

# YOU GO GIRL

"Overused on TV talk shows and now it's everywhere." **Lillie Taylor, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

# Just play one game at a time

"There being no alternative, our overpaid athletes can safely offer to do at least this much." **Jack Dietrich, Albuquerque, NM.**

# aromatherapy

"This catchy word can be found on the labels of everything from shampoo bottles to air fresheners. If it's truly 'therapy', perhaps it should come at a higher price." **Michelle Batterbee Fox, Ellsworth School teacher, Ellsworth, Michigan**

# Down Time

"It may be alright when applied to computers, but not humans." **Polly Fields, LSSU English professor**

# PHONE TAG

"It may have been a cool, trendy phrase in the 80s, but it is really annoying now." **Mark Terwilliger, LSSU math professor**

# WINNINGEST

AS IN, "She's the winningest coach in history."

# I'm all like

Used with the hated 'he goes/she goes.' For example: "My son dashes into the room and he goes, 'Dad! Dad!' and I'm like, 'What? What?' The perpetrators of such babble should be locked together in a room, with their baseball caps riveted bill forward." **Allen C. Myers, senior editor, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Michigan**

# Joe Sixpack

"I am president and founder of the International Order for the Abolition of the Word Sloppy Joe. Its goal is to ban Sloppy Joe, Common Joe, Joe Blow... It gives Joes a bad name. You never hear of a Sloppy Steve, Ruth etc. Joes should never be lumped together as common or everyday. I therefore nominate 'Joe Sixpack'. Man on the street is good enough." **Joe Gallagher, Port Huron Michigan.**

(Ed. note: According to our Canadian neighbors, the Canadian equivalent to Joe Sixpack is "Joe Lunchbucket." This would be included in the banishment.)

# AS IF

Slang expression used when someone has stated something obvious, or something dumb. May be used interchangeably with "DUH," another expression which was nominated by many.

# Paper or Plastic?

"Are they talking about payment or package totes?"

**Paul D. Freedman, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan**

# Get a life!

"A worn out phrase which has somehow escaped the list until now." **Chris Gailus, Channel 3 News Guy, Calgary, Alberta**

# WHATEVER

Received the most nominations. "Whatever what? Whatever I want? Whatever I need? It doesn't make any sense." **Rachel Bivens, Manton High School student, Manton, Michigan**

# DON'T GO THERE

# DON'T EVEN GO THERE

Another gift from the talk show circuit. "Go where? Do what?" **Pellston High School Creative Writing Class, Pellston, Michigan**

# burning bridges

"The 1996 elections have voters tired of hearing the many 'bridge' metaphors from politicians. 'Building bridges to a vibrant future,' or the past... I think some bridges should be burned." **Donna Gayon, Perry High School teacher, Perry, Michigan**

# La Macarena

"Ad nauseam." **Robert Sutherland, London, Ontario**

# Thank you for taking my call

"This groveling by callers to talk shows accomplishes nothing, wastes time and places the talk show host and guests in an (undeserved) superior position." **Dan McManman, Nomad Lake Superior Charters, Ironwood Michigan**

# Doing the \_\_\_ thing

"Mom thing, Dad thing, Kid thing, Right thing, Word Banishment thing" Nominated for overuse and uselessness by **Susan Elek, St. Clement Catholic High School English teacher, Center Line, Michigan**

# ATTITUDE

"A euphemism for an overbearingly aggressive nature." **Byron R. Crary, Clark Lake, Michigan**

# OUTSOURCING

"Big business word for having parts or supplies produced by another company." **Tory Cook, MCTV reporter, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.**

Send nominations at anytime to

# multi-tasking

"Doing several things at once said it all." **Donna Gayon, Perry High School teacher, Perry, Michigan**



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