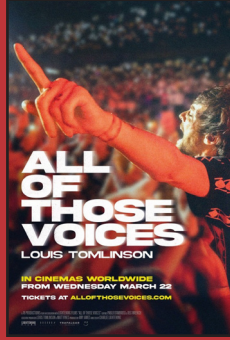


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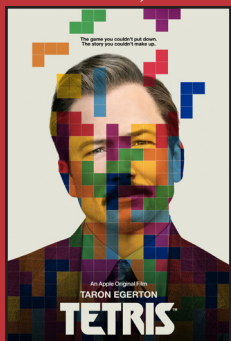
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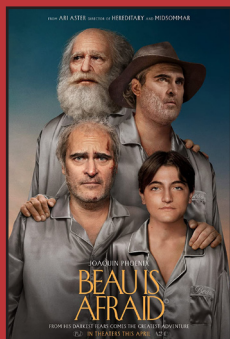
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## THIS WEEK'S POP PICK

JACOB KEENE | SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

### "SCREAM VI"



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"Scream VI," the self-proclaimed "re-quel" to 2022's "Scream," released on March 10 in theaters. The film features the returning cast of last year's installment with a few new faces as they face off against the Ghost Face killer once again.

This is the first movie in the franchise to not feature Neve Campbell's Sidney Prescott and instead continues to focus on the Carpenter sisters played by Jenna Ortega and Melissa Barrera. The Barrera sisters have escaped Woodsboro and are now in New York City attending college when a string of new Ghost Face killings breaks out and they must fight for their lives once again.

If "Scream" (2022) was a sequel to the first film, "Scream VI" is a sequel to the second through fourth, and the movie makes sure to let you know that. It features constant call backs and cameos from previous installments but does it in a way very unlike that of the modern Star Wars installments. The writers and directors don't talk down to the audience with these references, but instead use them as relevant motivators in the traditional "Scream" franchise meta way.

Within the first ten minutes of the movie, viewers are graced with the franchise's obligatory celebrity cameos in a tension-building cold open that leaves you on the edge of your seat questioning what will happen next. The end of which, features Ghost Face cutting the title card into the screen proclaiming "Who gives a f\*\*k about movies," setting the tone for the next 2 hours of your life.

Simply put, "Scream VI" may be the best sequel of the franchise yet, potentially even beating out the 1996 original in some regards. With a two-hour runtime, the movie never stops moving. The chase scenes are longer, the kills are more gruesome and with this not being a reboot like the 2022 film, but instead a sequel to a reboot, everything is on the table. No one is safe, not from being killed or being the killer.

This is a movie that encourages you to watch it multiple times. I saw it on opening night and have been craving a rewatch ever since. If you have a chance to watch it, I would recommend going as soon as possible, and if you can watch the first films again beforehand you should, but you will still get great enjoyment from the humor and mystery that the series is known for.

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## Thomas Baker speaks about his experiences as a deaf student

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Imagine going to class unable to hear the professor teach, struggling to communicate with peers and always being seen as different.

One deaf student at Arkansas State University lives that reality. Thomas “T.J.” Baker, a senior history major from Cabot, Arkansas, cannot hear. Veronica Parten interpreted Baker’s words used in this article.

Baker is studying at A-State to teach history after he graduates. He said he feels accommodated at A-State, but sees areas in which accommodations could be improved. He said he loves to spend time with people including his family and friends. Finally, his attitude inspires those around him, according to his interpreter and one of his professors.

Baker is working to get his Bachelor of Science in education in history. He also helps teach American Sign Language classes at A-State. He said he hopes to teach history at a deaf school, but also wants to help others learn ASL.

“I want to teach ASL. I want to do that, too. Maybe at a public school or maybe even be able to

give free classes,” Baker said.

Baker previously attended Arkansas State University-Beebe where he received a degree in computer systems. He said he chose to come to A-State to pursue his passion: teaching.

“I love teaching, ever since I was little. I loved getting books and playing school. I always liked doing that, like pretending to grade papers,” Baker said.

In order for Baker to pursue his degree, he requires accommodations. Since he is deaf, an interpreter attends all of his classes with him. A-State provided him with two interpreters, the primary one being Veronica Parten.

Baker said he thinks A-State does a good job of accommodating his needs.

“They’re really good. They gave me a good interpreter with (Parten),” Baker said.

Parten said in addition to accommodating Baker, professors do a good job welcoming her into their classrooms.

“They’ve been really great, really great. He has some professors that will grab the comfy chair for me,” Parten said.

While A-State provides Baker with an interpreter for his classes, he said he sees some areas in which accommodations could be improved. He

said he participates in the Gender and Sexuality Alliance, but does not receive accommodations for clubs.

“I think there should be some improvements that they could do, like for personal meetings. You know, (my interpreter) does Zoom sometimes, but meetings for personal things, like for the GSA meetings, stuff like that, you know, I don’t have an interpreter provided for those,” Baker said.

Baker serves as the co-chair of social media for GSA. He said he enjoys the club, but struggles to communicate with others.

“I really need an interpreter for that, because I just sit there,” Baker said.

Although he struggles to communicate within the GSA, he said he feels accepted and supported by those in the club.

In addition to his relationships formed with other students, Baker said he cares about his family. He said he particularly values his relationship with his sister Sabrina.

“She checks on me. I’d say she’s my hero, my best friend,” Baker said.

Baker said he signs with his sisters, Sabrina and Natasha, and his parents. However, he cannot communicate with all of his family members.

“Not a lot of my family really learned sign language, a lot of them just write back and forth. So, when we’re at a family gathering, I try to read their lips, but I just pretty much sit quietly,” Baker said.

Baker said he feels isolated at times because of his deafness.

“I wish there was more deaf interaction. I wish we had more deaf people here, more people that were deaf in this area,” Baker said.

Baker’s positive attitude, despite his challenges, inspires those around him.

Parten interprets for deaf people in the community, but often works with Baker for his classes at A-State. Throughout her time interpreting for him, Parten said she grew to know Baker.

“TJ is a very determined person. Whenever he sets a goal, he’s going to achieve it. If he sees something that needs to be changed, he’s going to do what he can to make that change to improve for everybody, not just himself,” Parten said.

Kellie Buford, an associate professor of history and the interim chair of the criminology, sociology and geography department, previously taught Baker in three classes.

“He is an amazing person and a really inspiring person.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THOMAS BAKER

Thomas “T.J.” Baker, is a senior history major from Cabot, Arkansas.

He’s overcome a lot of obstacles to get where he is and he has done it with such a positive attitude,” Buford said.

Buford said in addition to following accommodation guidelines, getting to know Baker helped her meet his needs. She also said she enjoyed having an interpreter in her classroom.

“He’s worth all of the time and effort,” Buford said.

Baker is striving to meet his goals of becoming a teacher and helping others learn ASL. Because of his positive attitude, he made a lasting impact on those around him.

“I want people to remember me being deaf-empowered,” Baker said.

## How to spend your local spring break

KARA CAMPBELL

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Spring break is a great time to relax and unwind, but it is also a time to enjoy time off and have fun. While a lot of people travel far for the break, there are plenty of entertaining things to do in the area.

### Downtown Jonesboro

If you choose to stay within the city limits, Jonesboro has a ton of unique spots for you to spend your spring break. A personal favorite of mine would be downtown Jonesboro. Only a short trip from Arkansas State Universities’ campus, downtown offers an array of various small shops and restaurants. From ramen to axe-throwing, this area of Jonesboro is sure to have something for everyone.

### Movies and Bowling

Some other great options are to go see a movie at one of the Malco Theaters or go bowling. One of the best things about the theaters is that they have recliners. There are also two bowling alleys in Jonesboro, Hijinx and The Social. If you don’t mind the extra expense, The Social is a little pricier, however Hijinx is also a great place to visit.

### Ikea

If you’re willing to travel, Memphis is about an hour



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away and has even more great options. One of my favorite things to do is go to Ikea, and the best part is that it’s free, as long as you can resist the temptation to splurge. Even if you don’t buy anything, it’s still a fun experience to just look around all the different rooms set up throughout the store.

### Bass Pro Shop Pyramid

Another exciting attraction in Memphis is the Bass Pro Shop at the Pyramid. As you can tell by the shape, this is not your ordinary Bass Pro Shop. The store is huge, and has several different themed restaurants and undersea bowling. Plus, if you’re brave enough, you can pay a small fee to ride the elevator up to the top for a great view.

### Memphis Zoo

The Memphis Zoo is another great place to visit over the break. They have a bunch of different types of animals, and they have activities for all ages to enjoy.

### Beale Street

Something I see every spring break is people visiting Beale Street. There are a lot of different restaurants, shops, and nightclubs. Although, if you are going, be aware that after 11 p.m. you will need to be 21 and have an ID to visit. There is also a fee to go to the actual street.

Whether you stay in Jonesboro or make the journey to Memphis, you are sure to have a great time at any of these locations.

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