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Wayne Glowka's Nominations for Words of the Year 2005

bumper nuts Fake testicles hung from the rear end of a vehicle

Dogone Thong Filter pants worn by a dog to control flatulence

drink the Kool-Aid Show excessive loyalty (after the Jonestown massacre, where the fatal drink was Flavor Aid); also Kool-Aid drinker Extreme loyalist

exopolitics Dealings with space aliens

Fixibuster deal Attempt in the US Senate to settle the filibuster problem

Flee-ancee Runaway bride Jennifer Wilbanks

Greater North America US and Canada

Iraqitize Train Iraqis to be security forces

Katrina Hurricane (pre-Katrina, post-Katrina, Katrinagate)

muffin top Bulge of flesh hanging over the top of low rider jeans

nuclear option Most extreme course of action in the US Senate and elsewhere

patent troll Lawyer buying a patent with no intention of developing the product but with every intention of launching a future lawsuit

refugee Displaced person from a foreign country (but not from this country)

rock rental Car borrowed by a drug dealer from a client in exchange for crack

Rosenkavalier Something long and boring

Surrendercrats Democrats favoring immediate withdrawal of US forces from Iraq

SUVivan Part SUV part minivan

topsy-turvy tree, upside down tree Xmas tree hung upside down to save space and better display ornaments

turnip truck option Nuclear option in the US Senate

vlog Video Web log

Yattitude Attitude of Yats, people from New Orleans

Yoda All-round wise person

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