” Language Log, Apr. 10, 2006, http://itre.cis.upenn.edu/~myl/linguageolog/archives/003006.html).

Thanksgivukkah is also easily understood as a confluence of Thanksgiving and the first day of Hanukkah, a calendrical coincidence that is believed
not to occur again for nearly 78,000 years. The quick uptake of this particular stunt word may in part have been due to the groundwork laid by various concocted holiday hybrids such as *Chrismukkah*, *Chrimahanukwanzzakah*, and even *Diwaloween*, as the Hindu holiday of Diwali fell near Halloween on the 2013 calendar (Nancy Friedman, “The One and Only Thanksgivukkah,” Vocabulary.com, Nov. 26, 2013, http://www.vocabulary.com/articles/candlepwr/the-one-and-only-thanksgivukkah/).

*Twerk*, a word that attracted much controversy in 2013 (thanks to the cultural appropriation of the earthy African American dance style by Miley Cyrus at MTV’s Video Music Awards), is not as compositionally transparent as these straightforward blends. While some have derived *twerk* as a blend of *twist* and *jerk*, it is likely better understood as an alteration of *work* (as in “work it”), with the *tw-* element influenced by *twist* and *twitch*. As *twerk* first emerged two decades ago in the New Orleans “bounce music” scene, its origins are not as readily discovered as fresher neologisms (Anatoly Liberman, “Twerk, Twerp, and Other Tw-Words,” OUPblog, Mar. 13, 2013, http://blog.oup.com/2013/03/twerk-twerp-tw-etymology-word-origin/; Ben Zimmer, “Of Course Twerk Should Be in the Dictionary,” Slate, Sept. 4, 2013, http://www.slate.com/blogs/lexicon_valley/2013/09/04/twerk_definition_of_course_it_s_a_real_word_and_of_course_it_should_be_in.html).

*Selfie* owes its morphological pedigree to a combination of clipping and hypocorism, with the *self* of *self-portrait* taking on the -*ie* suffix. Clipping and -*ie* suffixation have gone hand in hand at least since the birth of the *movie* (from *moving picture*); another recent example is *bestie* (from *best friend*). Australian English displays a penchant for hypocoristic -*ie*, so it makes perfect sense that the earliest known example of *selfie* comes from an Australian forum post in 2002. The identification of the author of that 2002 post as Nathan Hope led some media outlets to anoint him the inventor of the word, though Hope himself denied coining it. *Selfie* no doubt was independently created on multiple occasions, especially in Australia, before achieving prominence with the spread of smartphone photography and the addition of a self-facing camera (Ben Zimmer, “No, a Drunken Australian Man Did Not Coin the Word Selfie,” Slate, Nov. 22, 2013, http://www.slate.com/blogs/lexicon_valley/2013/11/22/selfie_etymology_an_australian_man_takes_a_photo_of_his_lip_after_falling.html). The discovery of that 2002 *selfie* citation, it should be noted, was first announced on the American Dialect Society mailing list by Hugo van Kemenade, who has also ably assisted in the preparation of the entries below by hunting for antedatings.

While *selfie* did not originate as a blend, when the term became established in the lexicon it became available as a blend component, with *elfie*
or -fie working as a new combining form to denote different flavors of selfies in a seemingly endless variety, from shelfies ‘selfies featuring bookshelves’ to snowfies ‘selfies in the snow’ (Mark Peters, “Selfie’s Children: The Productive ‘-fie’ Suffix,” Vocabulary.com, Jan. 13, 2014, http://www.vocabulary.com/articles/dictionary/selfies-children-the-productive-fie-suffix/). The -(el)fie combining form was also recognized in a new WOTY category for this year: Most Productive. In the category, -(el)fie trailed in the voting behind two other promiscuous suffixes: -shaming and -splaining. (For the founding forms of these two suffixes, see slut-shaming and mansplaining in “ATNW,” AS 88.2: 209, 202.)

Finally, slash—much like the overall winner because—represents an older lexical form that has entered new discursive terrain. As Anne Curzan wrote in an article that brought the innovative usage to wide attention, slash has moved from working as a conjunction, modeled on the punctuation mark (/), to something genuinely new: “extended to link a second related thought or clause to the first with a meaning that is [...] more like ‘following up’” or “to introduce an afterthought that is also a topic shift” (Anne Curzan, “Slash: Not Just a Punctuation Mark Anymore,” Lingua Franca blog, Chronicle of Higher Education, Apr. 24, 2013, http://chronicle.com/blogs/linguafranca/2013/04/24/slash-not-just-a-punctuation-mark-anymore/). Tracking these emerging nonstandard uses can pose new challenges to lexicographers and may often require text-mining corpora containing informal styles of electronically mediated communication, such as chat logs (Jane Solomon, “More Thoughts On the Nonstandard Uses of ‘Slash,’” Dictionary.com, May 14, 2013, http://blog.dictionary.com/nonstandard-slash/).
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Without consent [2006 Mar 7 domain registration revengeporn.com Whois Privacy Services] 2007 Sept 25 JonasOooohyeah UrbanDictionary http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=revenge+porn revenge porn / Home-made porn uploaded by ex girlfriend or (usually) ex boyfriend after particularly vicious breakup as a means of humiliating the ex or just for own amusement. 2008 Sept Richard Morgan Details http://www.details.com/sex-relations/porn-and-perversions/200809/revenge-porn (head & subhead) Revenge Porn / Jilted lovers are posting sex tapes on the Web—and their exes want justice. 2010 Nov Elizabeth M Ryan Iowa Law Review 363–64 (LexisNexis) Similarly, many young adults have been the victims of “revenge porn,” an example of secondary sexting in which a young adult’s scorned ex-boyfriend or ex-girlfriend sends, via text message or posts on the Internet, semi-nude, nude, or sexually explicit photos that the two parties shared or created during their relationship. 2013 Oct 3 Laura Sydell All Things Considered NPR http://www.npr.org/blogs/alltechconsidered/2013/10/02/228551353/calif-bans-jilted-lovers-from-posting-revenge-porn-online [↩] This week, California became the first state to pass a law directly targeted at what’s come to be called revenge porn. The law makes it illegal to distribute private images with the intent to harass or annoy. 2014 Jan 7 Sam Frizell Time http://world.time.com/2014/01/07/israel-bans-revenge-porn/ Israel’s parliament banned nude photos and sexually explicit films posted online without the subject’s consent Monday, making it the first country to ban “revenge porn”. 2b: attrib Of revenge porn 2a 2002 July 23 Austria Today (Factiva; head & text) Man fined for revenge porn pics / A 45-year-old unemployed man has been fined by Lower Austrian police for having posted pornographic pictures of his 33-year-old ex-girlfriend on a dumpster near her Wiener Neustadt apartment as a means of extracting revenge on her for having severed their relationship. 2005 June 5 Time Hume Sunday Star-Times (New Zealand) 5 (Factiva) A notorious “revenge porn” website has returned to the internet, encouraging people to humiliate their former lovers by submitting pornographic images of them to be published on the site. 2012 May 16 Mario Aguilar Gizmodo (blog) (ProQuest; head & text) Infamous Revenge-Porn Magnate Being Investigated By the FBI Is Anyone Up / When Hunter Moore shut down his notorious revenge-porn website, Is Anyone Up, and sold the domain to an anti-bullying website, the whole world was surprised. 2014 Jan 23 Nina Golgowski Daily News http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/revenge-porn-king-hunter-moore-charged-nude-photo-hacking-article-1.1589387 Hunter Moore, the so-called “Revenge Porn King” and once branded “most hated man on the Internet,” has been indicted on federal charges after allegedly stealing hundreds of nude photos and posting them online. 3: vt Disseminate revenge porn 1a of (someone) 2009 May 13 maria diaz Twitter https://twitter.com/mariadiaz/status/1785328238 An ex would never be able to revenge porn me because I would beat him to the punch and blog the photos first. 2012 Jan 26 Shannon Smyth Twitter https://twitter.com/Shannon_Smyth/status/162359344971788289 Funny. Some wack job just tried to “revenge porn” me by mixing 2 of my pic-
tures w/some naked chick that is obv not me. LOL  2013 May 30 Rebecca Schoenkopf Twitter https://twitter.com/commiegirl1/status/349200812787666944 Revenge porn me once, shame on you. Revenge porn me twice, shame on me. 2013 Oct 8 Nicholas Jacques-Morel Facebook https://www.facebook.com/BeingFeminist/posts/525567314179181?comment_id=4246311&reply _comment_id=4246918&total_comments=1 Because it would be unacceptable to victim blame a rape survivor, it’s unacceptable to victim blame someone who’s been revenge porned. 2013 Oct 28 John Cordero okayplayer (forum) http://board.okayplayer.com/okp.php?az=show_topic&forum=6&topic_id =660142 oh shit wait! of course mad boyfriend is gonna revenge porn her ass and leak the titty pics online

Robo Sapiens, Robo-Sapiens, robo-sapiens n  [robot + Homo sapiens] 1: Sentient robots  [1994 Nov 30 Carolyn Leitch Globe & Mail (Canada) B10 (ProQuest) Entrepreneur Stephane Belanger has recently entered the home market with his “Peanut” interface and “Robo Sapiens” software after selling robotics-teaching kits to schools for the past six years.]  1996 Mar 11 Joe Donnelly Herald (Glasgow) 11 (LexisNexis) They are all new forms of life, or strange forms of almost-life. They’re robots—walking, talking, sleeping, crawling alien beings who represent the next stage of techno-species. If not quite Robo-Sapiens, they’re at least Robo Habilis. 2001 Apr 8 Shelley Emling Atlanta (Ga) Journal-Constitution 1P (LexisNexis) Robots still can’t brew tea or run the dishwasher—not yet, anyway. [¶] But next-generation technologies that could make this happen are being fine-tuned today, meaning we could be rubbing elbows with “robo sapiens” on city sidewalks within 20 years.  [2004 Dan Avery PC Magazine http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,1567423,00.asp It’s no Terminator, but the Wow Wee RoboSapien still packs a robotic punch. The 14-inch automaton has excellent articulation and can perform 67 functions, including picking up, throwing, and karate-chopping things.]  2007 Jeanette Winterson The Stone Gods (Orlando, Fla: Harcourt) 6 She’s been across the universe, and now she’s going to the recycling unit. The great thing about robots, even these Robo sapiens, is that nobody feels sorry for them. They are only machines. 2013 July 12 John Markoff New York Times (Factiva) “A new species, Robo sapiens, are emerging,” he [Gary Bradski] said. [¶] The debut of Atlas on Thursday was a striking example of how computers are beginning to grow legs and move around in the physical world.  2: Species of human-robot hybrids  2000 Peter Menzel & Faith D’Aluisio Robo Sapiens: Evolution of a New Species (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press) 16 Robo sapiens: n (English, from robot, a mechanism guided by automatic controls; and Latin, from Homo sapiens, mankind) 1. A hybrid species of human and robot with intelligence vastly superior to that of purely biological mankind; began to emerge in the twenty-first century. 2002 Jan 27 Richard Louv San Diego (Calif) Union-Tribune A9 (NewsBank; head & text) Robo sapiens really will be the splice of life / […] Since then, one headline after another has announced some potential blending of machines, humans and other animals. The line between machine, human and other animals is beginning to blur. Add genetic engineering to robotics to exponentially expanding
computing power, stir, heat and ... voila. Enter robo sapiens. 2007 June 9 Jonas Suender OrthodoxChristianity.net (forum) http://www.orthodoxchristianity .net/forum/index.php?topic=11852.0 At one point with bodily implants would we stop being humans and start being cyborgs, or “robo sapiens”? 2013 Stefan Herbrechter Posthumanism: A Critical Analysis (London: Bloomsbury) 92 Machines would thus become the repositories of human consciousness, while machines, at least according to the conclusions drawn by many of [Hans] Moravec’s transhumanist colleagues, would thus themselves become ‘human’, or even better, the ‘new human’—homo sapiens cyberneticus, or simply robo sapiens.

selfie  [self-portrait + -ie]  1: n  Photo taken of oneself, typically with a smartphone and shared on social media; in extended use, a photo taken with a smartphone of any number of people, including the picture-taker  2002 Sept 13 Hopey ABC Science (Australian Broadcasting Corporation forum) http:// www2b.abc.net.au/science/k2/stn/archives/archive32/newposts/169/topic169861.shtm Um, drunk at a mates 21st, I tripped over and landed first (with front teeth coming a very close second) on a set of steps. I had a hole about 1 cm long right through my bottom lip. And sorry about the focus, it was a selfie.  2005 Nov 5 Jim Krause Photo Idea Index (Cincinnati, Ohio: HOW Books) 148 A “selfie” is one of those images that is taken by aiming the camera at yourself. The guesswork that goes into taking selfies often results in serendipitous photographic surprises.  2007 Mar 4 Brittany Twitter https://twitter .com/BrittneyBush/status/5828833 should’ve used the wide angle on this series of selfies  2007 Sept 18 TMZ http://www.tmz.com/2007/09/18/rosario-dawson-takes-a-selfie/ Rosario Dawson takes a selfie.  2010 Jan 5 Delia Ephron The Girl with the Mermaid Hair (New York: HarperTeen) 1 Sukie kept track of herself in all reflective surfaces. […] When nothing reflective was conveniently available, she took a selfie. Thank God for selfies. She extended her phone at arm’s length, snapped, and with a quick look at the photo was able to scout for trouble spots.  2012 Mar 11 Jen Selter Good Morning America ABC News (Factiva; transcript) I was wearing a cute top and I was like, why not take a selfie.  2012 June 27 Katherine Rosman Wall Street Journal Online (ProQuest) Last year, she [Tina Craig] took a selfie when she was wearing a pair of DL1961 jeans and posted it to various platforms.  2013 Aug 3 Quot sv underbutt  2013 Oct 20 Jenna Wortham New York Times Sunday Review 1 (LexisNexis) In a recent episode of Showtime’s “Homeland,” one of the main characters snaps and sends a topless selfie to her boyfriend.  2014 Feb 1 Galen Guengerich & Sally Quinn Washington Post B2 (LexisNexis) In a culture defined by the selfie, nothing has lasting value but the self.  2014 Mar 25 Adrienne LaFrance The Atlantic http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2014/03/when-did-group-pictures-become-selfies/359556/ A selfie, it seems, is no longer just “a photograph that one has taken of oneself,” but a photo that features the picture-taker.  2: attrib Of selfie  2009 Mar 3 Tessa Twitter https://twitter .com/tessap/status/1277507283 looking at the selfie shots on dating websites is one of my favorite ways to pass the time  2010 Sept 30 Mikala Taylor Backstage
"Rider" (blog) http://backstagerider.com/2010/09/30/backstage-flaming-lips/

He [Wayne Coyne of the Flaming Lips] prefers "selfie" pictures to posed ones—you know, where you hold the camera and point it at yourself. 2012 Sept 12

"Chicago Tribune" 4 (ProQuest) Aaliyah Gibson, Kate Martin and Rosemary Anguiano get silly while taking a selfie pic together. 2014 Mar 3

Ms. [Ellen] DeGeneres toyed with a white Samsung phone during the broadcast, including when she handed a Galaxy Note 3 to actor Bradley Cooper so he could take a "selfie" photo of himself and other stars including Brad Pitt, Meryl Streep, Kevin Spacey and Jennifer Lawrence surrounding the host.

"Sharknado" n  [sharks + tornado] Tornado containing live sharks; by extension, anything hyperbolically portrayed as a catastrophe 2009 May 20

Valerie Twitter https://twitter.com/valericotic/status/1856405632 FEAR THE SHARKNADO. It's a shark that lives in a tornado.] 2010 Aug 6

Captain Maryvelous Twitter https://twitter.com/MaryDan/status/20492966540 It's like a sharknado tore through my room. What a fucking disaster. 2011 Apr 27

x_diggerx Instagram http://instagram.com/p/Dlhvt/ (caption) Sharknado spotted in Pulaski Co [Karl Morris (Karl Herlinger):] Can I get a quote? [Officer Jen Peterson (Azure Parson):] Remember the last time I gave you a quote? [Karl:] Yeah, when the tornado brought the sharks to the lake. "Sharknado!" [Jen:] It took me two years to live that stupid headline down. 2012 Nov 1

Hannah Shaw-Williams Bleeding Cool http://www.bleedingcool.com/2012/11/01/sharknado-the-tornado-made-out-of-sharks/ Based on the artwork below it would seem that the Sharknado is a tornado made of sharks, as opposed to a single shark with the body of a tornado. 2013 June 20

Julie Hyman Twitter https://twitter.com/juleshyman/statuses/347821020662599680 Today was a veritable sharknado in the markets. 2013 July 11

Thunder Levin (writer) & Anthony C Ferrante (director) Sharknado SyFy (citing closed captions) [Baz Hogan (Jaason Simmons):] Yeah, he’s right. It happened once near Alice Springs. Hundreds of perch fell from the sky. Why not Sharks? [Derek (Tiffany Cole):] Look, what the hell is going on here? [speaker unclear:] It's a Sharknado! 2013 July 17

Keely Hutton Writer's Dojo (blog) http://keelyhutton.blogspot.com/2013/07/how-to-survive-sharknado-of-revisions.html (head & text) How to Survive the Sharknado of Revisions / […] Since school ended, my days have been a whirlwind, nay, a Sharknado, of writing and revising my manuscript. 2013 July 24

Todd Spangler Variety http://variety.com/2013/digital/news/the-original-sharknado-high-school-teacher-came-up-with-idea-two-years-before-it-hit-syfy-1200566812/ A Latin teacher [Mike Kubik] at Georgetown Preparatory School in Bethesda, Md., came up with the idea for "sharknado" more than two years ago for the Catholic high school’s lacrosse team, complete with logo. He and his buddy put the sharknado on T-shirts, hats and koozies and sold them to friend and family. 2013 July 28


**shmeat, schmeat, Shmeat n** [sheet + meat or the product of shm-reduplication, as in meat, schmeat] Animal muscle tissue grown in vitro for human consumption 2008 May 20 Ketzel Levine All Things Considered NPR http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyid=90235492 [ Ol'Vladimir Mironov is a biologist at the Medical University of South Carolina and among that handful of scientists culturing meat from animal tissue. Dr. Mironov’s long answer involves turning formless, textureless patches of the stuff into mass-produced form, like meat sheets or what we might call affectionately, shmeat. 2011 Oct 28 Chuck Shepherd Ventura County (Calif) Star 27 (Factiva) The meat is produced in sheets ("shmeat") and would be prohibitively expensive at first, in that the largest specimen produced so far measures only about one inch long and a third of an inch wide. 2012 June 23 Michael Hanlon Guardian (London) 24 (LexisNexis) The idea of synthetic meat has been around for a long time. In 1932, Winston Churchill stated, “Fifty years hence, we shall escape the absurdity of growing a whole chicken in order to eat the breast or wing, by growing these parts separately under a suitable medium.” But fake meat, aka schmeat or in-vitro meat, is one of those ideas that, like lunar colonies, fusion power and flying cars, has yet to cross the threshold between fantasy and reality. 2013 May 14 Henry Fountain New York Times D1 (LexisNexis; head & text) Building a $325,000 Burger / […] “This is still an early-stage technology,” said Neil Stephens, a social scientist at Cardiff University in Wales who has long studied the development of what is also sometimes referred to as “shmeat.” 2014 Mar 10 Bob Sullivan When Falls the Coliseum http://whenfallsthecoliseum.com/2014/03/10/top-ten-other-names-considered-for-shmeat-the-worlds-first-meat-grown-in-a-test-tube/ Top ten other names considered for Shmeat, the world’s first meat grown in a test tube / 10. Shamburgers / 9. Peking Yuck / 8. Barbecue Fibs / 7. Not Dogs / 6. Gulp Fiction / 5. Faked Goods / 4. Mis-Steak / 3. Sloppy Faux / 2. Frankenfurters / 1. Spam

**slash** [after the slash symbol “/”] 1a: conj As well as (used to connect nouns or noun phrases, often to describe a person or thing that has multiple roles or functions) 1999 Mar 14 Alex Kuczynski New York Times sec 9 3 (LexisNexis)
Vikram Chatwal is one of those people who uses the word “slash” suspiciously often when he describes what he does for a living. “I guess you could say I’m a model slash hotelier slash actor slash screenwriter,” the 27-year-old Sikh impresario said on a recent March evening at the Staley-Wise Gallery in SoHo, his white turban bobbing above the chain-smoking crowd. 2002 Dec 15 Peter T Kilborn New York Times sec 1 1 (LexisNexis) “I’m a dishwasher slash cake maker slash cookie scooper slash and whatever else they want me to do,” he [Tim Turcaso] said. 2010 Jan 18 Greg Cargill Suburban Toys YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqOephPvLTY#t=32 Hey everybody. This is Greg of Big Method. We’re working with the people at Suburban Toys on their new product, the Rad Blaster, which you see here. The Rad Blaster is the first MP3 player slash boombox slash recording device that’s actually a fashion item as much as it is a function item. 2011 Feb 5 Craig Davidson National Post (Canada) 1 4 (LexisNexis) This woman insinuated herself into a pleasant talk I was having with another woman, a screenwriter and freelance writer—a lifestyle we hold in common, as a freelancer-slash myself (slash-novelist, slash-newspaperman, slash-magazine editor, slash-bus driver, slash-librarian, slash-unemployed). 2012 Feb 14 Carina Louise & Micah Louis Gawker http://gawker.com/5885107/celebrate-valentines-day-with-james-franco-fucking/all They compiled a bunch of smutty stories featuring various and assorted people imagining sexual encounters with everyone’s favorite actor slash hipster slash artist slash singer slash film maker slash student slash director slash class sleeper slash Oscar host slash stoner. 2013 Apr 23 Elizabeth Rookie http://www.rookiemag.com/2013/04/what-i-wish-i-knew-about-my-period/ Margaret and her BFFs (slash frenemies) Gretchen, Nancy, and Janie looked forward to their periods so intensely that they PRAYED FOR THEM and lied about getting them before they had. 2013 June 6 Jenna Sauers Jezebel http://jezebel.com/5916297/karl-lagerfeld-stole-his-boytoys-cat/all Do not let Karl Lagerfeld cat-sit. That’s the message I’m taking from this new interview with the Chanel designer, in which he admits without even a hint of sheepishness that he flat-out stole his now-famous kitten, Choupette, from his male-model buddy (slash Katy Perry sexer, slash star of the most wonderful music video of our time, slash boytoy who serves at the Kaiser’s pleasure) Baptiste Giabiconi. 2013 Oct 31 Maggie Rookie http://www.rookiemag.com/2013/10/how-to-kill-k-part-two/ Everyone else he knew was only interested in parties; Brooke had goals: She was going to be the first female president-slash-bioengineer in history. 1b: n Person with multiple roles, functions, or specializations 2007 Mar 11 James A Fussell The Record (Bergen County, NJ) (LexisNexis) What’s a slash? You might be one and not even know it, said New York lawyer/author/writing coach Marci Alboher, who invented the term. [¶] Are you a saleswoman-slash-mother? A businessman-slash-Little League coach? [¶] It’s a good bet you, like millions of other multifaceted Americans, need more than one label to fully define yourself. That, said Alboher, 40, is a “slash,” a trend she describes in her new book, “One Person, Multiple Careers: How the Slash Effect Can Work for You.” 2008 June 7 Gina Trapani Life Hacker http://lifehacker.com/395361/tim-ferriss-and
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Marcia Alboher’s book is about how to become a “slash”—that is, someone who does more than one specialized thing in their career.

2: conj Coordinating (used to join predicates to describe multiple or simultaneous states of affairs)


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Doree Shafrir Gawker

http://gawker.com/232540/who-pray-tell-could-carolyn-kepcher-be-referring-to/all

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2011 Oct 16 Ken Jennings Twitter https://twitter.com/KenJennings/status/125746205203501056

#Singularity was awesome… just got out of Book of Mormon! So excited slash going straight to hell.

2013 Apr 7 Tom Gliatto People http://www.people.com/people/article/0,,20688668,00.html (head)

Game of Thrones: 5 Things We Love (Slash Are Obsessed With)

3: conj Coordinating (introducing a clause loosely related to the previous one)

Sept 4 Yung Wild Roc Twitter https://twitter.com/djbroc/status/909463876

So hung over. Meeting with lawyer right now. I think I am still drunk. Slash I know I am

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2013 Jan 8 Elle One Mind, Two Coasts (blog) http://onemindtwocoasts.wordpress.com/2013/01/08/were-back-slash-what-elles-been-up-to/ (head)

We’re Back! slash What Elle’s Been Up To

2013 Apr 24 Anne Curzan Lingua Franca (blog) http://chronicle.com/blogs/linguafranca/2013/04/24/slash-not-just-a-punctuation-mark-anymore/ But for at least a good number of students, the conjunctive use of slash has extended to link a second related thought or clause to the first with a meaning that is often not quite “and” or “and/or” or “as well as.” It means something more like “following up.” Here are some real examples from students:

7. I really love that hot dog place on Liberty Street. Slash can we go there tomorrow? 8. Has anyone seen my moccasins anywhere? Slash were they given to someone to wear home ever? 9. I’ll let you know though. Slash I don’t know when I’m going to be home tonight. so what’ve you been up to? slash should we be skyping? 11. finishing them right now. slash if i don’t finish them now they’ll be done in first hour tomorrow

2013 Apr 25 wg Meta Filter (forum) http://www.metafilter.com/127366/is-this-a-new-conjunction-slash-what-is-its-function

I also think the lengthening of characters used in electronic communication was really interesting. Especially when it seems like so much is condensed to fit into 140 characters and to be consumed on a .4 in screen. Slash, damn.kids.get.off.of.my.lawn.


(head & text) What is everyone eating for lunch? / SLASH can I have some?

2014 Mar 29 Booey Mittelstadt Twitter https://twitter.com/booeymitt9/status/450013497861734400 can’t wait for your book tour stop in Fort Worth tomorrow! Slash do you need cash to buy the book?

slimdown n Partial government shutdown started on Oct 1, 2013, caused by Congress failing to pass appropriations legislation or continuing resolutions to fund the federal government for fiscal year 2014 (used by Fox News to down-
play the impact on government services and employees)  

2013 Oct 1 FoxNews.com http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/10/01/partial-shutdown-begins-can-congress-white-house-compromise/ What the Obama administration is portraying as a “shutdown” of the federal government—complete with signs posted at the entrances to government buildings, parks and monuments—is turning out to be more of a “slimdown,” as all non-essential workers reported to their jobs Tuesday.  

2013 Oct 1 Jack Mirkinson Huffington Post http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/10/01/fox-news-government-slimdown_n_4025738.html (head & text) Fox News Website Trumpets Government ‘Slimdown,’ Not Shutdown / […] If you were looking at the Fox News website, you might think you were in a different universe than the one where everyone is talking about a government shutdown. […] Ironically, on [Fox News] television, there was still talk of a “shutdown.”  

2013 Oct 2 Eric Hananoki Media Matters for America http://mediamatters.org/blog/2013/10/02/fox-fix-in-ap-reports-shutdown-becomes-slimdown/196221 (head & text) Fox Fix: In AP Reports, “Shutdown” Becomes “Slimdown” / […] [Howard] Kurtz’s column has the headline, “Spin Wars: Is the shutdown about blackmail or ObamaCare?”—but Fox modified the headline to “KURTZ: Is slimdown about blackmail or ObamaCare?” on its front page.  

2013 Oct 3 Stephen Colbert Colbert Report Comedy Central http://www.thecolbertreport.cc.com/videos/qz6a9i/government-slimdown---potus-meeting [•] Fox News is calling it a “slimdown,” which is a great name ‘cause you know who’s really going to slim down? The nine million women and children who will lose supplemental nutrition from the government. I mean, that’s just chivalrous: remember, remember, women and children first. The point is, the slimdown is a good thing. And it’s all Obama’s fault!  

2013 Oct 7 Lauren Simonetti Fox Business Fox News http://video.foxbusiness.com/v/2727326669001/slimdown-silver-lining/#sp=show-clips [•] Bill Eggers, you are, you are an expert in most things about government reform; you’re also an author of The Solution Revolution. We’re in day 7 now in what we call the slimdown or the partial government shutdown, but you somehow see a silver lining, and I’d love for you to explain that to us.  

2013 Dec 12 Right Wing Patriot (blog) http://rightwingpatriot.com/establishment-gop-purging-conservatives/ I understand that the establishment GOP wants to keep the focus on ObamaCare and don’t want to have another government slimdown, but the proposed budget shows a total lack of spine as Obama and his progressive liberal allies get practically everything they want.

**stack ranking, stack ranking system** *n* Method of ranking employees on a primitive curve  

1988 Aug 31 Lusardi v Xerox Corporation United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (LexisNexis) For example, some units employed different variations on a *stack ranking system*, while others devised service/performance matrices.  

2000 Oct 30 Rod McQueen National Post (Canada) C1 (LexisNexis) Applicants must now not only show that they will deliver Canadian content, but also demonstrate market enthusiasm. “How much will a broadcaster pay, by way of a licence fee, to air the program? The more a broadcaster is prepared to pay, the higher in the *stack-ranking* goes the application.”
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2001 Mar 19 Reed Abelson New York Times A1 (LexisNexis) According to the lawsuit, employees are rated on a five-point scale, with only a certain percentage permitted to receive each score. Employees doing the same job in the same unit are also given a “stack ranking,” from most to least valuable. Managers decide those rankings largely using what are called “lifeboat discussions,” where they choose which employees they would want with them if stuck in a lifeboat.


2007 Mar 29 Mike Rogoway Oregonian (LexisNexis) At General Electric Corp., longtime CEO Jack Welch was famous for instituting rigorous evaluations, derided by critics as “rank and yank,” designed to lavish encouragement on the top 20 percent of workers and push out the bottom 10 percent. Microsoft historically used a “stack ranking” process similar to Intel’s to compare and rate employees’ performance.

2009 Dec 22 Nanette L Guadalupe BusinessWorld (LexisNexis) “There are several metrics involved and we use an automated process using a weighted process to develop a stack ranking. The bottom 10% are then sent to HR (human resources department) to be further evaluated on a one-on-one basis,” he said.

2010 Mar 4 Dave Martin American Banker 9 (LexisNexis) I like to point out to folks that, if you looked at a stack-ranking of their branches by performance and visited their lowest-quartile branches, you would be likely to find as many friendly folks there as you would in their top quartile.

2012 July 4 Charles Arthur Guardian Unlimited (LexisNexis) Eichenwald’s conversations reveal that a management system known as “stack ranking”—a program that forces every unit to declare a certain percentage of employees as top performers, good performers, average, and poor—effectively crippled Microsoft’s ability to innovate. “Every current and former Microsoft employee I interviewed—every one—cited stack ranking as the most destructive process inside of Microsoft, something that drove out untold numbers of employees,” Kurt Eichenwald writes.

2013 Nov 24 Phyllis Korkki New York Times BU8 (LexisNexis) Some companies go so far as to rate employees on a bell curve, a process known as forced or stack ranking. Jack Welch, the former C.E.O. of General Electric, advocated a system in which the 20 percent of employees deemed top performers were rewarded, the middle 70 percent were coached on ways to improve, and the bottom 10 percent were shown the door.

2014 Mar 20 Namrata Singh The Times of India (LexisNexis) Move over stack ranking—the system of appraising employees in comparison to others. It appears to be falling out of favour with certain organizations globally, given the high attrition rate that usually follows the review process.

struggle bus, strug bus  n  Figurative place where one has difficulty  

Like so many other groups, the Five Gospel Singers took to the road, trav-
eling in a rundown jalopy Thompson called their “struggle bus.”] 2006 Apr 6 Diane Van Dyke Berks-Mont (Pa) Newspapers (NewsBank) Among his [Judson Laipply’s] conversational dialogue of the “yeah” moments in life, like finding money in your pocket, and having difficult days on the “struggle bus,” when nothing seems to go right, he spoke about the power of choice. 2008 Apr 21 Jeff Johnson McClatchy-Tribune Business Wire (ProQuest) The Cedar Rapids Kernels outfielder [Jeremy Moore] has ridden the struggle bus, as the baseball cliche goes, during his four-year minorleague career. [2010 July 19 Susan Thurston St Petersburg (Fla) Times 2B (Factiva) Eric Praetorius and Jennifer Bello openly struggle. [...] So much so that the longtime friends started a website, Ride the Struggle Bus (ridethestrugglebus.com), to share their stories of “hilarity and failures” with anyone with a sense of humor.] 2010 Dec 12 Avxtyn Twitter https://twitter.com/classsiFLYed/status/13776231677829121 lol girl I’m on the strug bus! 2011 Mar 22 Chelsea Cawood OU Daily Fashion http://oudailyfashion.wordpress.com/2011/03/22/the-ten-commandments -of-the-last-few-weeks-of-college/ If you’re really on the strug bus, try doing really tedious things like reading while in a lawn chair rocking a bikini. 2012 Nov 1 Austin C Austin (Butler Univ student blog) http://www.butler.edu/admission/student-perspectives/blogs/austin/2012/11/the-struggle-bus/ You see, I’m not one for routines. Or structure, for that matter. I enjoy being spontaneous, and this semester isn’t really that spontaneous to me. That’s why I guess I’ve hopped onto “the struggle bus.” 2013 Oct 22 Jonathan Hile Big Red Louie http://bigredlouie.com/2013/10/22/get-struggle-bus-back-train/ Don’t stop believing [Louisville] Cardinals, and I mean all of us: players, coaches, staff and Cardinals in the stands. [...] Its time we get off the struggle bus and back on the train. 2013 Nov 22 Caitlin CaitlinLiz (blog) http://caitlinliz.com/2013/11/22/running-playlist-getting-off-the-struggle-bus/ (head & text) Running Playlist : Getting Off the Struggle Bus / As a runner, there are runs when you might be riding the struggle bus and then there are weeks when you’re riding the struggle bus.

Thanksgivukkah, Thanksgivukka [Thanksgiving + Hanukkah] 1: n Confluence of Thanksgiving and the first day of Hanukkah 2010 Dec 3 Matty Zatty Twitter https://twitter.com/MattyZatty/status/10481349479632897 Thanksgivukkah with the family =] 2011 Oct 28 Rachel Wolf Twitter https://twitter.com/RachelWolfDC/status/12999203792264866 Wow Hanukkah in 2013 will be Nov 27-Dec 5! We shall call it Thanksgivukkah. [2012 Nov 21 Dana Gitrell domain registration thanksgivukkah.com Whois Server] 2012 Nov 21 RSS Heeb (blog) http://heebmagazine.com/well-this-exists-thanksgivukkah/40102 (head & text) Well, This Exists: Thanksgivukkah / We’re still 24 hours away from Thanksgiving 2012, but it’s never too early to start thinking of next year, right? Apparently not, at least, not for the folks behind Thanksgivukkah. 2013 Jan 7 BZ JewSchool (blog) http://jewschool.com/2013/01/17/30051/thanksgivukkah-faq/ And sure enough, there were two Thanksgivukkahs in the late 19th century, both on the 5th Thursday in November. Thursday, November 29, 1888, was the 1st day of Chanukah, and Thursday, November 30, 1899 was the 4th
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2013 Aug 15 Jewish News (Whippany, NJ) 3 (ProQuest) “Thanksgivukkah is not just about Jews and the rest of America celebrating on the same day,” Dana Gitell explains. “It’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for all of us to celebrate the ways religious freedom make America great.”

2013 Nov 25 CNN Newsroom CNN http://edition.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/1311/28/cnr.12.html [4] [Jim Sciutto:] That calendar fluke won’t happen again for another 70,000 years, experts say. [Shmuel Herzfeld:] We call it Thanksgivukkah, but it’s really a beautiful fusion of the two days, a day of giving thanks and a day of giving praise to God, thanks to God for all the miracles.

2: attrib Of Thanksgivukkah 1 2012 Dec 20 Thanksgivukkah (blog) http://thanksgivukkah.wordpress.com/2012/12/ Wondering how you’ll get through a double holiday’s worth of awkward conversation with relatives? An old-timey game of Thanksgivukkah Bingo is always good for at least 10 minutes.

2013 Nov 13 Cari Delamielleure-Scott Farmington (Mich) Press qA (NewsBank) This year, for the first time in 125 years, the beginning of Hanukkah falls on Thanksgiving, allowing the institute to combine the two holidays for the mega “Thanksgivukkah” celebration Nov. 24 at the Teen Center in the West Bloomfield Jewish Community Center.

thigh gap n Space between someone’s inner thighs when standing with knees touching (as a measure of attractiveness) 1996 June 3 kc7cc alt.mad.playboy (Usenet group) https://groups.google.com/forum/#!original/alt.mad.playboy/U6dg333FjGo/jadIXTSxhUJ Not many snatch shots, but a lot of narrow waisted/wide hips/big thigh gap and well shaped tits. 2007 Feb 20 courtbarb Calorie Count (forum) http://caloriecount.about.com/forums/weight-loss/thigh-gap I’m not underweight. I have a thigh gap. I love my thigh gap. 2008 July 14 gimmeMORE Black Hair Challenge (forum) http://forum.blackhairmedia.com/the-official-thigh-gap-challenge_topic141773.html It got me thinking about those thigh gaps… I think they are so sexy! I used to have a thigh gap but thanks to pork and no exercise, they disappeared. [2011 Jan 23 domain registration thighgap.com DNC Holdings] 2011 Aug 8 Chichi Kix Fit Villains Tumblr http://fitvillains.tumblr.com/post/8651703783/6-things-you-should-know-by-now-and-if-not-let-it Girls who are constantly looking for exercises to induce a ‘thigh gap’ should stop. […] Thigh gaps are genetically impossible for most of us, and not a symbol of fitness, good health or even thinness. 2013 Feb 11 Barbara Greenberg The Blog (Huffington Post) http://www.huffingtonpost.com/barbara-greenberg/the-thigh-gap-disturbing-_b_2647646.html (head & text) The Thigh Gap—A Disturbing New Trend Among Teen Girls / […] The thigh gap refers to the space between the thighs that teen girls are striving for. Apparently, this started trending after the Victoria Secret fashion show in December. 2013 Mar 25 Good Morning America ABC News http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/video/thigh-gap-surfaces-teenage-girls-image-obsession-18805729 [4] [Juju Chang:] What is a thigh gap? [Hailee Perez:] A thigh gap is like, when
you’re standing straight up and like you have your feet together and like your knees together, there’s like a gap in between your thighs. Girls just don’t want their thighs to touch. 2013 Camille Hugh The Thigh Gap Hack: The Shortcut to Slimmer, Feminine Thighs Every Woman Secretly Desires (Feminine Contour) Often times, the bevy of pictures of people on the Internet displaying their gaps are not true thigh gaps, but optical illusions.

twerk, twirk, twork, twurk [perh tw- < twitch or twist + -erk < work or jerk; see Anatoly Liberman, “Twerk, twerp, and other tw-words,” OUPBlog, Mar 13, 2013, https://blog.oup.com/2013/03/twerk-twerp-tw-etymology-word-origin/] 1: v Dance by suggestively moving one’s buttocks with thrusting movements; sometimes construed with an object, as in twerk it or twerk that thing. 1993 DJ Jubilee (Jerome Temple) “Stop Pause (Do the Jubilee All)” Stop Pause Take Fo’ Records (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6tLnYx7xbk) [✓] ∆Shake baby, shake baby, shake shake shake baby, shake baby, shake shake shake / Twerk baby, twerk baby, twerk twerk twerk baby, twerk baby, twerk twerk twerk twerk twerk twerk.∆ 1994 Cheeky Blakk (Angela Woods) “Twerk Something” Gots 2 Be Cheeky Mobo Records (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQtKq1_imU0) [✓] ∆Say twerk som’ nigga, say twerk som’ nigga, say twerk som’ nigga, say twerk som’ nigga.∆ 2000 Ying Yang Twins (Eric Jackson & De’Angelo Holmes) “Whistle While You Twurk” Thug Walkin’ Collipark Records (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gl2067vjiiY) [✓] ∆And whistle while you twurk, gotta make that money for sure, you got some nice looking titties, body look pretty, so don’t be scared to twurk.∆ 2000 Apr 17 Marc Silver US News & World Report 64 (ProQuest) “Twerk” is Louisiana slang for dance or “shake your booty,” and the song is about twurkers who “take it off for a thug” at strip joints like Atlanta’s Foxy Lady. 2002 Feb “Slanguistics” Vibe 56 Twerk: /twurk/ verb. To work your body on the dance floor or in the bedroom. Also spelled twork, twirk, and twurk. Destiny’s Child orders club goers to “Twerk it, twerk it” in 1999’s “Jumpin, Jumpin.” More recently, on “Twerk a Little,” from Bubba Sparxxx’s Dark Days, Bright Nights, Timbaland tells his lady to “Twerk a little / Let me see you drop it / Work a little.” Usher uses it to talk dirty in “Twerk It Out” from his 8701 album, asking, “What do you think about me / Tworking you from your front to your back end?” 2002 Dec 26 Christopher O’Connor Phoenix (Ariz) New Times http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/2002-12-26/music/it-ain-t-good -so-what/ Baby and P. Diddy take amateur turns rhyming about their diamonds, their cars, their women and everything else you and I don’t have, and they use every cliché in the process (didn’t “twerk that thang” die in, like, 1999?). 2003 Oct 16 Nick Weidenfeld Miami (Fla) New Times http://www.miaminewtimes.com/2003-10-16/music/the-ying-and-the-yang/full/ It’s easy to pass off the Atlanta duo as another “Whoomp! There It Is!”-style novelty act and assert that they lack any cultural value beyond providing strippers with something energetic to twurk to. 2003 Dec 6 Chris Floyd Guardian (UK) 32 (ProQuest) The DJs yell instructions—walk it like a model, walk it like a dog, twerk (twitch and work) it in a circle—and the hot girls obey. 2005 Beyoncé Knowles “Check On It” #1’s Destiny’s Child Sony BMG Music (https://www.youtube.com/watch
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2006 Justin Timberlake featuring Timbaland (Tim Mosley) “SexyBack” FutureSex/LoveSounds Jive Records (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gOHvDP_vCs) [Timberlake:] Ooh, boy, you looking like you see, won’t you come over and check it up on it. Dip it, pop it, twerk it, stop it, check on me tonight. [Mosley:] Let me see what you’re twerking with. [Timberlake:] Go ahead, be gone with it. [Mosley:] Look at those hips. [Timberlake:] Go ahead, be gone with it.

2006 Mar 16 Marya Summers Broward-Palm Beach New Times http://www.browardpalmbeach.com/2006-03-16/news/hip-hop-academy/full/ She was dressed plainly, accessorized by only kickin’ curves and a willingness to “twerk it” (a term coined by the Ying Yang Twins—basically a Southern rap term for shaking ass).

2006 Apr 27 William Gruger Billboard 53 (ProQuest) Things changed dramatically for Florida-based hip-hop artist J. Dash on March 21, as his single “WOP” vaulted from obscurity and went viral with the help of Miley Cyrus. The latter uploaded a video of herself twerking to the song on Facebook, and soon after, celebrities like Pharrell, LeBron James, Amber Rose and Will.i.am began socially spreading the clip.

2013 Mar 18 Steve Booher McClatchy-Tribune Business News (ProQuest) The twerk is a relatively complicated dance move that involves standing with your feet spread, leaning forward, thrusting your hips and shaking your rear end. The move is popular in urban dance clubs.

2013 June 2 Sid McKeen Worcester (Mass) Telegram & Gazette A10 (NewsBank) The word meant nothing to me, even with my newfound mastery of the shake and the twerk.

2013 Aug 16 Luke O’Neil Boston Globe G24 http://www.bostonglobe.com/arts/2013/08/15/dance-craze-gives-boston-some-much-needed-bounce/2PStc15QRenVtLDKdBC5H/story.html Jamila Afrika, another Southern transplant, from Miami, has seen twerking and its associated musical styles going on forever, she says. “I’m from the South, so for me the dance that is known as twerking has been around for years, it just had different monikers. I’ve seen it go from booty pop, clapping, booty dropping, to this umbrella term of the twerk.”

2008 Mar 28 scoop1004 YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pqf6Z0q6HQ (head) Re: Twerk Team-She Got A Donk 2009 Feb 16 CheesyDoubleBeefBurrito Urban Dictionary http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=TwerkTeam&defid=3727539 TwerkTeam: Group of girls that post videos on youtube or their myspace of them “Twerking” or basically ass shaking and dancing at the same time.

2010 Feb 6 James E Causey Milwaukee (Wisc) Journal Sentinel (LexisNexis) In the words of one of my female friends, after
viewing the “Twerk Team” video online, these women are going to make it hard for strippers because they are giving it away for free. 2012 June 12 Tyler K McDermott Billboard http://www.billboard.com/articles/columns/the-juice/483379/french-montana-recruits-rick-ross-drake-lil-wayne-for-pop-that
Continuing to bring his mixtape flare into the mainstream, French Montana salutes the twerk team movement in his latest single “Pop That.” 2013 Mar 8 Madeleine Smither McClatchy-Tribune Business News (ProQuest) There will be tons of contests, including a wet T-shirt contest, Harlem shake contest, a booty shake contest and a twerk dance off. 2013 May 6 Bethonie Butler Washington Post http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/twerking-what-is-it-and-why-did-it-get-high-school-students-suspended/2013/05/06/0186e2f2-b419-11e2-bbf2-a6f9e9d79e19_story.html On YouTube and other sites, twerk videos often feature even less clothing. 2013 Jul 30 Rollo Ross Reuters [miley] Cyrus said she was exasperated by the media focus on her new image, which includes a video packed with drug and sexual references, provocative poses and in which she jiggles her buttocks in a dance move known as “twerking”. [-] “You know, I built an entire empire for myself by the time I was 11, but now I’m just the twerk queen.” 2013 Aug 30 Tom Cowell Village Voice http://blogs.villagevoice.com/music/2013/08/diplos_twerk-of.php This Sunday, the dirty beat impresario [Diplo] brings us his latest creation: “butts Around the World,” wherein he will attempt to break the “world record” of twerkers twerking at one time with his patented “Twerk-Wall.” —twerker, twurker

vbl n Act of TWERKING 1 2001 Oct 23 Liz Armstrong Village Voice 1.49 (ProQuest) Perhaps DJ Jubilee’s talk of twerkin’, penis poppin’, and tiddy boppin’ is a far cry from their original mission, but it’s happy stuff compared to Juvenile bragging about having a fearless finger on the trigger of an automatic weapon. 2006 Nov 13 Doug Belden McClatchy-Tribune Business News (ProQuest) Inspired by popular music and videos, “grinding” or “club dancing” or “twerking”—in which girls swivel their buttocks into boys’ crotches—has been around for several years. 2012 Apr 16 Glennisha Morgan Frugivore http://frugivoremag.com/2012/04/could-twerking-possibly-be-a-new-way-to-stay-fit/ (head & text) Could ‘Twerking’ Possibly Be a New Way to Stay Fit? / [...] Sure, “twerking” isn’t the most traditional form of dance or exercise, but I can almost guarantee you that it has its benefits. 2013 Aug 27 Emily Flake “The Daily Cartoon” NewYorker.com http://www.newyorker.com/cartoons/daily/2013/08/27/twerking I was much happier when I thought twerking was some new drug Miley Cyrus was into.” 2013 Aug 28 Reed Tucker New York Post 35 (LexisNexis) This may finally be the year—even the week—when your mother asks what twerking is. —twerker, twurker

n One who TWERKS 1 2000 Apr 17 Marc Silver US News & World Report 6.4 (ProQuest) “Twerk” is Louisiana slang for dance or “shake your booty,” and the song is about twurkers who “take it off for a thug” at strip joints like Atlanta’s Foxy Lady. 2007 Oct 5 Mike Bushnell The Maneater (Univ of Missouri) http://www.themaneater.com/stories/2007/10/5/superman -album/ And some of the songs are good at least for a few laughs, including “Booty Meat,” in which Soulja Boy demands all the boppers, twurkers and the like “shake that booty meat,” over and over. 2012 Sept 24 Noel Gutierrez-
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Morfin The Eye (Columbia [Univ] Spectator blog) http://spectrum.columbia spectator.com/the-eye/twerkin-101-a-guide-for-the-booty-shaker-within-us-all True twerkers, however, will find any situation appropriate for twerkin’, such as listening to indie rock or shopping at Wal-Mart. 2013 Aug 5 Puja Patel Washington Post C3 (LexisNexis) The commands boomed over a lawn teeming with new-age candy-ravers and Miley Cyrus-inspired twerkers during the course of the Baltimore/D.C. stop of the Mad Decent Block Party tour. 2014 Jan 24 Erika Engelhaupt Gory Details (Science News blog) https://www.sciencenews.org/blog/gory-details/animals-were-original-twerkers (head & text) Animals were the original twerkers / [...] Black widow spiders are the latest documented twerkers. In their case, it’s the males that shake their rears.

underbutt n Underside of the buttocks, made visible by revealing shorts or underwear 2005 Aug 10 Alice Alice’s Wonderland (blog) http://aliceblogs.blogspot.com/2005/08/penis.html anyway, the weekend was great. i maybe won’t drink for a while now. (yeah right, who are we kidding?) and i didn’t even get sunburned! well, except for on my underbutt, you know that area at the top of your thighs where your butt starts? the underbutt? i burned mine a bit. 2007 May 16 Marty Munson Marie Claire http://www.marieclaire.com/health-fitness/news/beach-body-fast-2 (head & text) Nix Your Underbutt / Manage beneath-the-swimsuit bulge with these four moves. 2007 Oct 25 collegecallgirl comment Gawker http://gawker.com/315111/what-could-montel-williams-be-looking-at/all DAMN! That is some magnificent side-boobage. Still, I personally prefer the underbutt. 2013 July 15 Rebecca Gonsalves The Independent (London) 22 (LexisNexis; head & text) Summer’s must have: the underbutt / [...] Perhaps Rihanna inadvertently started the trend, dubbed “underbutt”, back in May when she uploaded a picture of her denim thong-clad derrière to Instagram. 2013 July 16 Gabriele Dirvanauskas The Sun (England) 28 (LexisNexis; head & text) Underbutt; Noun /un-dah-butt/ The distinct area of the bottom that is at the lower part of the gluteus maximus. Regarded as highly attractive. Often found at the beach. / [...] The look is called “the underbutt” and suddenly it is everywhere as women let it all hang out for the summer. 2013 Aug 3 Emma-Kate Symons Australian Financial Review (LexisNexis) What’s more, they are letting various chunks of “underbutt”, or errant butt cheek, spill out for the world to see, along with the frayed edges and even pocket linings. They don’t even need prying paparazzi. Shameless self-promoters, they are often busy posting “selfies” of this escapist posterior part. 2013 Sept 4 Justin Rocket Silverman New York Daily News 39 (Factiva) Like its predecessors sideboob and sidebutt (here’s to you, Gwyneth Paltrow!), underbutt quickly went from red carpet faux pas to street style du jour. 2014 Jan 10 Deirdre Reynolds Irish Independent 38 (LexisNexis) Blame ‘selfies’ [selfies 1 of one’s butt], twerking or the dreaded underbutt, but the ultimate nineties knicker trend is set to find its way back into bottom drawers in 2014. 2014 Mar 25 Rebecca Macatee E! Online http://www.eonline.com/news/524845/selena-gomez-previews-sexy-secret-project-as-justin-bieber-models-calvin-klein-underwear-see-the-pics As you can see, Selena’s behind-the-scenes Instagram snap shows the singer wearing a short, sexy black ensemble that reveals her back, lots of a leg and even a hint of underbutt.