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Mason Reviews: Cobra Kai Season One

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Last semester, while scrolling aimlessly through Netflix's colorful tiles to put off my ever-growing list of 1L reading, a show called *Cobra Kai* caught my eye. After doing some preliminary research, I found out that the show involved martial arts (a personal plus for me) and had originally come out in 2018 on YouTube Red, but had been re-released on Netflix in June 2020. Moreover, I saw that it was a reboot of *The Karate Kid* universe, whose founding film was a classic of the 1980s that maintained its relevance into my remembered childhood years of the late 1990s and early 2000s.

I really enjoyed the action, acting, and messages of the original film while growing up, and I was also OK with the 2010 remake. However, I was skeptical of yet another revival, with the overall frequency of disappointing adaptations and the corniness of many new shows that involve the lives of teenagers, which *Cobra Kai* also purported to do. Yet curiosity got the better of me, especially when I saw that many actors from the original 1980s movie were reprising their roles. I sat down to watch the first season over winter break and was surprised, and very satisfied, by what I found. While it was sometimes predictable, clichéd, and over-the-top, season one of *Cobra Kai* was ultimately nostalgic, fresh, funny, and highly engaging. It had an interesting premise, a well-developed story, compelling characters, and solid writing, along with sometimes hilarious, highly quotable dialogue. Moreover, it managed to be both an adult and teen comedy-drama, successfully navigating both worlds without becoming unrelatable to either. In sum, it was great entertainment combined with martial arts. Turn it on and prepare for flying fists, torts, foul language, and a story that will stay with you after the last episode. (Read on for a brief synopsis and commentary that avoids spoilers.)

While season one of *Cobra Kai* can easily be enjoyed on its own merits, it is certainly a continuation, and reexamination, of the original film *The Karate Kid*. The 1984 movie followed sixteen-

The Uyghur Genocide and China



Uyghur people protest outside the UN headquarters in Geneva in November 2018. Photo courtesy of: Salvatore Di Nolfi/EP

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As part of the second week of HRP's Human Rights Month, UVA Law was pleased to hear from two speakers on the current Chinese attempt at genocide of the Uyghur people. Zubayra Shamseden is a human rights activist, organizer, and Chinese Language Outreach Coordinator at the Uyghur Human Rights Project based in Washington D.C. Dolkun Isa is a widely-recognized political activist and current president of the World Uyghur Congress and recipient of the National Endowment for Democracy's Democracy Award.

Who are the Uyghurs?

By the estimates of the Chinese government, the Uyghurs are 11 million strong and live in East Turkestan, otherwise known as the Xinjiang province of China. Uyghurs themselves estimate they number around 20 million people. Dating back to the 8th century, the Uyghurs have been predominantly Muslim, with traces of Christianity and Buddhism as well. They have their own language and customs, completely different than those in China. According to Ms. Shamseden, they are rather moderate Muslims.

What is Going On?

Much like Tibet, on paper, the East Turkestan region is independent from China. The reality is far from that. The Chinese government has employed several strategies, all with the goal of wiping out the Uyghur people, culture, and language and assimilat-

ing them into China. While China says they are employing bilingual education programs, in reality the education they use contains very little to none of the Uyghur people's language. Additionally, while East Turkestan used to be over 90 percent Uyghur, the Chinese government has intentionally implanted Chinese people into the region so that it is now 50 percent Uyghur and 50 percent Chinese. While these attempts at getting rid of the Uyghur people are bad, it is no where close to the worst thing the Chinese government is doing.

An estimated 2-3 million Uyghur people are currently being detained in political "re-education camps." These camps are numerous and located throughout China. As if there was any doubt of what goes on at these horrific sites, a single site was reported to have purchased 2,768 police batons and 550 electric cattle prods, among other things used for manipulation and torture. The people are typically kept alive, but are brutally dehumanized and tortured. The prisoners are taken from all walks of Uyghur life, including thousands of intellectuals that are currently detained or missing.


Uyghurs get detained and sent to camps for what the Chinese government dubs as examples of "extremism." For instance, watching a Western movie could get you detained. Communicating with people outside of China or traveling outside of China can get you detained. Practicing the Is-


lamic faith, even something so simple as owning a prayer mat, can get you detained. Refusing to allow government officials to sleep in your bed with you, eat your food, or live in your house? Detained. Reading up on Uyghur culture and history? Good luck at camp. Not only can all these things that we take for granted get you sent away to a "re-education" camp and tortured, but the Chinese government makes it hard to get away with any of these things through extensive surveillance. The minute you leave your house, you are being watched or followed, either by a person or by technology.

What Can We Do to Help?


The Uyghur people are being crushed and abused by China, and it won't be too long before China's forceful assimilation strategies wipe out the Uyghur people for good. Fortunately, there are some measures we can take to help, even as American law students. You can 1) Contact your senators and urge them to co-sponsor the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act, 2) Sign various petitions (contact UVA Law's HRP Rep. Alex Karahalios (ank3jf@virginia.edu) for more details), including one to refuse to hold the Olympic Games in China in 2022 unless the camps are closed, or you can 3) donate to the UHRP. Every time there is a human rights crisis, the mantra is "never again." Unfortunately, never again is happening right now to the Uyghur people, and it is now or never to respond.

around north grounds


 Thumbs up to softball being back. ANG has been eagerly awaiting the day that ANG can silently judge pretentious law students for being really bad at something, besides common social interactions.


 Thumbs sideways to the spring weather. While ANG enjoys no longer freezing beneath the bleachers, it saddens ANG to see others suffer less as well.


 Thumbs up to 1Ls turning in their appellate briefs just in time to find out if they'll get on journals -- the lil' uns love the Bluebook now almost as much as ANG does!


 Thumbs down to the Peer Advisor selection process. While ANG appreciates the elitism the process advances, the blackbox of the decision making process leaves ANG to wonder how some people are selected.

 Thumbs sideways to the pink shoe/blue shoe debate. ANG doesn't even wear shoes and doesn't understand what all the fuss is about.

 Thumbs down to UVA Basketball losing in the first round of the NCAA tournament. ANG is used to disappointing ANG's parents regularly, now UVA Basketball is trying to do the same.

 Thumbs up to new VELF president Nicky Casseb. ANG is just happy to have at least one president ANG can believe in.

 Thumbs down to the SBA elections. ANG has become dependent on election drama to fill this column and resents having to find other things to complain about.

 Thumbs up to Steve Harvey's daughter, who ANG learned today is dating Michael B. Jordan. ANG would risk it all for MBJ.

Tweedle: Kroger v. Harris Teeter v. Walmart

Kroger: Jacob Smith

We are discussing which grocery store is best, and, in that respect, there are several good reasons to prefer Kroger to Harris Teeter. Let's start with size. Kroger is smaller, and smallness is an advantage for a grocery store. You want to get your food quickly, not spend thirty minutes circling the aisles. Then, there is the target clientele. Harris Teeter explicitly targets students. The five percent discount is nice, but do you really want to be lumped in with undergraduates? Finally, there is the cool stuff: the GameStop next door, and the toy cars available for about a dollar throughout Kroger. I have two young siblings who like Hot Wheels, and every time I visit, I buy them each a car. You can't get that joy from Harris Teeter.

One of the most important things about choosing a grocery store is its prices, however, and here I must admit I was wrong. I used to think Kroger's prices were lower. But after a price comparison, I have discovered that Harris Teeter actually has better prices (although Kroger still has much better deals on apples and bagels). Price matters a lot, and so I will concur with Will that Harris Teeter is the better grocery store. Kroger still wins, however, since Harris Teeter is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kroger.

You will notice I have not yet discussed Walmart. Walmart should not be thought of as a grocery store, just as Amazon is not a bookstore. Still, here are two other reasons Walmart loses.

es. On an ethical level, Walmart is always getting in trouble. Within the last year, Walmart has settled four lawsuits for millions of dollars, and it gets sued nearly twenty times a day. More practically, in keeping with its

for all consumption needs, in favor of Kroger and Walmart, respectively. I fear they are beyond redemption. I will do what I must.

Harris Teeter combines high quality products, clean-

personally found that although it features largely the same selection of processed foods, its produce compares unfavorably in terms of quality and presentation. As for Walmart, the massive international corporation

find there. But in this discussion of Harris Teeters v. Kroger, I find myself advocating for a third option. A certain friend of mine always points out that I tend to take a way out rather than choose one definitive side of an equation (she says it's centrism, I say it's pragmatism). But here, I feel like my two colleagues are missing something important. Call it a panorama, a panflute, or a panhellenic, that-which-shall-not-be-named has taken over all aspects of our lives. Wal-Mart has the most extensive selection of goods (a function of it being one of the largest corporations in the country—make of that what you will) among the three stores and provides a robust delivery and pickup option for groceries. Shopping there will keep you and others safe when shopping for any kind of goods. While Kroger also provides delivery, ordering delivery at Wal-Mart gets rid of the guilt of getting delivery at a short distance and leaves you with only the guilt you have at all three stores (whatever you define that as; I want to be in Big Law at least for some time, so I am not asserting anything about these nice corporations). So, keep your friends safe, order from afar, and order a wide range of goods at Wal-Mart rather than giving into Kroger or Harris Teeter.

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Food	Harris Teeter price	Kroger price	Walmart price
Bread (1 loaf)	\$0.79	\$0.89	\$0.67
Bagels (6 bagels)	\$4.49	\$1.99	\$3.24
Eggs (12 eggs)	\$1.29	\$1.09	\$0.88
Milk (2 quarts)	\$1.79	\$1.49	\$1.49
Butter (4 sticks)	\$2.69	\$2.99	\$3.47
Tortilla (1 tortilla)	\$0.20	\$0.19	\$0.24
Spaghetti (1 box)	\$0.79	\$1.00	\$0.78
Black beans (1 can)	\$0.69	\$0.79	\$0.48
Frozen pizza (1 pizza)	\$2.79	\$2.99	\$2.78
Cornflakes (1 box)	\$1.49	\$1.79	\$1.43
Ground beef (1 lb)	\$2.49	\$3.39	\$2.80
Bananas (1 lb)	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.55
Bagged apples (3 lbs)	\$4.99	\$2.99	\$3.54
Bagged potatoes (10 lbs)	\$3.74	\$5.49	\$5.44
Romaine lettuce (1 head)	\$2.29	\$2.29	\$1.90

In-store price comparison for selected foods, conducted by Jacob Smith. Harris Teeter and Kroger prices were recorded on 3/18/21. Walmart prices were recorded on 3/20/21. Prices were generally for the cheapest available qualifying product, and were pro-rated when necessary to make comparison easier.

Any inaccuracies are unintentional and the sole responsibility of Jacob Smith.

habit of hollowing out downtowns, Walmart skulks on the outskirts of Charlottesville, five times farther from the law school than Kroger.

Harris Teeter: Will Holt

Writing this article, I am both content in my allegiance to Harris Teeter and proud to have the opportunity to extol its virtues to the UVA community. Since arriving on grounds, the chain's nearby location has provided me with all I could ever want. Where else can one find wagyu steaks and Teddy Grahams under the same roof? Yet, there exists a small pang in my heart. I am troubled that my esteemed colleagues, Jacob and Sai, have chosen to raise their pens against Harris Teeter, the obvious choice

ness, and convenience (it is but a few steps from the Pavilion at North Grounds, after all) with the intangible quality of neighborliness to create a thoroughly comforting shopping experience. Friendly staff never fail to offer assistance, and generous student deals even make it economically reasonable to purchase luxury foodstuffs like dry-aged ribeyes and fresh crab. True, Kroger and Walmart may be a bit cheaper, but there are other costs to consider.

Kroger, in addition to being on the other side of Barracks Road Shopping Center from the Pavilion, exudes the aura of a stale national chain, fostering none of Harris Teeter's neighborly charm. In addition, I have

is notorious for its exploitative business practices. In exchange for a few extra bucks in your wallet, you will be supporting widespread and unfettered corporate tyranny. Let's face it, you might as well order your chips and guac straight from Mordor.

I hope it is clear at this point that Harris Teeter is the only real choice when it comes to your daily consumable needs. It may not be the absolute cheapest, but by Jove it's the best.

Walmart: Sai Kulkarni

Look, I am not here to make any normative arguments about which grocery store is better. I've always been a proponent of investing more in smaller grocery stores, especially ethnic stores as you never know what you can

The Mental Edge

Training the mind, in today's age, is what working out was for athletes thirty years ago. Be-

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lieve it or not, it wasn't too long ago that athletes didn't feel it was necessary to lift weights or exercise outside of playing their sport. Athletes like Bo Jackson, the multi-sport freak athlete in the '80s and '90s, who was both a running back for the Raiders and an outfielder for the White Sox, used to work out by going hunting, throwing the deer over his shoulders, and carrying it home. Nowadays, it would be absolutely insane for an elite athlete not to work out. Mental training is now undergoing the same shift from obscurity to a necessary part of an elite athlete's training. It is no surprise that many of the greatest athletes also have the greatest minds. For instance, a test on the greatest home run hitter of all time, Babe Ruth, showed he was able to process visual information 12% faster than normal men, and that his visual perception occurred 150% faster.¹

Stephen Curry, the greatest shooter in basketball history, not coincidentally has perhaps the best mental game of any basketball player of all time. As part of his training, he performs drills with FitLight and strobe goggles that overload his mind with in-

formation and test how quickly he can react. He spends time in sensory deprivation chambers, achieving an effect similar to deep meditation. Curry also has an exact pregame ritual to activate his mind, which includes physical drills as well as visualization techniques. During timeouts, he focuses on his breathing, and he has the ability to lower his heart rate below eighty beats per minute during a single ninety-second timeout.² This can be achieved simply through deep breaths, but Curry also trains by lying on his back and placing sandbags on his ribs after a tough workout to overload his diaphragm.

Tiger Woods, the greatest golfer of all time, credits much of his own success to his mental training. As a kid, his dad would often drop clubs or jingle coins during his swing to help him overcome distractions. Tiger also utilized meditation taught to him by his Buddhist mother, hypnosis, and various mental imagery techniques. If you look at Tiger on the course, everything from the way he walks to the look on his face epitomizes relaxed focus.

Tom Brady is another example of the power of the mind. Clearly not the most gifted quarterback of all time, Brady nevertheless has seven Super Bowl rings and is the undisputed GOAT of the NFL. Brady meets regularly with a neuropsychologist, and based on a scan of neurological functions, developed a

brain-strengthening program he follows religiously.³ Everything from Brady's diet to his sleep habits, brain training, and spirituality all contribute to his ability to play at a consistently high level.

I have learned a lot about the mental aspects of sports from personal experience. While I do not compete collegiately anymore, the things I learned playing golf have helped me in everything from law school exams to dominating pickup basketball at the ACAC. Much of what I've learned I wish I had known earlier and had worked on starting in my youth. The following three things helped me achieve greater performance and are things anyone can implement without fancy equipment or trainers.

First, perform a self-assessment. Each one of us is wired differently, and reacts differently under different stresses and stimulation. A good self-assessment doesn't require brain scans like Tom Brady's, but it does require honesty and sometimes humility. It took me a long time to understand that I naturally get more anxious than my peers in sports. I had to suffer through a lot of competitions where I knew what I was capable but fell short because I wasn't able to let my natural ability take over. As a proud athlete and young teenager, admitting this was a problem was difficult—but once I did, I was able to figure out ways to

manage it. I found it helped to go into a competition and just focus on observing myself, almost like I was a third-party onlooker. This helped me compartmentalize what I was feeling and thinking, so that afterward I was able to understand what triggered anxious thoughts and why they were occurring.

Next, have a mental game plan. It's perfectly okay for the plan to be a simple one like to relax and have fun, let it fly, or something to get you focused. Oftentimes simple plans like



Picture: Law Weekly's own Nate Wunderli '22 taking home the hardware.

this are the most effective, because the mind can easily latch onto it when a stressful situation emerges. Choose something that goes along with your self-assessment, and it will help you feel comfortable and able to be yourself. Don't be afraid to experiment a little bit and be creative.

Finally, after you find something that seems to work and feels like you, stay consistent with it. You're not going to have good days or performances all the time. Not even the best achieve that. Just because you have one bad day, however,

doesn't necessarily mean your plan sucked. It may just mean you have to stick with it longer, and over time the consistency will breed familiarity, which will in turn produce better results. Constantly changing your game plan in response to a single bad outcome may be the very reason none of them are working.

These three simple things—self-assessment, game planning, and staying consistent through good and bad—can help anyone achieve better performance on the field of play, or in

other endeavors where there is pressure to perform. The best athletes go even further with various neuroscience-related training techniques. As the field continues to grow and to be embraced by athletes and the public in general, it will be interesting to see what people come up with to train their biggest weapon: the mind.

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¹ <https://bleacherreport.com/articles/2693694-steph-currys-secrets-to-success-brain-training-float-tanks-and-strobe-goggles>

² <https://www.nbcsports.com/bayarea/warriors/how-steph-curry-can-intentionally-slow-heart-rate-during-warriors-games>

³ <https://www.feelguide.com/2017/01/15/the-tao-of-tom-how-tom-brady-uses-an-80-20-diet-meditation-yoga-one-book-to-age-backwards/>

Pets of Quarantine: Frannie and Scottie

After almost a year of quarantine, most people have either learned to live

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alone, or altered their life circumstances to find 'safe' friends. While Love in the Time of Corona featured how many different couples are thriving in their romantic pursuits during 'these trying times', this feature is for those who choose to shop an animal shelter instead of Tinder for companionship. Like this pandemic, love still lives on, so we welcome you to learn about and meet all of the new furry friends adopted during quarantine, and potentially add a new member to your own family. This is Pets of Quarantine.

This week's guests are Frannie Skardon '22 and Scottie, a handsome and majestic kitten.

Hey y'all! I'll go to you first, Frannie. What inspired you to adopt?

I've always really loved animals—especially cats. With everyone trying something new during quarantine, I decided now was the perfect time to really lean into my destiny to become a crazy cat lady.



Pictured: Step one of the slippery slope to crazy cat ladyhood. Photo Courtesy of Frannie Skardon.

What exactly drew you to Scottie particularly? Did you look for a specific breed, age, or other characteristic?

Scottie was a little cross-eyed in his picture on the Charlottesville Albemarle SPCA website. It was irresistibly cute. I knew he would be the perfect fit for my house when his foster mom told us over Facetime that all we needed to do for Scottie to feel comfortable with us is to "open our entire heart for him" and "spend all of our time on him."

Was it love at first sight?

For me? Yes. For Scottie? No. Scottie has a lot of anxiety and is afraid of anything that moves or makes noise (two things I tend to do). He was a stray, so being inside was really new for him. With the help of lots of toys and treats, he has made a lot of progress and is doing really well in his new home.

Scottie, you're up. Getting straight to the point, what is your favorite

thing about living with Frannie?

I like how desperate for my love the whole house is. When I strut into the room, all attention is on me. They start calling my name and throwing toys at me. It is wonderful.

Frannie, how difficult of a houseguest is Scottie?

Scottie is a great houseguest to me; however, he is passionate about attacking my boyfriend's feet. There have been multiple times that Scottie has hid behind the window curtains in the morning and then launched a surprise attack on his feet the moment the lights come on. I'm not sure where the fixation on just those feet comes from, but I'm sure it is justified and Scottie is in the right here.

Scottie, have you made an appearance in class yet? Or, are you more of a lay-on-Frannie's-lap-during-class type of cat?

Class is boring. I'm much more interested in the window by Frannie's desk where I can watch the birds. I prefer making appearances in interviews or when Frannie has meetings she has to run. I find that I get way more attention in those. I also always make sure that when I make my appearance, I don't show my face to the camera but instead make sure my entire backside is on display. My fans love it.

Have you learned anything so far, besides that law students should take more cat naps? Also, what's up with your habit of napping on your back? Cats normally curl up like croissants when they sleep.

Aunt Taylor has told me a lot about prison abolition. Like, a lot. I'm not even really sure what to do with it. And what do you mean, what is up with my habit? Isn't it obvious? I love the belly scratches and want to be ready for them at all times. The cats sleeping like croissants are just living in the dark ages.

What spawned your love for playing in the bathtub?

I can't stand when someone is in the bathroom without me—I just know that something fun is going on in there and I have to check it out. I've found that if I hide in the bathtub, people cannot shut the door on me and I can see what they are trying to keep from me.

Does your enjoyment for the bathtub extend to you also loving real baths? No judgment if so, but cats that like baths are weird.

Frannie hasn't tried to bathe me yet. She knows better.

Are you a cat that loves table scraps? What's your favorite so far?

Just like Frannie, I love ice cream. I'll lick the lid clean. My Aunt Cait also likes to bring me tuna during the day while I'm taking my nap. This gives me the protein I

need to hunt in the middle of the night and really get the advantage over my mouse toy.

Speaking of food, are you more of a kneader (AKA "making biscuits" with your paws) or a scratch pad type of cat?

Definitely scratch. Having sharp claws is essential for my hunting practice. Frannie cut my nails once and I was so angry because I felt like the hands and toys around me were less afraid.



Pictured: A war criminal. Photo Courtesy of Frannie Skardon.

Frannie, how has Scottie changed your life for better, or for worse? Knowing cats, this could go either way.

Scottie is my whole world and has changed it for the better. Now, if you ask my friends who have to get at least three pictures of him a day? They might have a different answer to that question.

Okay, Scottie, let's see if you can focus long enough to do a lightning round!

Cardboard box or squishy cat bed?

During the day, I like my bed. At night while people are sleeping, I love playing in my cardboard box. It is nice and loud.

Favorite spot to sunbathe?

I'm not much of a sunbather. It is lazy, dangerous, and wasteful. Instead, I prefer to be on bird-watch from one of the window sills.

Laser pointer or string?

String. I'll jump on the laser pointer once or twice before I realize that I can't physically attack it—boring.

What's the name of your favorite toy or do you prefer to play with trash like my cats?

While I do love my mouse, I think the most fun thing in the house is my Aunt Taylor's desk chair. I like to sit on it, swing my head, and make it move in circles. The thrill from the spin is unmatched.

Biggest "pet" peeve?

I don't have many, but if I had to give one, I would say all people and anything that makes noise.

What time at night do you prefer to do the 'zoomies' and run around the apartment wildly?

Great question. For me, 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. is the perfect time to play. I then take a little nap with Frannie, either under the blanket with her or wrapped around her head on the pillow. I'm then up again

by 5 a.m. for sports practice by either hitting my loud ball around or house patrol to see who is awake.

On a scale of one to ten, how sassy would you describe yourself?

Two? On the scale of one to ten for anxiety and fear? Eleven.

How many belly rubs does Frannie get before you attack?

Belly rubs after I woke up from a nap? Seven. Belly rubs as I am falling asleep? As many as she can do. I have her well trained and she knows my belly must be rubbed.

Lastly, soft or crunchy treats?

Soft. Crunchy is too loud and scares me.

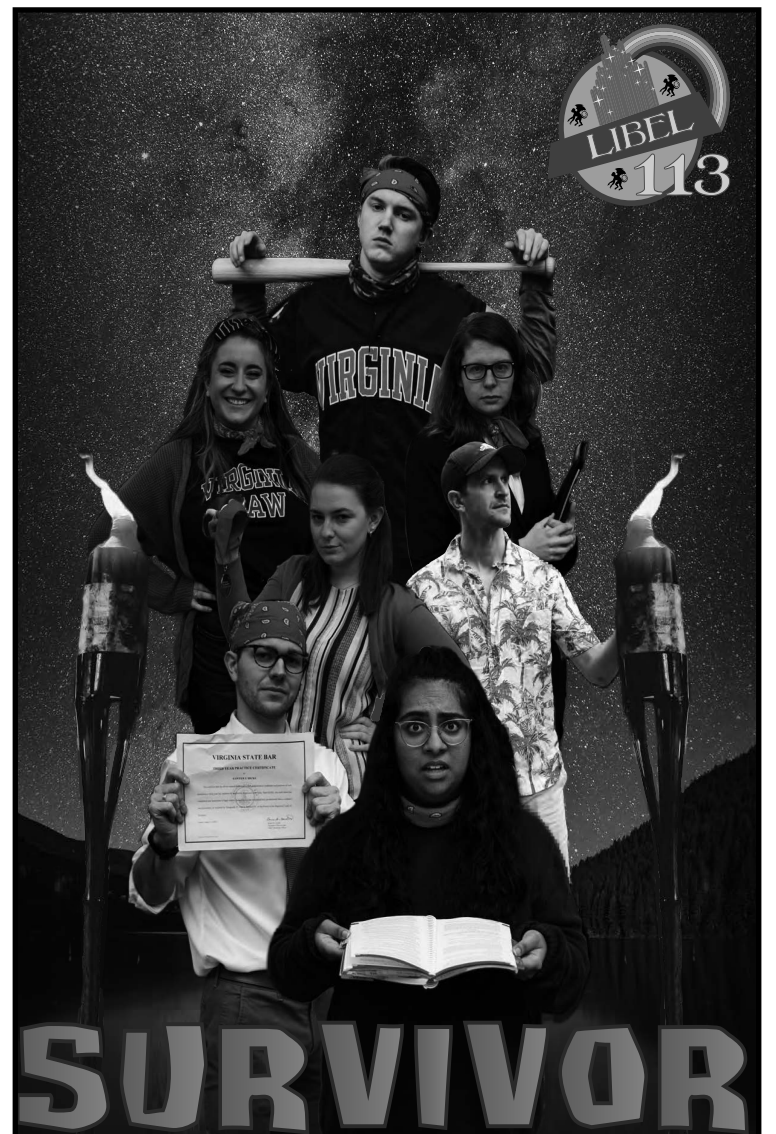
Frannie, are there any parting thoughts about Scottie you'd like to share or further convincing you think your readers will need to follow in your paw prints to adopt?

If anyone would like further information about Scottie, feel free to reach out for additional photos. I have lots. I also loved working with Charlottesville Albemarle SPCA and would highly recommend them if you are looking to adopt!

While my cat has grown out of her fear of her own shadow, I understand Scottie's concern. After this ar-

ticle, I hope he gets comfortable with his new-found celebrity! Many thanks to Frannie and Scottie for joining us on Pets of Quarantine and sharing their coronavirus experience. Are you a pet owner that adopted a furry friend during quarantine? A roommate that's taken on the additional role as a surrogate pet parent for your classmate? Or an existing pet owner that's grown even more attached to your best friend? Love comes in all shapes and sizes, and we want to hear about it! Email pjt5hm@virginia.edu if you or someone you know might like to be featured on Pets of Quarantine.

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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 arise involving, either directly, indirectly, or tangentially, the Law School or its students. The Court comprises eight 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 conflicts to pjt5hm@virginia.edu

Zoom v. HopIn 73 U.Va 21 (2021)

TONSETH, C.J., delivered the opinion of the Court, in which QUERNER, PETERSON, TANG, BIRCH, BNINSKI, WUNDERLI and LAKE join.

CHIEF JUSTICE TONSETH delivered the opinion of the Court.

JUSTICE LUK disrespectfully concurs.

Procedural Posture

The District Court of Petty Appeals, in its limited wisdom, issued an injunction against Zoom, citing two antitrust violations. First, the shortsighted 1L Justice¹ held that Zoom and UVA Law formed a tacit agreement to stifle competition within the digital platform community for conducting classes and conferences. Further, the aforementioned student, who hasn't even taken Corporations,² held that Zoom operated as a monopoly in the field and must be stopped. In an attempt to justify this horrible ruling, the District Court cited multiple precedents, treatises, and poor Google Reviews for Zoom in an effort to placate the expected comeuppance from my iron-fist. Silly 1L, we do what we want.³

Facts

Evidenced by this Court's holding, almost a year ago today,⁴ coronavirus has really

1 The name is being withheld for sanity's sake; their opinion was almost as bad as most LRW memos.

2 Neither have I, public service for life!!!

3 *Law Weekly v. CoPA Copiers*, 369 U.Va 96 (2019).

4 *Corona (La Cerveza Mas Fina) v. Coronavirus (El Virus Menos Fino)*, 72 U.Va 21 (2020).

sucked the fun out of normal law school. To cope with the sudden inability to raid the Snack Office, snooze yourself through ConLaw in the back row, or show up 'blitzed' to LRW⁵ before taking one's talents to Copeley, UVA Law and the world quickly latched onto Zoom. Due the sheer ineptitude of people still swearing by Androids⁶ and the inability of Skype to remain hip, Zoom rapidly expanded its reach and showed a relatively solid ability to handle a range of events. We all had our complaints about the platform, but its quirks became understood as Zoom worked itself into the role of "ole reliable." Enter HopIn.

mitted Students Open House. Buoyed by its success, HopIn filed suit against Zoom, attempted to chip away at their stranglehold

Analysis

In this instance, the expanse of my power is not lost on me. Prudentially, I should apply standard antitrust laws to issue a valid legal opinion on the subject at hand. But, as the Court's resident Antonin Scalia protégée, I'll repeat what he wisely said at his confirmation hearing, "In law school, I never understood antitrust law. I later found out, in reading the writings of those who now do understand it, that I should not have understood

the universe, ergo, any issue that concerns them constitutes something worth deciding by my esteemed judicial self. There are probably more relevant and applicable jurisdictional arguments in my favor here, but as I 1) found CivPro a bore and 2) am learning jurisdiction for the first time in Fed Courts, I'm cutting myself a break.

Getting to the crux of HopIn's claims, I find their first claim meritless. There's no way it can be plausibly argued that Zoom has stifled competition in the digital platform community. The recent advent of Twitter Live, TikTok, OnlyFans, and Peacock show that competition is only increasing. Strike one, HopIn.

be bought. I will not stain my reputation by allowing the new kid on the block to bully the seasoned vet, forcing the vet from its well-earned place atop the mantle of the digital platform community.

If I must belittle myself to address the complaints of the concurrence, let me be brief. Retired (read: replaced) Justice Luk should ride her senior status into the sunset. In writing a concurrence that nobody decided to join, Justice Luk's opinion is as irrelevant as her pear vs. apple distinction. Don't come at me and my boi Antonin like that, the thunderdome is open and omnipotent.

Conclusion

In writing this opinion, while attempting to prepare myself (my liver) for what I hope the deluge of Bar Review will be in the fall, a phantom Scalia told me "[i]f you're going to be a good and faithful judge, you have to resign yourself to the fact that you're not always going to like the conclusions you reach. If you like them all the time, you're probably doing something wrong."¹⁰ Looks like today is the day Scar pushes Mufasa into the

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In the simplest terms, HopIn is a near replica of Zoom except that one is able to move between multiple video chats/event booths, all from one platform. This eliminates the need for multiple links, plus allows for each event to be customized with backgrounds and such. AKA, HopIn tried to do to Zoom the same thing the iPod did to Zune.⁷ This spring, HopIn has infiltrated UVA Law. While Zoom has remained the go-to to conduct classes and most events, HopIn was utilized for both a Virginia Law Women's event and Ad-

mitted Students Open House. Buoyed by its success, HopIn filed suit against Zoom, attempted to chip away at their stranglehold

because it did not make any sense then."⁸

At first blush, the casual observer may ask how this Court even retains jurisdiction between these two tech behemoths. While my colleagues in the Supreme Court cited the "nerve center" test to determine a corporation's place of business for the sake of diversity jurisdiction,⁹ I find this argument only slightly persuasive and open to interpretation. First, the addition of a new platform to create a log-in for, only to serve a redundant purpose, gets on the center of my nerves. Second, every law student righteously believes they are the center of


However, HopIn has a pretty good argument concerning Zoom's monopoly on hosting conferences and classes exclusively for the last year. I mean, I wrote this opinion while attending a class over Zoom and after listening to oral arguments, also over Zoom. Unfortunately for HopIn, Zoom retained their get out of jail free card, and are thus immune from any Monopoly argument. Zoom has been with us law students through "these trying times" from the beginning. That type of loyalty cannot

10 During a speech at Chapman University in 2005. Yes I skipped journal tryouts; no, I don't know how to Bluebook; no, I also don't care to learn.

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Faculty Quotes

S. Walt: "Does this make sense? And a dismal silence looms, okay."	E. Kitch: "You would think the SEC would create a medal for this: Voluntary Fraud Destroyer."
S. Prakash: "Diamonds are forever, but Supreme Court cases are not."	J. Setear: "The lonely peanut... The heroic legume."
C. Barzun: "There are a lot of people who are annoying who you don't kill."	J. Harrison: "AH! AH! The Supreme Court said."
J. Harrison: "We've got a stove pipe, tunnel vision, and now we have junkyard dogs."	<i>Heard a good professor quote? Email us at editor@lawweekly.org</i>
R. Schragger: "Don't throw shade. See Fontainebleau."	



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herd of stampeding buffalo,¹¹ as I can't freely choose to live under Antonin's shadow any longer. Every opinion I write is golden, and Zoom wins in a landslide. HopIn must be relegated to its rightful place: going directly to jail, not passing go, and not collecting \$200. Monopoly case dismissed.

J. LUK, Concurring:

The only thing that's clear from the majority opinion is Chief Justice Tonseth's obsession with his beau, Scalia. Are we here to conduct legal reasoning or to quote every Scalia opinion under the sun? This case should be dismissed for lack of standing, plain and simple, because HopIn has failed to demonstrate on the record a concrete and particularized harm.

The facts, as muddily recited above, show that HopIn has been very successful in the Law School market. It was the platform of choice for both the Virginia Law Women event and the Admitted Students Open House, two remarkable achievements given VLW's sterling reputation and the sheer scale of ASOH. Fresh off these victories, HopIn now seeks to convince the Court that it suffers

¹¹ If you aren't humming "I Just Can't Wait to be King," I'm judging you more than this opinion.

under the oppressive shadow of Zoom? Try again.

Chief Justice Tonseth calls HopIn a "near replica" of Zoom. I must have taken the last dictionary with me when I left office, because Chief Justice Tonseth seems to be under the impression that a replica is something other than an exact copy. HopIn has many advantageous functions that Zoom lacks: interactive booths, webinars, one-on-one chat rooms, and, most importantly, the ability to navigate between these functions without having to click into another meeting. The scope and scale of HopIn makes it uniquely suitable for events and conferences. Zoom, on the other hand, continues to be used primarily for online classes and has a much more limited breakout-room function. If we're going to call the two platforms replicas of each other, we might as well say an apple is a replica of a pear because they are both fruit.

The Court should dismiss this case for lack of standing and scrub the majority opinion from its judicial memory.

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COBRA KAI

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year-old Daniel LaRusso (played by Ralph Macchio) and his unhappy move from Newark, New Jersey, to Los Angeles, California, initiated by his single, working mother. After being beaten by the rich, karate-wielding bully Johnny Lawrence (played by William Zabka) for his overtures to mutual love interest Ali Mills (played by Elisabeth Shue), Daniel is taken under the wing of his apartment complex's reclusive handyman, Okinawan immigrant Mr. Miyagi (played by Pat Morita). Mr. Miyagi becomes a mentor to Daniel, teaching him karate and life lessons that drive the movie's plot.

Now in the show, both Daniel and Johnny (played by their original actors) are back as fifty-something-year-old men in contemporary (pre-pandemic) Los Angeles, California. Their places in life, and Californian culture, have changed radically from their days of 1980s teen rivalry. The show starts with Johnny, who is now a washed-up, bitter man muddling through a society that he has not kept up with. After getting in a fight to defend a bullied teen named Miguel Diaz (played by Xolo Maridueña) who lives in his apartment complex and losing his car in an accident, Johnny harnesses the considerable forces of his politically incorrect worldview--that is, macho values--and the chip-on-his shoulder against the

now very successful Daniel to try and turn his life around by opening a karate dojo. He names it after the 1980s dojo, Cobra Kai, where he was trained, reviving its motto of "Strike first, strike hard, no mercy," and so sets the stage for the story.

From the get-go, the show not only follows the narrative of Johnny's new lease on life as an anti-hero, but also reexamines the story of the original *The Karate Kid* by exploring events from Johnny's perspective. While the original film was black and white in its portrayal of the good-guy Daniel and his virtuous teacher versus the bad-guy Johnny and his evil teacher, *Cobra Kai* tries for greater complexity, and acknowledges shades of gray. It digs into Johnny's life and background, and how he perceived Daniel's arrival at his school during his teen years. While it certainly does not attempt to absolve Johnny of responsibility for any of his behavior, the show does an excellent job of making him a more complete and redemptive character. In doing so, it implicitly reflects on storytelling generally and is a reminder that there are always two sides to any narrative, and perception will often be based on where one stands. The character of Daniel is not spared from this, and he also becomes a more complete and complex character as the show progresses.

Cobra Kai is also a show that follows teens and adults interacting both together and

amongst each other in modern America. It portrays issues faced by both groups related to family, bullying, internet culture, substance abuse, poverty, generational and ideological divides, immigration, and diversity and inclusion. While the show never gets too serious, it does give a perspective on many of these subjects, and often pokes fun at where our society was before the advent of the COVID-19 era. It questions conventional tropes around teens and youth culture, is subversive to some modern narratives about where youth are going, and deeply explores the positive and negative roles older generations can play as teachers and mentors. Yet, no matter how one might see the world, *Cobra Kai*, aside from its pure entertainment value, does have something interesting to say about our society.

The Verdict: Season one of *Cobra Kai* is a martial arts comedy-drama that inverts narratives and provides thoughtful commentary while remaining highly entertaining and eminently bingeable. It is worth checking out for law students of all ages.

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HOT BENCH



Kolleen Gladden '21

Interviewed by Christina Luk '21

Hello Kolleen! Thanks for taking the time to speak with us today.

OH MAN. It's happening.

Yes, we are all very excited. Let's get the ball rolling. Where are you from?

I am from Joplin, Missouri, which is on the Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Kansas border. I'm like a fifteen minute drive from each of those states. Joplin is a pretty unique place.

Tell me a little bit about Joplin.

Oh my gosh, what should I say about Joplin. It's the largest city within a 70-mile radius, and it's smaller than Charlottesville. So when people say, oh you're from a small town, I have to say I'm from a city. Otherwise, a farmer will

emerge from the bushes to beat me with a stick. We have competitions about this back home. If you have more than one stoplight, you don't qualify as a small town. If you have a Walmart, you do not qualify as a small town.

When did you start thinking about law school?

Oh boy. Really, senior year of college. I was just vibing, getting my technology and English degrees, but I think my family wanted me to have a respectable career. And I mean, medical school has never been that enticing to me. And you don't need any prior knowledge of the law to get into law school, so I just started applying all over. I applied to UVA because one of my classmates from high school, from a class of thirty-four, went to UVA. I didn't know anything about anything.

What's something you know now that you would tell yourself coming into law school?

Oh my gosh, that's tough. I would tell myself, man, you're gonna meet the greatest group of people who are just gonna embrace exactly who you are and you're not gonna have to worry. You might be going into the Type-A lion's den, but you're gonna find people who love you. I might not know how I got so lucky, but I will never stop being grateful for it.

The other thing I would tell myself is that your graphic design degree is going to come in way more handy than you ever imagined. You're

gonna use it more than you used it in school.

That's true! How many clubs have you done photography or graphic design work for?

Well, I did all the photography for Law Weekly pre-pandemic, that's where it all started. I've done professional headshots for LPS, BLSA, MENA, VJOLT, and VLW. I hope to get to do SBA headshots later this semester. I've designed t-shirts for Lambda and Diversity Week (two years in a row). I designed a bunch of promotional materials for Libel and for the VJIL Symposium the last two years. As the Design and Technology Development Editor, I made the VJIL website with Bao Kham Chau '22, who is amazing. I also did a wedding for a sectionmate. It's all been a blast.

What kind of impact do you hope to have as a lawyer?

I would love for my job not to exist some day. I would love for the world to get to the point that we've reached a level of equality that public service attorneys aren't needed. I know that's not going to be any time soon, but I aspire to be an attorney who actively plays a role in dismantling white supremacy and is committed to redemption, justice, and second chances for people. I want people to be safe enough to actualize their potential as human beings. Those are the things I care about. I want to work alongside clients to help them into better situations. I've been so privileged -- I want to use

that for good.

Let's do a lightning round!

Favorite food?

Oh my word. Now and Zen has some of the best vegan sushi and Iron Paffles, oh my word, Nashville hot tofu with vegan mac and cheese, vegan sriracha mayo, avocado, and grilled onions. So good.

Favorite place in Charlottesville?

Wherever my friends are. Bonus answer: the rooftop patio of Mudhouse on Tenth Street. And the Farmer's Market at IX Art Park.

Anti-Stress Hobby?

I run all the time. And it definitely keeps me from getting stressed. I also love being creative and listening to music.

How much do you run?

I run ten miles a day. Every day.

Pet peeve?

My pet peeve is how Microsoft's sign-in verification says you can click the button to not be called for seven days, but then it doesn't work and they call you the next day. Seven days is a week! I should get a week!

Favorite drink?

Coffee. Hands down. I prefer iced, but I will drink all coffee. I'm really into brown sugar lattes with oat milk at the moment. I've started making it at home because the Starbucks on Angus is always out of oatmilk. I love the baristas at Dunkin' Donuts. MJ? She's a queen. Big shout out to Will at Mudhouse. The new Starbucks is too new. I don't have a favorite yet. And Mandy! Mandy is the best.

If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

I'm really excited to move to New York. Ideally, I would split my time between a rural area near a city, where I can have cows and a possum rescue and large dogs, and somewhere in Europe.

A possum rescue??

Yes. Possums are one of my favorite animals. They are looked down upon but they are a social good! They take care of ticks! They are so sweet!

Are they in danger?

No, but people try to hit them. They'll live longer if someone takes care of them. They deserve it.

If you could pick one song to play in the background of your life, what would it be?

"Escape Plan" by Tiger's Jaw.

What is your least favorite sound?

I really hate the sound of someone scratching plain printer paper.

What's something you'd like to tell our readers?

There's so much more to life than law! There's so many things the law can't fix. It's so important to know what you're living for, and I think we all owe it to ourselves to live for something bigger than ourselves, bigger than we can accomplish alone. We should live a purpose driven life.

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Barristers United Weekly Report

March 14, 2021

This is the first article in a series chronicling the season of UVA Law's Sunday League soccer team, Barristers United.

Barristers came away with a thrilling 6-2 win last Sunday, cementing their position at the top of the table with a 3-0 record. Their opponents, Alchemista Legion FC, put up a stern challenge with a physical play-style that kept the game tight despite a lopsided final score.

Thanks to a logistical mixup, the game began with most of Barrister's starting line-up shirtless due to both sides having similar kit colors. The incredible fitness on display by the law students clearly intimidated the other team, which struggled to get the ball out of their half. Even so, the Barristers struggled to capitalize on their chances.

Twenty minutes in, the deadlock was broken by Captain Zach Turk '21 who found space in the box to volley a shot under the keeper, giving Barristers a well-deserved lead. Soon after, a set piece let fellow Barristers legend Will Pretto '21 slot another one past Alchemista's keeper to put the Law School up 2-0. It was at

this point the equipment manager returned with pinnies to help distinguish the two sides.

However, Barristers putting shirts on led to a momentum shift for Alchemista, who were able to score shortly after on a counter-attack and create several chances that tested the veteran keeper Zane Clark '21. Just when it seemed like it the scoreline would be even going into half time, a bounding run down the sideline by Josh Short '21 set up Day Robins '22 for what commentators are already calling the goal of the season. Taking the ball from the top of the 18 past a defender, she was able to rip a shot into the top right corner putting Barristers back in control.

In the second half a brace from double hoo Sam Mirzai '22, and an impressive solo goal by Nathan Eagan '21, who celebrated in a spirited fashion, put the game out of reach. Aside from these goals, the second half was defined by increasingly reckless play on Alchemista's side which ended with injuries to Ardi Khalafi '22 and Zach Kuster '21, whose absences were felt in weekday training. Both players are listed as doubtful for the team's next test against La Celeste, who are looking for their first win of the season.



Pictured: The victorious Barristers lineup for the week of March 14.

Our Cartoonist-in-Residence is graduating!
 Email Editor@lawweekly.org if you are interested in taking up the mantle.

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	COST	FOOD?
WEDNESDAY – March 24				
Noon	Faculty Ideas in Progress: "Cleaning Corporate Governance," With Cathy Hwang	Zoom	TBD	⊗
17:00	A Young Lawyer's Reading List: Great Books and Good Legal Writing	Zoom	Free	BYOCFA
19:00 – 20:00	Law and Public Service Fellow Research Panel 1	Zoom	Free	⊗
THURSDAY – March 25				
19:00	Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline	Zoom	Free	⊗
19:00 – 20:15	Robins to Raptors: Observing Birds in Our Backyards	Zoom	Free	⊗
FRIDAY – March 26				
12:00 – 13:00	Virginia Bar Association Practitioners Panel	Zoom	Free	⊗
13:45 – 15:45	Dean Donovan's Professionalism Class: Are You a "Keeper?,"	Zoom	Free	⊗
15:15 – 16:15	1L Q&A: Going Straight Through to Public Service or Making a Transition	Zoom	Free	⊗
17:00	Virginia Law Review March Notes and Comments Pool Closes	Zoom	Free	⊗
SATURDAY – March 27				
09:00 – 13:00	Winter Farmers Market	IX Art Park	Free	Available for Purchase
12:00 – 14:00	Dean Donovan's Professionalism Class: Are You a "Keeper?,"	Zoom	Free	⊗
MONDAY – March 29				
11:00	Program in Law and Public Service Fellow Research Panel 2	Canvas	Free	⊗
17:30 – 20:00	Jazz Night at the Chateau Lobby Bar	The Oakhurst Inn	Free	Available for Purchase
Tuesday – March 30				
17:00 – 19:00	BLSA Spring Diversity Reception	Zoom	Free	⊗

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