A Puzzlemaster’s Parable

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Uncleag: [noun] A neighbor whose house is on fire or has burned down.

“It’s a ridiculously specific word and that’s why I love it,” said New York Times Crossword Puzzle Editor, Will Shortz ’77. The Virginia Law Weekly had the opportunity to interview Mr. Shortz about how he contemplates words and language, and how we as budding lawyers can learn a thing or two from UVa’s most famous wordsmith.

In his capacity as puzzle editor, Mr. Shortz receives between 75 and 100 puzzle submissions per week. “The biggest part of the job is actually looking at the submittances and deciding which ones are the best.”

What are the hallmarks of a great puzzle? “I’m looking for fresh, colorful vocabulary that is generally familiar to New York Times readers.” He doesn’t mean the language should be simplistic; “I like an interesting, difficult word sometimes but I want, generally speaking, familiar vocabulary.”

After receiving a submission, he marks it up on paper (the medium by which he requires all puzzles to be submitted), then he makes notes on what he likes and doesn’t like. “Everyone gets a response; yes or no.” He likes words like “eratia page” and “trashmouth” and “claw juice.” Words he doesn’t like: “Heme as in a deep red pigment, the color of blood.” That type of word is what he calls a “crosswordy-word” or “crosswordese” if you will. “It’s vocabulary that people know mainly from crossword, not from real life.”

A career writing puzzles was always the goal for Mr. Shortz. The summer before he began at UVa Law, he interned for Penny Press Puzzle Magazine in Connecticut, where he saw how he could have a career in puzzles “without living in abject pov-erty.”

When he began law school, Shortz planned to practice for a few years then transition to a career writing and editing puzzles. But in the spring semester of his first year he wrote a letter home stating otherwise. “I told my par-ents I would be dropping out of UVa at the end of the year and go right into puzzles. And you could tell by his handwriting how that news went over.”

His mother, a writer herself and a .New York Times op-ed thoughtfully about why he should remain in school. “I thought she made good points, so I went ahead and got my J.D. and then went in puzzles.”

Though Shortz never prac-
ticed law, he is grateful for his UVa education and uses it to this day.

“I think a legal education is just a great education for the world. It teaches you to handle complex problems, divide them into their constituent parts, and deal with each part individually.”

The author of over 500 puzzle books has never used an agent or editor, “I do it all myself.” Even after forty years as a professional puzzle editor, Mr. Shortz still makes the rare, albeit comical, error that underscores the importance of precise lan-
guage. A clue last year: 1996 hor-
ror movie with four sequels the answer was “Scarem.” “The prob-
lem was that there were four Scarem films in total, but only three sequences. Of course the first one wasn’t a sequel.”

Another clue: “Head of state who resigned in 1974” the an-
swer, “Meir, as in Prime Minister Golda Meir.” What’s the prob-
lem? “In Israel she is the head of government but she’s not the head of state, that’s the Presi-
dent. We tend to overlook that distinction in the United States because our President is both head of government and head of state.” Mr. Shortz explained that there are 30,000 classes in the New York Times crossword each year, and occasionally mis-
takes happen.

Some are beyond the puzzle master’s control. The clue: The only NFL team to go 0 and 16 for a season. “The intended answer was the Lions’ and the puzzle was put to bed on December 30, 2017. Over that weekend, literally two days later, the Cleveland Browns completed their season 0 and 16. So the clue was correct when the puzzle was put to bed, but by the time the puzzle appeared in print it was wrong. Of course a lot of people follow NFL so we heard a lot about that.”

As our faithful readers know, the Law Weekly has toyed with

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On behalf of the staff of the Law Weekly accepts the return of the (broken) RFK bust as a sign of surrender from the Z-Soci-
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I was surprised to learn that I was going to study business law and entrepreneur-ship in the Silicon Valley of the Middle East. The opportunity was an incredible feat considering the recent developments in the Israeli early-stage investors in the high-tech market. Additionally, I was the only person asking for money who could directly approach people effectively rather than sit passively and hope some-thing paid attention. Certainly my relatively light complexion played a role in that. I have al-ways felt that people are much more uncom-fortable with being ran-domly approached by me than by other African Americans with darker skin, despite the fact that I am so much larger than average people, which seems like a more rational rea-son to find a stranger imposing or threatening. Another reason I could approach, though, is I am physically able, while an indis-able factor is that people asking for money that day had mobility issues from long term injuries. So I was certainly per-formed to be in a higher social class simply due to my appear-ance, but in all the ways I was not, my appearance also led to more favorable interpretations of how I asked for money. For a slightly different and perhaps more controversial view of class, take my youth-ful interest in joining the mili-tary. I felt and still feel very strongly that there is a moral imperative to serve your coun-try and not leave truly difficult service to others. Beyond that, it seemed like military service might be a practical way for me to alleviate my eco-nomic is- sues by giving myself stability through a career and work and a measure of social respect I could build upon once I left active duty. However, this path seemed unavailable to me because of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell. I was six years old when President Clin-ton implemented the policy to bar going to the Gallery Place metro stop to beg for change. I am physically able, while an other reason was that people experiencing homelessness that day had mobility issues from long term injuries. So I was certainly per-formed to be in a higher social class simply due to my appear-ance, but in all the ways I was not, my appearance also led to more favorable interpretations of how I asked for money.

Innovation in Israel: A-JTerm Story

Israeli Business Law and Innovation is an incredible course that I was fortunate to take as a law student. The course was integrat-ed within the curriculum of the University of Virginia Law School and was designed to provide students with a unique vantage point on the legal and business environment in Israel. The course aimed to explore the innovative and entrepreneurial spirit of Israel, focusing on the development of the high-tech sector and other emerging industries. Students were exposed to a broad range of topics, including intellectual property, corporate law, and entrepreneurship, with an emphasis on the role of law in shaping innovation and economic development. The course was led by Professor Brian Diliberto, who is a leading expert in Israeli law and business and provides students with a deep understanding of the Israeli legal system and its impact on the country’s thriving innovation ecosystem.

One of the highlights of the course was a trip to Jerusalem, where students were able to experience the vibrant technology startup scene firsthand. The trip included visits to Israeli startups and technology parks, as well as meetings with prominent entrepreneurs, investors, and legal experts. Through these interactions, students gained valuable insights into the legal and business landscape of Israel, including the legal challenges and opportunities faced by companies in the high-tech sector.

The course also covered a wide range of other topics, such as the role of law in shaping innovation policy, the impact of technology on society, and the challenges of managing intellectual property in the digital age. Students were encouraged to think critically about the interplay between law, policy, and innovation, and to consider the ethical implications of technological advancements.

Overall, the course provided a unique and enriching learning experience, allowing students to develop a deep understanding of the legal and business environment in Israel and to gain valuable insights into the innovative and entrepreneurial spirit of the country. The course was an incredible opportunity for students to explore the legal and business landscape of Israel and to gain a unique perspective on innovation and entrepreneurship in one of the world’s leading high-tech hubs.
Nap Your Way to Success

Are you tired? Struggling to focus? Ready to reach for that next cup of coffee? With the help of the Eleanor Schmidl (sha/er/har/), 20 Staff Editor, nap semester starting, some of you may feel sleeping at the thought of starting another round of classes. While I’m sure you’ve got a consistent, normal sleep schedule over the long break, you may still be searching for a way to stay refreshed in the chaos of your spring schedule. Well, rest easy, 180s, because an afternoon nap may be the key to conquering anything that comes your way!

While American culture seems to frown upon the idea of an afternoon nap for adults, a siesta can produce huge benefits for hard-working law students. Some of the greats, including Winston Churchill, Margaret Thatcher, and even Einstein, committed time in the afternoon to recharge with a short nap despite their busy schedules. And the amount of time it takes to reap the benefits of taking a nap:

1. Read: stayed up until 3 a.m. and woke up at noon
2. “Hard-working” includes those with perfect attendance at FelChu parties
3. AKA your “I don’t have time for a nap” excuse may be invalid

In October 2010, Spain had its first ever siesta competition and offered a money prize to the town, nap based on nap position and Pj style with noon points for snoring.”

Disclaimer: the author of this article is in no way responsible should your brain discard classes as “clutter.”

1. If you could live anywhere, where would you live?

11. What’s the best gift you’ve ever received?

My auntie gave me a rice cooker when I graduated from college, which I use a lot. I cook stir fry for 95% of my meals, so rice is a key staple.

13. If the Law School had yearbook awards, what would you want to win?

Definitely best produce-based Halloween costume. Come at me TT.

14. Backstreet Boys or NSYNC?

Gunners n’ Roses

15. What is the best concert you have ever been to?

I saw 2 Chainz live when I was in college at the University of Michigan, which was fun. I also went to the 2006 documentary film largely about Mr. Shortz’s work, “Wordplay.” I believe it came out it was one of the top twenty-five highest grossing documentaries of all time.

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1. When will you be making your career debut with the law school band?
18. What did you have for breakfast this morning?

I made a rice cooker when I graduated from college, which I use a lot. I cook stir fry for 95% of my meals, so rice is a key staple.

10. Who’s the best meal you’ve ever had?

I got to choose one meal, but probably Thanksgiving dinner every year.

11. If you could meet one celebrity, who would it be and why?

Topanga from Boy Meets World...she was my first love.

If you need that morning brew to start your day and pick you up after a good lunch, know that it can be good for pushing you through your days, but can impact your ability to fall asleep at night, as most law students can attest to from personal experience. Of course, if you choose to coffee and naps, you may be able to have your cake and eat it, too. For tips on how to manage napping in the hospital, see our last issue. In any case, you may experience an additional power up. The effects of the caffeine don’t come until between fifteen and twenty minutes after consumption, meaning it won’t affect your ability to fall asleep. So, while you may have to compromise in most relationships, you and coffee can still live together in peace and harmony. You may even want a nap on your list of ways to get through the busy day.

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-J. Zablocki

Student Body of UVa’s Slackers of the Faculty of Law

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LAW WEEKLY FEATURE: Court of Petty Appeals

The Court of Petty Appeals is the highest appellate jurisdiction court at UVa Law. The Court has the power to review any and all decisions, conflicts, and disputes that involve, either directly, indirectly, or tangentially, the Law School or its students. The Court comprises four associate justices and one Chief Justice. Opinions shall be released periodically and only in the official court reporter: the Virginia Law Weekly. Please email a brief summary of any and all con- 

tracts to jm33b@virginia.edu.

Student Body of K-Don really that limit-

need my grades in order to 
be—to quote one not-even-
paths (ahem, grades need-

living). This is the system that
is supposed to be used to 
communicate grades to stu-
dents, in case confusion
about how to do so is what’s 
holding any professors up.

before the Court of Petty Ap-

pears endless wait for
said grades to post on SIS.8

Having given the matter much
thought over the many
weeks that have passed since
the end of finals, the Student
Body therefore has decided
to bring suit on grounds of
(1) failure to fulfill contract-
ual obligations, (2) inhu-
mane treatment in violation
of any convention on human
rights, and (3), because it is
more or less a default claim
in any complaint that comes
burden of having a soul,2
these being held in abeyance
by Uncle Sam for the foreseeable future,3 it is taught
and assessed by a Faculty of
mostly pretty stellar legal
scholars.4 While the individ-
ual members of the Stu-
ent Body would welcome personalized thoughts re-
garding course performance
in lieu of mere comparison to
fellow members of the Student Body, the Student
Body long ago conceded that
letter grades are a more ef-

ficient means of issuing this assessment. However,
the emphasis on efficiency was clearly never intended
to be one-sided; i.e., it was never intended to benefit
solely the Faculty such that
the Faculty might choose to
to enjoy the holiday season
in a cruel fashion.5

5 Say what you will, soul-
lessness can only be an asset
in Big Law.

6 Please, PLEASE, no one
say it is Uncle Don who has
abandoned these now. Life is
cruel enough.

7 This Court will name
names of those more, ah,
terrestrial teachers only if
compelled by subpoena for
forms which may not be found
on the Court’s web-
site. Although the Court will
note that, as always, Profes-
or Mitchell remains a shin-
ning beacon for all professo-
ral sort and gets his grades
out almost before the twelfth
day of Christmas.

Student Body remains hung up on
exams) before hastily as-
signing everybody B+’s with
a smattering of A-’s and B’s,
maybe even an A+ or, heav-
en forbid, a B-. Any inter-
pretation by the Faculty in
line with such is clearly in
bad faith, and any action in
accordance with such inter-
pretation is a breach of con-
tract. The evidence present-
ed not allowing for any other explanation,8 the Court has
no choice but to find breach
of contract by the Faculty,
or, in the alternative, bad faith in forming said con-
tract and then accepting re-
ally rather horrendous sums of money from the already
impoverished Student Body
without any intent to issue
timely assessments as rea-
sonably expected.

8 Of course brought by
the Student Body reflects
the perils of tardiness par-
ticularly neatly. You see,
not only is inhumane treat-
ment a claim with merit,
it is a claim the Student Body
had opportunity to study
in greater detail over the many,
many, many weeks of win-
ter vacation. In particular,
learning about the compara-
tively frivolous claims which
succeed before the EU Court
of Human Rights in a J-term
which may well be graded
before fall semester grades are all posted9 inspired this
claim. Without further ado

9 This Court has faith in
you, Madame Goré. But
even if not, French pastry
remains a multitude of sins.

Faculty Quotes

M. Gilbert: “According to
tuition policy, you have
to attend 80 percent of
the classes. And now you go ask-
ne, is he a rules guy or a
standards guy?”

E. Kitch: “Hello… well good
ye 1 guys. Merry Christmas,
Happy New Year, and have a
good rest of your lives.”

J. Mahoney: “Have you
ever wondered about the his-
tory of the Internal Revenue
Code?”
more in the accent-neutral way of news anchors.

Outside the South, parts of the bias against the Southern accent can be somewhat, but not completely, overtaken by high socio-economic class markers. For instance, President Clinton is often characterized as brilli-ant, noting his education, but usually this recognition is de-scendent, noting his accent. The stereotypically seeming-ly as a tool that connects him with lower class voters.

Significantly, President Bush, son of another Presi-dent Bush, who went to Yale and Harvard Business School, is not seen as smart despite the trappings of his education, and most people connect their perception of his intellect to his drawl. However you feel about the relative intelligence of either of these presidents, I have always noticed how their intelligence was filtered through the lens of their accent and regional background.

So, how do we decide to do with the law school and the law? As you may have no-ticed, the professional areas, the legal world is fo-cused on elite things—elite schools, elite professors, elite clients, etc.—even in areas where some of those components are inherently counterproductive like in public service roles. Unsur-prisingly, there is an overabundance of elitism on these trappings of elitism, even on area.

or analysis of U.S. law re-garding violation of human rights—torture is banned pretty much everywhere, and obvi making a bunch of high profile cases.

oh, over a single month! This court finds that the Faculty has failed to tell the Student Body’s basic human rights. Maybe this is true of all the students, or only of the “normals,” but quick life lesson: the whole point of an endurance contest—such as finals—is that at the end (because yes, there is an end) you have some measure-able satisfaction, even if it is only identifiable conclusion of the tort (that the Faculty will likely still faill), even if it is only an inaccuracy of the claim that the entire Student Body is relived of the burden of a soul. To rephrase, we have not graded anything yet, or in fact have no intention of grading anything. Keep us on edge! Send out the thrill of exams for as long as possible. This court has al-ready ruled that professors may not also be professors. I think the implication of these topics is thoughtful, a certain set of vocabulary and select appropriate experi-ences to discuss, identifying the right way to approach them is one of the ways our career services provides much needed guidance.

Yet knowing about the top-ics is one thing. Actually being able to engage in the deep conversation about these really important topics is another. I think the only way I have been fortunate enough to travel abroad on fellowships to learn to engage even in light conversa-tion with professors since the summer, but I have internalized my old economic and social-class identity even though I feel this is not like to see them again. Students in their offices ev-ery day that are unique to their studies and building off any experience. I am most interested in asking in fear of not coming off as a fancy pants and being seen as stupid.

One of our greatest assets is how engaged and open professors are in our community. The fact that stu-dents can talk with them in office hours, have lunch with them, work with them, and see them out in the wild is a unique and truly wonderful opportunity to get to know the best of the best from all over our law school experi-ence than our peers at other institutions. This multiplicity I personally struggle to utilize.

But even with access, I feel a certain sense of reluctance to engage in even light conver-sation with professors since the summer. I have internalized my old economic and social-class identity even though I feel this is not true anymore. I am lucky that this court is outraged, and it’s all the Faculty’s fault. A few days in which to move from one semester to another, be it by coming to terms with lousy ones and mourning futures no longer possible, or by celebrating that one A- in a sea of B+s, can be the only respite before days of finals and then weeks of anxious wait-ing for all work to be judged, weeks of tedious studying and then doing it all over again.

On the matter of damges, the Student Body will never be able to relive Win-ter Break 2017–18 and cel-ebrate whatever holidays in truly peaceful fashion. It is not impossible to imagine a ver-sal award in the form of A’s for all. With regard to tangible damage, there will be a gag or-gan in order that the firms the Student Body still work at will not be able to do anything anymore. Whole of our lives, being in existence.

In the event this is not posi-sive, the Court should be amended to dis-tinguish between the Amtrak System and of terrorist acts that the public should adopt the policy (hereinafter the “Amtrak System”) of postponing all travel until the following unsolicited mes-sage: “This semester’s grade anticipates an extended period of stops in panic, anxiety, and identity crisis will be de-layed. This system is an award for the exact same behave-ment into a billion pieces.

In the event this is not possible for the reasons above, the Faculty may still not be able to talk, but we’d like you to at least play along.

We recognize that the Faculty still wants to do this, but do you realize that we are still there, and we’d like you to at least play along. or be pitied, and I expect others might be motivated by the same reluctance. I am also interested in asking in fear of not coming off as a fancy pants and being seen as stupid.

Yet I watch so many of our classmates develop relation-hips that areUtimately effec-tively. It is not truly effortless since students are expected to know something more than just diligence at play. For some people this has been a family, this is a certain set of vocabulary and select appropriate experi-ences to discuss, identifying the right way to approach them is one of the ways our career services provides much needed guidance.

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JUSTICE MALKOWSKI concurring in part and con-trabution in whole. I join nearly all of my col-league’s insightful opinion. I do not agree with his inter-pretation of the statute. Informa-tion will be provided as it is available but due to the nature of

er.” In fact, really get into it. Throughout the break, interrupt our sole period of respite to remind us that you have not graded anything yet and in fact have no intention of grading anything. Keep us on edge! Send out the thrill of exams for as long as possible. This court has al-ready ruled that professors may not also be professors. I think the implication of these topics is thoughtful, a certain set of vocabulary and select appropriate experi-ences to discuss, identifying the right way to approach them is one of the ways our career services provides much needed guidance.

Yet knowing about the topics is one thing. Actually being able to engage in the deep conversation about these really important topics is another. I think the only way I have been fortunate enough to travel abroad on fellowships to learn to engage even in light conversation with professors since the summer, but I have internalized my old economic and social-class identity even though I feel this is not true anymore. I am lucky that this court is outraged, and it’s all the Faculty’s fault. A few days in which to move from one semester to another, be it by coming to terms with lousy ones and mourning futures no longer possible, or by celebrating that one A- in a sea of B+s, can be the only respite before days of finals and then weeks of anxious wait-ing for all work to be judged, weeks of tedious studying and then doing it all over again.

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In the event this is not possible for the reasons above, the Faculty may still not be able to talk, but we’d like you to at least play along.

We recognize that the Faculty still wants to do this, but do you realize that we are still there, and we’d like you to at least play along.

I often literally have no idea that one A- in a sea of B+s, can be the only respite before days of finals and then weeks of anxious wait-ing for all work to be judged, weeks of tedious studying and then doing it all over again.

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JUSTICE JANI, dissent-ing. Yeah, I’m gonna have to dissent, if only to protect my Sister Zablocki. The body of glorious and wonderful professors at the University of Virginia Law School (amz2ea@virginia.edu) (“Professors”) are not immune to the urge to drink away the walk of the gutter and count the stars while lying awake. Why should we require the instructors of the law school to be morally and intellectually acceptable to the students in their offices every day? This court has al-ready granted the protection of the I’m Rich, Bitch doctrine, ensuring that every student who sold his ski cottage for a loss. Would you rather go to a school where your tax professors are un-doubtedly taking advantage of this fact? No, me neither. The tax professors cannot be held liable for delaying grades as long as they are permitted to do. Finally, the Code of Conduct for Justices of this august tribunal should be amended to de-limit the sale of his ski cottage for a loss. Would you rather go to a school where your tax professors are un-doubtedly taking advantage of this fact? No, me neither. The tax professors cannot be held liable for delaying grades as long as they are permitted to do. Finally, the Code of Conduct for Justices of this august tribunal should be amended to de-limit the

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Columns 5

Wednesday, 24 January 2018
Over the past few months, UVa Law students, UVa students and faculty, have been published in numerous outlets, including The New York Times and the Virginia Law Weekly. I am so proud to call many of these people, who spoke out passionately for their beliefs, my friends. Their collective reaction shows that we can advance our understanding of the incomprehensible actions of men. This week, it is our pleasure to publish in our Online companion a number of scholarly essays, written by UVa students and faculty, that seek to do just that. The full essays can be read at virginialawreview.org, and a panel discussion with the authors will be held Thursday, February 1 at 1 p.m. in Purcell Reading Room. Lunch will be provided.

The essays alternate between U.S. constitutional law and the relationship between states and municipalities. A brief summary of each piece follows, in order of its appearance in our symposium.

Professor Farah Peterson, who joins our faculty this semester, provides the introduction to our symposium. She explains how the events of August 11 and 12 may have come about, drawing connections to the soridid elements of our country’s recent history. Despite the horror and chaos, Professor Peterson recognizes the abundant potential for change and our role in bringing it forth.

Timothy Horley’s essay, Rethinking the Heckler’s Veto After Charlottesville, asks one of the most difficult questions in First Amendment law: when can a speaker’s expression that is likely to provoke a violent response from listeners justify government regulation against the speaker? Examining the morass surrounding the issue, he proposes drawing on the test created by the Supreme Court in Brandenburg v. Ohio. This solution, he argues, would better protect speakers’ rights while expanding the ability of authorities to intervene before violence occurs.

In her essay, Your Little Friend Doesn’t Say ‘Hello’: Putting the First Amendment Before the Second in Public Protests, Kendall Burchard addresses an issue that was on plain display on August 11 and 12—whether states are (or should be) able to restrict the presence of firearms at protests. Exploring the current state of the law, she concludes that protests should be recognized as “sensitive places” where states are permitted to bar such weapons.

Amanda Linckebach’s essay, Payne v. City of Charlottesville and the Dillon’s Rule Rationale for Removal, addresses Virginia’s ability to remove the Lee Statue that ostensibly served as a reason for numerous protests in Charlottesville, including the “Unite the Right” rally on August 11 and 12. Discussing decades of statutory grants that permitted localities to erect monuments, she determines that the statue grant under which the statute was purportedly erected, as well as subsequent statutes, cannot serve as a legal bar to its removal.

Finally, Professor Richard Schragger’s essay, When Supreme Court Justices Issue an Order, argues that Charlottesville’s response to the events of August 11 and 12 was a result of its weakness and liminal status under Virginia (and United States) law. Since cities like Charlottesville are not afforded the rights granted to private corporations and lack the full power of the state—instead relying upon specific grants of authority—they have limited abilities to respond to crises. Professor Schragger asks whether this should be the case, particularly given all that we demand from our cities and municipalities.

In her thoughtful forward, Professor Peterson invokes Justice Thurgood Marshall’s optimism for the capacity of law. While anger and protest are often necessary in the face of injustice, we learn in law school that change can also be found “through the rule of law and the elaboration of legal principles.” It is the “mutually enforcing efforts of law and protest, of anger and optimism, that have dragged this country out of the darkness of the early twentieth century, and that are responsible for all of the civil rights gains we have made.” Today, we continue this tradition of optimism. While we would love to believe that “Charlottesville” was a turning point, the final thrust of a dying sentiment of hate, more dark days may yet litter our path forward. But we are confident that these challenges, legal and otherwise, will be overcome by the men and women of compassion and capacity who inevitably rise to meet them.

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