

MOVIE REVIEW

In 'Good Luck, Have Fun, Don't Die,' a man from the future fights an AI apocalypse

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In Gore Verbinski's absurdist AI sci-fi satire "Good Luck, Have Fun, Don't Die," a strange unnamed man (Sam Rockwell) steps into a Los Angeles diner and declares that he's from the future. "All of this is going to go horribly wrong," he says. Norm's diner on La Cienega might not seem like the most likely battleground to decide the fate of the world, but that's exactly what this fellow — bearded, with a wreath of wires around his head and a bomb strapped under a translucent rain coat — contends.

He is there, while customers sip coffee and bite into an omelet, to enlist recruits for the resistance. In the future, he says, people have entirely stopped participating in life. "It all started with morning phone time," he says. In the enjoyably oddball, forebodingly bleak and ridiculously plausible "Good Luck, Have Fun, Don't Die," a ragtag group fights a coming AI apocalypse across a handful of nondescript West Hollywood blocks.

It's been argued that with the onset of AI, storytellers need to get weirder, more imaginative, more human. The Daniels' "Everything Everywhere All at Once," which likewise married cosmic and mundane, was animated partly in this spirit.



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This image released by Briarcliff Entertainment shows Sam Rockwell in a scene from "Good Luck, Have Fun, Don't Die."

"Good Luck, Have Fun, Don't Die," scripted by Matthew Robinson, isn't that creative, and it grows more wayward the deeper it goes into its too-lengthy runtime. But there's a bonkers charm to how Verbinski tackles contemporary anxieties head on.

This is the first film in a decade from Verbinski, the director of "Pirates of the Caribbean," "Mouse Hunt" and one of the better animated features of the century, "Rango." But after a few flops ("The Lone Ranger," "A Cure for Wellness"), Verbinski cobbled together a more modest budget for this independent production.

The lack of scale is

noticeable in the climatic moments of "Good Luck," but Verbinski's penchant for lush detail and movie-reference onslaught remains. Our central figure is a hobo prophet who looks straight out of Terry Gilliam's "The Fisher King," only more tech-enabled. He has a countdown on his watch, and the imminent attack on the diner means time is extremely short.

He's done this before, he says, 117 times, to be precise. His speech is well-rehearsed, but Rockwell's future man more resembles an actor who's been doing the same play for too long. His "Groundhog Day"-like time loop has drained him of optimism. He's left to des-

perately and cavalierly keep trying various combinations of recruits in the hope they survive, escape and do something that will prevent the AI apocalypse. It's a remarkably well-suited role for Rockwell, whose stumbling charm lifts "Good Luck" nearly as much as Johnny Depp did in "Pirates of the Caribbean."

"Good Luck" never quite matches the electricity of its diner-scene opening, but as a group forms, the movie ropes in other characters whose backstories make for fablelike flashbacks. They play like mini "Black Mirror" episodes.

One volunteer, a single mom named Susan (Juno

Temple), is still mourning the death of her son from a school shooting, which in this reality has grown into such a common occurrence that scientists have developed clones to replace deceased children. The clones aren't quite right, though. They all say "Thank you for your service" and the cheaper ones come with ads. (This is the movie's darkest and best joke.)

Ingrid (Haley Lu Richard-son) is allergic to phones and Wi-Fi. Her story includes a boyfriend who matches her in a technology-free life until a virtual reality headset leads him to drop out of real life, entirely. Also in the mix are a pair of high school teachers (Michael Peña) and Janet (Zazie Beetz) whose students never look up from

their phones.

As in most sci-fi movies, the set up of "Good Luck, Have Fun, Don't Die" is better than its follow through. But the movie has a kinetic kick, and you could argue that it's obsessed with the right things. We could use more movies similarly engaged. Even if not every part of this particular mission is a success, like the numbers game of Rockwell's protagonist, eventually one will get through.

"Good Luck Have Fun Don't Die," a Briarcliff Entertainment release, is in theaters Friday. It's rated R by the Motion Picture Association for pervasive language, violence, some grisly images and brief sexual content. Running time: 134 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE
CITY OF SHELBYVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02-05
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHELBYVILLE CREATING
THE POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST**

This Ordinance creates the position of Administrative Support Specialist for the city and contains provisions stating the essential functions, required education and experience, necessary skills and abilities, work environment, selection guidelines, and other requirements for that position. The full text of this ordinance may be reviewed at Shelbyville City Hall, 315 Washington Street, Shelbyville, Kentucky 40065.

I hereby certify that a true and accurate summary of the foregoing Ordinance was read at meetings of the City Council of the City of Shelbyville on January 15, 2026 and February 5, 2026, and that the Ordinance and its summary were prepared by the undersigned, a duly licensed practicing attorney of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

/s/ Steven C. Gregory
Shelbyville City Attorney
February 5, 2026

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**NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE
CITY OF SHELBYVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02-05(A)**

This Ordinance creates a new article and sections in Chapter 66 of the City of Shelbyville Code of Ordinances. Article VI, titled "Retail Filling Stations and Electric Vehicle Filling Stations," and Sections 66.501 and 66.502 under that article, are hereby added to Chapter 66, titled "Other Business Regulations."

Section 66.501, titled "Definitions," contains the applicable definitions for the new Article VI, including definitions for a Retail Filling Station, a Retail Electric Vehicle Charging Station, a Fuel Dispenser, and an Electric Charging Port, while Section 66.502 reads as follows:

§ 66.502 LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF FUEL DISPENSERS AND ELECTRIC CHARGING PORTS

The total number of fuel dispensers, electric charging ports, or a combination of both, located at any one (1) retail filling station or retail electric vehicle charging station, or at a station that is a combination of both a retail filling station and a retail electric charging station, within the jurisdictional boundaries of the city, shall not exceed twenty-four (24) such dispensers and/or ports.

The full text of this ordinance may be reviewed at Shelbyville City Hall, 315 Washington Street, Shelbyville, Kentucky 40065.

I hereby certify that a true and accurate summary of the foregoing Ordinance was read at meetings of the City Council of the City of Shelbyville on January 30, 2026 and February 5, 2026, and that the Ordinance and its summary were prepared by the undersigned, a duly licensed practicing attorney of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

/s/ Steven C. Gregory
Shelbyville City Attorney
Date: February 5, 2026

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to KRS 100, the Triple S Board of Adjustments and Appeals will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Stratton Center, 215 Washington Street, Shelbyville, Kentucky to hear the following:

Docket #1112-01-26: Michael and Lana Stallard request a 43-foot front yard setback variance to allow an existing garage to be 57 feet from the front property line instead of the 100-foot requirement for property located at 4212 Mink Run Road, Frankfort, KY. The request is from Section 652.4 of the Shelby County Zoning Regulations. The property is zoned Agricultural (A).

Docket #1113-01-26: Quadrant Shelbyville, LLC requests a 50-foot front yard setback variance to allow the proposed structure to be 50 feet from the front property line instead of the 100-foot requirement for property located at 2300 Shelbyville Road, Shelbyville, KY. The request is from Section 812 of the Shelby County Zoning Regulations. The property is zoned Interchange (IC).

Docket #1114-01-26: Alicia Bosela requests a Conditional Use Permit for a Temporary Use ("PawPaw Party" Festival with workshops (Repeat Annually) for property located at 400 Waddy Road, Waddy, KY. The request is from Section 652.2e and/or 891 of the Shelby County Zoning Regulations. The property is zoned Agricultural (A).

Docket #1115-01-26: Huel & Susan Watkins and Shawn & Brandie Watkins request a 36.2-foot front yard setback variance to allow an existing garage to be 13.8 feet from the front property line instead of the 50-foot requirement for property located at 930 Ollie Brown Road, Taylorsville, KY. The request is from Section 652.4 of the Shelby County Zoning Regulations. The property is zoned Agricultural (A).

Docket #1116-01-26: John & Melissa Jurcy request a 4-foot side yard setback variance to allow an existing deck to be 3 feet from the side property line instead of the 7-foot requirement for property located at 3178 Squire Circle, Shelbyville KY. The request is from Section 666.4 of the Shelby County Zoning Regulations. The property is zoned Medium Density Residential (R-3).

Docket #1117-01-26: David Scott & Michele Brown request a Conditional Use Permit for a Recreational Facility (Event Center/Wedding Barn) for property located at 9717 Eminence Pike, Eminence, KY. The request is from Section 652.2g of the Shelby County Zoning Regulations. The property is zoned Agricultural.

Docket #1118-01-26: Elmburg Baptist Church requests an Amended Conditional Use Permit to add a Fellowship Hall and a 33 feet front yard setback variance to build the fellowship hall 17 feet from the front property line instead of the required 50 feet for property located at 11301 Elmburg Road, Pleasureville, KY. The Amended Conditional Use Permit request is from Section 435 and the variance request is from Section 812 of the Shelby County Zoning Regulations. The property is zoned Unincorporated (U).

More information is on file in the Triple S Planning Commission office, 419 Washington Street, Shelbyville, KY and may be inspected during regular office hours.

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Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that Clark Development Group, Inc. at 1115 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203 has filed an application with the Kentucky Division of Water to grade and place fill on a site off Freedoms Way in Shelbyville, KY 40065. Any comments or objections shall be directed to: KY Division of Water, Floodplain management sect., 300 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, KY 40601. (502) 564-3410.

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**SHELBY CIRCUIT COURT
NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE**

By virtue of orders of the Shelby Circuit Court in the below listed actions, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at public auction, the real estate described herein to the highest and best bidder at the Shelby County Judicial Center, Shelbyville, Kentucky, FRIDAY, February 13, 2026, AT 10:00 A.M., EDT, which real estate is located in Shelby County, Kentucky, to-wit:

SALE NO. 1 U.S. BANK N.A. V. DAVID M. EMERICH, ET. AL., Civil Action No. 24-CI-00541, 4967
Bell Avenue, Shelbyville, Kentucky, Shelby County (for more specific and detailed description, refer to Deed Book 490, Page 8, in the Shelby County Clerk's Office. Parcel No.: 040C-01-162)
Plaintiff's Attorney: **Chris Wiley**

SALE NO. 2 LSR LTD 2, LLC D/B/A R&B ROOFING AND RE-MODELING V. KATHI LUCKY, ET. AL., Civil Action No. 23-CI-00522, 3283 Rockbridge Road, Shelbyville, Kentucky, Shelby County (for more specific and detailed description, refer to Deed Book 681, Page 655, in the Shelby County Clerk's Office. Parcel No.: 062-00-011).
Plaintiff's Attorney: **Robert W. DeWees, III**

Each of the foregoing parcels of real estate shall be sold on terms of cash deposit, cashier's check, certified check or personal check in the amount of the purchase price, or 10% down at the time of sale and the balance thereof due the entire purchase price, the Master Commissioner shall take from the purchaser the sum of 10% down and a good and sufficient bond WITH SURETY ACCEPTABLE TO THE MASTER COMMISSIONER for the balance of said purchase price and bearing interest from date of sale as stated in the court order until paid in full.

SALE NO. 1 The Plaintiff is granted an in Personam judgment for the principal sum of \$143,752.58; plus, interest on the principal sum at a rate of 6.75% per annum from January 1, 2024, until paid; the costs and fees of this action; reimbursement for attorney's fees; sums advanced in payment of ad valorem taxes, insurance premiums, winterization, or in preservation of the real estate; plus, late fees, costs, attorney's fees and other advances made pursuant to the terms of the Note and Mortgage.

SALE NO. 2 Count I: The Plaintiff shall recover the principal amount of \$6,969,246, plus interest thereon as a liquidated amount from May 1, 2023, at the statutory Mechanic's Lien rate of six percent (6%) per annum, until the date of Judgment, and thereafter on the entire sum, together with costs and attorney fees, at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum, compounded annually, until paid in full.

Count II: The principal amount of \$12,100.57, plus interest thereon as a liquidated amount from May 1, 2023, at the statutory Mechanic's Lien rate of six percent (6%) per annum, until the date of Judgment in this Action, and thereafter on the entire sum, together with costs and attorney fees, at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum, compounded annually, until paid in full; its court costs herein expended in the amount of \$843.39; and, its attorney fees herein expended in the amount of \$1,580.00.

MASTER COMMISSIONER'S NOTES
All prospective purchasers are advised to fully understand and consider the following:

1. All properties are sold strictly "as is with no warranties expressed or implied". Properties shall be sold at the Judicial Center. No prior inspections are arranged by the Court or the Commissioner in that properties are often occupied as of the day of sale.
2. Risk of loss to improvements to real estate shifts to purchaser as of the date of sale. Insurance should be placed immediately by successful bidder.
3. All properties sold for less than two-thirds the appraised value are subject to current owner statutory right of redemption pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statutes.
4. Rights of possession given to purchaser with deed, but hold-over occupants of real estate may require additional Court action by purchaser to obtain actual possession.
5. Master Commissioner's deed warrants title only so far as authorized by the judgment, order, and proceedings of the Court, but no further. Independent title examination by successful purchaser is recommended prior to confirmation of sale.
6. If the successful purchaser is an LLC, a certificate of good standing must be presented with a resolution allowing member to sign.
7. Third Party Surety must be presented at sale. Any questions about the surety must be directed to the Master Commissioner prior to sales date.

**CHARLES S. TICHENOR, MASTER COMMISSIONER
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