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New Emoticons for 2007

CURRENT EVENTS



I am still cynical about politics but feel faintly optimistic about Barack Obama



I am following the events in Iraq just enough to maintain a smug, I-told-you-so attitude in front of my red-state in-laws



I am feeling surprisingly empty without Saddam to blame the world's problems on



I am feeling surprisingly fulfilled to have Kim Jong II still around to blame the world's problems on



I am establishing an exploratory committee for a possible run in '08



I am feeling O.K. about global warming this winter



I am trying to adopt an African baby



I am no longer paying any attention to terror-level alerts



I am not ashamed to admit I have a slight crush on Nancy Pelosi

ENTERTAINMENT



I am an unemployed middle-aged man intensely aware of the B-list careers of Sarah Michelle Gellar, Stacy Keibler and the Pussycat Dolls



I am an unemployed middle-aged man intensely envious of \$50 million free-agent baseball contracts



I am already dreading the Super Bowl halftime show



I am thinking about auditioning for a reality show that will give me an ephemeral and humiliating taste of celebrity



I am praying that Ellen DeGeneres doesn't overdo the Tom Cruise jokes at this year's Academy Awards



I am open to embracing whatever embattled celebrity next apologizes for a publicly shouted ethnic slur



I am planning on curbing my steroid use this year



I am still perplexed as to what, exactly, Diddy does for a living



I am depressed that Flavor Flav is more successful in the dating world than I am



I am beginning to not really care how the Lost survivors ended up on that damn island



I am happy because it's been more than two hours since I last read an article about Britney, Lindsay or Paris

NEW MEDIA



I am enjoying bragging about not owning a TV while furtively watching NBC.com's replays of *My Name Is Earl*



I am laughing out loud, but not loudly enough to get kicked out of this Apple store with free Internet access



I am seeking help for my addiction to organizing my Netflix queue



I am mortified at having discovered my grandparents' MySpace profile



I am disoriented by the act of blogging about the act of blogging



I am pretending to feign interest in your problems while listening to a podcast



I am filming a poorly shot YouTube video in response to your poorly shot YouTube video



I am too lazy to tell you in actual words that we should divorce. (Somebody more verbal might be better for you *after all*)



I am exhausted from having spent the past five hours explaining to my parents how to work their new laptop

META-EMOTICONS



I am already breaking my New Year's resolution to not use cheesy emoticons to adorn my e-mails to co-workers



I am too old to know what an emoticon is, but I am using it anyway