

THIS WEEK'S POP PICK

Gotta Go Fast

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Following the uproar about the objectively horrible design of Sonic the Hedgehog for his movie, creators redesigned their movie adaptation of the SEGA character and "Sonic the Hedgehog" hit theaters Feb. 14. Ben Schwartz voices Sonic, while Jim Carrey plays his nemesis, Dr. Robotnik (or Dr. Eggman).



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In the film, Sonic is portrayed as an alien hedgehog hiding on Earth after he was almost abducted in his home world. During a lonely night playing baseball by himself, he started running around the field and emits an energy that knocks out the power across the Pacific Northwest. Dr. Robotnik is enlisted by the United States Department of Defense to discover the cause of the outage, and Robotnik discovers and tracks Sonic.

I won't spoil the entire plot, but if you're in touch with your inner 11-year-old, this movie is for you. As someone who grew up loving the "Sonic the Hedgehog" game series, this movie is exciting. Of course, this movie is meant for kids -- so if you're 20 and show up in a theater full of children, you have no place to complain about them.

Don't Let Midterms Ruin You

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Midterms begin next week, and for some they can feel as daunting as finals. Midterms aren't the end of the world, though. They should be taken seriously, but they are a good opportunity to find out where you stand in your classes and communicate with your professors on how to fix it.

REFRAME IT

Try to reframe midterms not as Midterms, but as just another exam or assignment that you plan to do well on. Don't make yourself lose sleep over it and don't stress out until you're crying. This is a time when you can still afford to make mistakes and even prepare for when finals come around by potentially getting an idea of what it'll be like.

STUDY!

Studying is important at all times in all of your classes. If you are doing this consistently, your midterms will go smoothly and you'll hardly have any more pressure than normal. If you are struggling to find time to sit down and read your textbooks, try to find an audiobook or text-to-speech converter so you can simply listen to it while driving, cleaning or working out.

Additionally, study groups or even just a study buddy can be tremendously helpful. If you study with someone else, you have another source to refer to when you don't understand something, or you miss something in class.

COMMUNICATE

Along the same lines of having a study buddy, at the very least don't be afraid to ask someone in your class for notes if you miss something. Contacting your professor when you miss something or are struggling with a concept will also be beneficial to you. Your professors are nicer than and definitely not as scary as you think, and they are there to help you when you need it.

"God of Carnage" Opens Friday

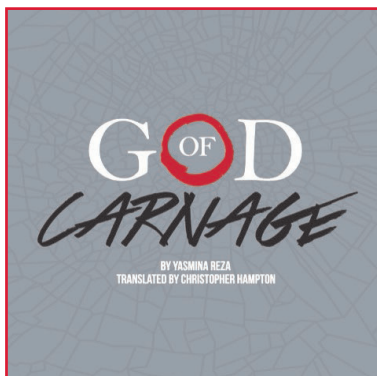
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The A-State Theatre department will be opening "God of Carnage" Feb. 21 in the Simpson Theatre. Viewers can see the show Feb 21-22 at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 23 at 2 p.m., and Feb. 28-29 at 7:30 p.m.

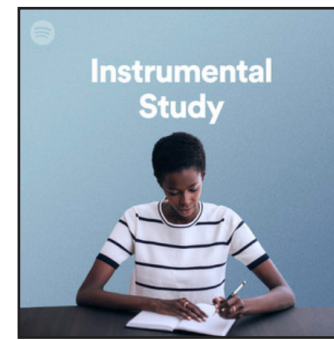
"God of Carnage" follows Alan and Annette Releigh, played by Carson Ecker (a theatre major from Bryant) and Amy Faughn (a psychology major from Jonesboro), and Michael and Veronica Novak played by Bryce Moore (a theatre major from White Hall) and Hayley Scott (a theatre major from North Little Rock). The two couples meet to discuss how Alan and Annette's son hit Michael and Veronica's son in the face with a stick while playing on the playground, resulting in two broken teeth. The comedy shows the adults devolving from civil discussion to bickering like children.

The Simpson Theatre is located in the Fowler Center and tickets to the show cost \$10-\$15.



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(L-R) Amy Faughn, Carson Ecker, Hayley Scott and Bryce Moore portray parents tryign to hash out the differences of their children in "God of Carnage."



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Claire Thomas, a theatre major from Batesville, is the assistant director of "God of Carnage."

HOROSCOPES

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MYSTIC CORRESPONDENT

ARIES (March 22 - April 19) You are making the right moves. New beginnings and good news are coming your way, keep an eye out for them.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) People are going to be receptive toward you. Now is a good time to form new bonds or repair old ones.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) It is time for you to take action on something, whatever that may be. Now is a good time to accomplish something.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) Things are going to be more successful than you thought they would be. Move forward confidently.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Things do not always go as you want them to. Do not allow this to discourage you from pursuing something else.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Think about things rationally and use rational approaches to problems. It is easy to get caught up in emotions, but using your head is the move.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20) You are moving into a period of calmness and stability. Now is a good time to work on healing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Learn lessons from the things that haven't gone well for you, rather than becoming bitter. Life is not out to get you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Let go of things that have hurt you. You do not have to be forgiving, but dwelling on the hurt won't help.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22) Pay attention to your gut feelings, but don't allow paranoia to guide you. Your instincts can be trusted.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Re-evaluate where your priorities lie. You may be trying to handle too many things at once.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 21) You may benefit from pausing to celebrate the progress you have made on something. Give yourself some credit and a break.