**NUMBER 1 BANISHMENT**

"MANDATE" and its various forms, of 3,000 nominations received from as far away as Japan and Saudi Arabia, hundreds cited "mandate." Not all were from dissident Democrats. There was a general complaint politicians use "mandate" to overstate justification for their actions or proposals. "Mandate," could in some instances mean, "I've had two long phone calls on this subject." Tired, misused, abused and often redundant as a "mandatory law."  

**STAR WARS** as applied to military defense system, gives this impression of actually having a meaning; but it has no meaning whatsoever.

**VERTICAL ACCESS DEVICE** is bureaucracy talk for elevator.  

**SIGNIFICANT WRITE DOWN** as used in The Wall Street Journal, means "mild hike.

**VISUALLY EYEBALL THE RUNWAY.** NASA announcements talk as space shuttle pilots prepared to land. Nominated for Tautology of the Year Award.

**HOLIDAY NOG** instead of egg nog. Let us return the egg to its proper place in Christmas.

**BUSTERS** as in "inflation busters" and "crime busters." Drawn from movie world, and applied to almost everything in great tradition of "aroma" ("Crime-aroma," and "Sex-aroma") and Anatomy of a Poet" ("The Anatomy of a Poet") and "Anatomy of a Teaster."  

BRUCE PEARSON'S ENGLISH CLASS at Hendry High, Bay City, asks if "bare naked" is opposed to "clad naked."

**READ** when used as a noun, e.g. "This book is a good read. Book critics should know better. Read" is a verb.

**QUALITY TIME,** as distinguished from "quantity time" is always applied by the fulfilled woman to explain the ten minutes she devotes to her families.  

**Quality time** is what we see in the movies--not"smiling, laughing, having a food fight, tossing one's child in the air with wild abandon, unfurri- sed women on the other hand, simply slip through with quantity time."  

**SELF-CONTAINED REVERSED VERB: As** "cold loading," "up tick," and "dependence." A new category of word banishment contributed by Ed Muskie, New Norwatuget.  

**OVERCROWDED**--We have not had a simply "crowded" prison here in Tennessee since 1960. We can grasp the concept of too much of a good thing, "an overload," but I can't comprehend too much of a bad thing, as "over poor" or "over hurt."  

**IN DER TAT,** which means "indeed." The latter was also nominated by many from the U.S. and Canada, including Bryan Saroie of Eugene, Oregon, who described it as "the most overused word of the year indeed, of the century."

**IN DIESEM UNSEREN LANDE,** a cliché meaning "in this, our country," as used by Chancellor Helmut Kohl and likened to The Clox Scale to Nixon's "My fellow Americans."

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**STANCHIONS COMMITTEE** for Lincoln and forwards 'Man to Man,' and Fictional Entente Cordiale.

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**THE CLOY SCALE**

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**THE SPECIAL UKASE**

**THE UNICORN HUNTERS** order the represen-

tation of the apoplectic. It has been deprecated and mis-employed to indicate unauthorized plurals. Even a newspaper account of the banishment did refer to "spends the list in year's (sic) past..." If we allow this derision of the apoplectic, what can we expect of the colon, the hyphen, the bracket or the exclamation?  

**RUFTLES AND FLOURISHES** are authorized for MARTHA KERR'S of Sandusky, Ohio, for the inclusion of all kinds of words for banishment. She dispatches a” flies this year, each containing 200 to 300 words or phrases, Mrs. Kerr appears to be speedily eliminating the common language, which might not be a bad idea. We could then start fresh.

**NEAR MISS** should be "near hit" because it didn't nearly miss, it actually did miss.  

**FISHY WORD ALERT:** "UP TO SPEED" is running rampant in government bureaucracies manage-

ment administrations. Zap it now or it will zap you. e.g. "The president isn't up to speed on the budget."  

**JAMES KIRK**

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**Dishonourable mention**

**YOU GOT IT!,** because speakers have made it almost as trite as "Have a nice day. How do you do?"  

**GARRAH AND GIBBS** of New Mexico.  

**PREQUEL** as in: "Not a sequel but a prequel," by child psychologist referring to CBS Morning News to a recent book which was off where a previously published book started.  

**FISHY** as in: "Do you want a fishy story?"  

**JAMES KIRK** as in: "And what are we doing?  

**THE REASON IS BECAUSE,** a blatant redundancy.  

**NOBODY Puts His Nerve Where His Mouth Is** and "Nothing quite compares like a massaging in A Shaw Garrett advertisement, Slauan, Iowa. To which the nominator asks: "Compare to what?"  

**FROM WEATHER REPORTER:** the current temperature right now is... "We have a wet pavement situation." We are expecting considerable rain shower activity and wet weather process.  

**ENGLISH PRINTED:** "If I can't find it myself, then I shouldn't be allowed to receive letters."  

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