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## SOMETHING IS CASU MARZU IN AMERICA

### Small Sessions Seeks Supremes' Support Short-Snuffing DACA

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In support of all the racist, xenophobic, sh\*thole country hating members of the administration and its GOP allies in Congress, Attorney General Jeff Sessions said today that his (now inexplicably named) *Justice* Department will ask the Supreme Court to vacate a lower court's injunction, thus giving the Trump permission to phase out the Obama-era DACA program this March.

Sessions claimed the lower court's action "defies both law and common sense." Making what he surely must hope is a job-saving reference to his mercurial boss' remark that another court's ruling against the administration was handed down by "a so-called judge," Sessions expressed hope that Trump's recently confirmed Supreme Court nominee, Neil M.<sup>1</sup> Gorsuch, would come to his aid.

(Wait to see if Sessions adds more fuel to the Immigration Conflagration - set by the Arsonist-In-Chief - by alleging Muslims are *still* dancing in the streets of New Jersey, joyously celebrating the 2001 destruction of the World Trade Center - a "fact" first attested to by the same Chief Arsonist who claimed that he *saw* them that year.)

<sup>1</sup> Although as yet unverified, Sessions is reported to believe that Gorsuch's middle initial stands for "My Man!"

### Scarcely Surfeited . . . Still Seeking Synonym Substitutes Since *Servile*, *Submissive*, *Subservient*, *Slavish*, *Spineless*, *Sycophantic* Seem Superfluous? Sure, Silly!

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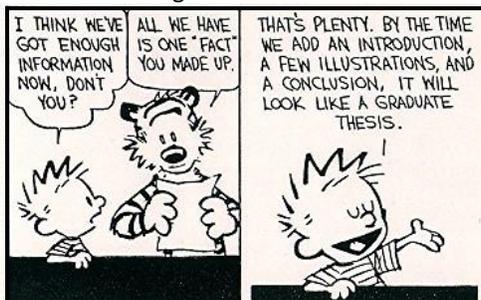
Later we will have much to say about *adjectives* such as those in this headline. In this piece, we wish to add a new *verb*. To the chagrin of the gate-keepers of so-called "proper"<sup>2</sup> English, we have taken a *proper noun* and forced it against its will, into usage as a *verb*. In a Hobbesian sort of way, this might not be so good.

*Calvin*: I like to verb words.

*Hobbes*: What?

*Calvin*: I take nouns and adjectives and use them as verbs. Remember when "access" was a thing? Now it's something you do. It got verbed. . . . Verbing weirds language.

*Hobbes*: Maybe we can eventually make language a complete impediment to understanding.<sup>3</sup>



<sup>2</sup> "Proper?" We don't need no stinkin' "proper" now that we got Trump! Yeah, you know: His Orange-ness, Il Douche di Shithole Mar-a-Lago.

*Editor's Note*: As a matter of style, we shall stick to our "proper" usage and render it "Sh\*thole."

<sup>3</sup> *Calvin and Hobbes*, by the great Bill Watterson.

In our defense, our new verb bears a *striking* similarity to all the headline's adjectives, in that each of those adjectives describes the noun that was dragooned into verbal service, if you'll excuse our using the language to perpetrate *that* pun. Or, even if not.

The word is "Pence." To "Pence" someone is to engage in behavior that is servile, submissive, subservient, slavish, spineless, and sycophantic - not to mention: obsequious, fawning, flattering, ingratiating, oily, obeisant, toadying, brownnosing, and up-suckingly unctuous. You're most welcome.

### OUR ADJECTIVES ARE DYING

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*Editor's Note*: I have asked Daniel Webster down in Statuary Hall to file this important report. One of the finest senators Massachusetts ever elected, he was an accomplished wordsmith, delivering what is widely regarded as "one of the greatest speeches in the Senate's history."<sup>3</sup> Also, he shares the same last name as Noah Webster, author of the eponymous dictionary. After many interviews over good brandy with his fellow New England lawyer and wordsmith, Daniel filed the following from his Massachusetts retirement home.

<sup>3</sup> See the *Wikipedia* entry for Daniel Webster and follow its link "Reply to Hayne."

## TRUMP'S LYING IMPERIALS REPORTING THEM

### ADJECTIVES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Media attempts to actually *describe* the indescribably wretched state of Trump and the GOP's congressional Trumpists have provoked an impasse. Due to their being overused to the point of exhaustion, we are running out of adjectives to report it all accurately. Adjectives are essential. (This impasse debuted when theologians first tried to describe God, only to exhaust themselves.)

If the Trump administration and its Capitol Hill toadies were a culinary dish, they would be (pardon what is likely yet another pun): "a mashup" of the Scot's traditional banned-in-the-USA-because-it-contains-sheep-lungs *haggis*; Filipino *balut*, which is a soft-boiled fetal duck – small bones, feathers, beak and all that can be slurped from the shell with a pinch of salt; Thai Bat Paste, which is pretty much as it sounds – a live, flying mouse is dropped into boiling water or milk and then roasted until tender - to which is added, mercifully, Thai herbs and spices; and, (did we already say "mercifully?"), the *piece de resistance*, the officially-outlawed Greek cheese, *Casu Marzu* or, as it is called in polite company "rotten cheese." Adhering to the less-than-genteel standards of presidential speech, it more frequently goes by the name, "maggot cheese." According to CulinarySchools.org, "it tastes exactly as you might imagine: strong pecorino, the crawly snot-plump bodies of insect larvae, and the slimy fat they've made of the digested cheese. Oh, and the worms jump off the cheese while you're eating it." *Bon appetit!*

That took us a whopping 153 words to describe Trump and his gangsters. Adjectives save a lot of time and space. We need them. Specifically, we need *new* ones. (This is true even when a picture is worth 1,000 adjectives, as in this photo of the President serving up one of his 2,000+ lies during 2017.)



The profligate overuse of certain adjectives to describe our culture of political prevarication has, following the provisions of The Adjectival Accountability Act of 2002 (A.A.A.), forced the Library of Congress to retire these adjectives for a period of not less than ten months. Following the mid-term elections, we hope other, more pleasant adjectives, will come into wide usage.

In their ten-month retirement, their meanings will be rehabilitated and restored, principally through the enforcement of a *complete ban* on their daily use in all printed media.

As an aid to newsrooms and bloggers who have been caught off guard by the Library's action, the following is a partial listing of the newly banned adjectives, many of which are already near death.

They are: *dire, confusing, maddening, absurd, shocking, dispiriting, preposterous, unreasonable, foolish, desperate, dysfunctional, clamorous, imbecilic, puerile, doltish, stupefying, cynical, ludicrous*, and (most especially) *bizarre*.

Empowered by provisions of the A.A.A., the Library has tapped into the National Strategic Adjective Reserve in search of replacement adjectives that may be used to facilitate editorial writing and blogging about the nation's on-going political - what, oh what is the right adjective?

Earlier today, the Library released a replacement for all those adjectives now in therapeutic quarantine. The adjective is: **esquivallient**.

The *New Oxford American Dictionary*, 2nd Edition of 2005 says the origin of *esquivallient* is in the "late 19th century, perhaps from the French verb *esquiver*: to 'dodge, slink away.'" (In truth, the word was created out of whole cloth by the editor of that edition. She placed it there to track others' attempts at plagiarizing the NOAD.)

This is an *especially* fine choice, since the NOAD defines *esquivallient* as characterizing "the willful avoidance of one's official responsibilities; the shirking of duties; an un-willingness to work, especially as part of a group effort."

To aid those reporting on Trump and the Trumpist majority in "the world's greatest deliberative body," we will use *esquivallient* in the following sentence as an example.

The behavior of the GOP congress ever since President Obama was inaugurated - and continuing until now - can best be described as being *esquivallient*.

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