

Hoping the worst-case scenario doesn't come to pass

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A few years ago, [NPR](#) and [American RadioWorks](#) ran [a story on the consequences to New Orleans of a Category 5 hurricane](#) [[NPR part 1](#)] [[NPR part 2](#)]. I had been hoping that the city would escape the worst-case scenario of the water topping the levees and submerging the city in twenty feet of water, but yesterday's [levee breaches](#) appear to have taken us one step closer...

As you probably know, I'm fascinated by language, particularly the slang terms of various professions, such as [the rich acronym soup of the emergency medical field](#) (my sick favorite being "CTD"). In the hurricane story, we hear the director of emergency management use the acronym [KYAGB](#), which stands for "Kiss your..."

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