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David Barnhart's Nominations for Words of the Year 2005

Cyber Monday, the Monday following Thanksgiving (for on-line shopping).

Iraqization, the turning over to Iraqi citizens the administration of their country.

Katrina-gate, the scandal erupting from the lack of planning for Hurricane Katrina.

podcast, widely disseminated messages or programs by iPod.

post-Katrina, of or having to do with the recovery from Hurricane Katrina.

rendition, transfer of a person for interrogation by a foreign power, esp by torture.

spim, Instant-Messaged spam.

sudoku, number-based, crossword-like puzzle.

Least Likely to Succeed:

cowboynomics, a heavy-handed approach to taxation (including tax relief for the rich).

machinima, comedy shorts and music videos produced inside games.

Most Euphemistic:

double bagel, a score of 0 0 by the same contestant in consecutive tennis games.

evil twin attack, a computer program that overpowers a hot spot and enables monitoring of laptop users.

exlax option, the hasty removal of troops from a deployment, especially from Iraq.

lily pad, a safe place of deployment overseas from which troops can be sent into action.

nuclear option, elimination of the filibuster from the rules governing debate in the U.S. Senate.

shake and bake, a tactical military maneuver in which enemy forces are sprayed with an irritant, to force them to where they can be attacked.

y'at dialect, the dialect of New Orleans in which speakers have picked up the use of ya' for you from relief workers from Brooklyn and other locales.

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