



Scrawled shortcuts through the research maze...

Tis the season....to shop!!!!!!

What's hot in video games this year? DragonBall for PlayStation 2, "the gold standard of anime-based video games" is "exploding" in stores, according to a recent article....and Microsoft's Xbox seeks to widen its family appeal by providing access to TV and movies. Find out more:

LexisNexis: Business Industry and News

(Choose LexisNexis Academic from Databases list, then select Business)

Looking for golf stuff for Dad? Did you know Reebok owns The Greg Norman Collection (as well as Ralph Lauren footwear)...and has started selling its own swimwear line? Learn more from:

Business Source Premier: Datamonitor reports

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LexisNexis: Business: Hoover's company reports

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When was the term Xmas coined? Xmas ("X'temmas") dates back to 1551, according to the

Oxford English Dictionary

Reference 423 O98o or Online-- choose from Databases list.

What about "Black Friday", the big shopping day which falls on the Friday after Thanksgiving? According to

New Partridge Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English

Reference 427.09 P275d 2006

"Philadelphia police and bus drivers call it "Black Friday" – that day each year between Thanksgiving and the Army-Navy game, it is the busiest shopping and traffic day of the year in the Bicentennial City. [New York Times, p. 21, 11/29/75]."

Is Christmas a paid holiday for everyone? According to the

National Compensation Survey Employee Benefits in Private Industry in the United States, March 2006

paid holiday compensation is available to 76% of private employees...

<http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ebs/sp/ebsm0004.pdf>

Learn more about labor practices from the **Bureau of Labor Statistics** at

<http://www.bls.gov/>

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