

Columbus proud of 'Gremlins 3' script

Filmmaker Chris Columbus said he is proud of the script for 'Gremlins 3' and teased that the plot of the new movie is twisted and dark.

The 'Harry Potter' filmmaker helmed the first comedy horror back in 1984 but was absent for the 1990 sequel.

Warner Bros has been working on a third instalment of the franchise, though it is yet to be given a release date.

"I'm really proud of the script. It is as twisted and dark as anything, so we'll see. It's always a budgetary conversation when we're going to shoot it," Columbus said.

"I wanted to go back to the really twisted sensibility of the first movie. I found that was a very easy place for me to fall back into and start writing again so hopefully we'll see that movie soon". (TOI)

Sasha Lane to join 'Hellboy' reboot

Actor Sasha Lane has joined the cast of the 'Hellboy' reboot, which will be helmed by Neil Marshall.

The 21-year-old actor, who made a name for herself after making her acting debut in 'American Honey', will take on the role of the Irish girl that the titular comic book superhero rescued as an infant.

The plot follows Hellboy as he battles with a medieval evil wizard who is hell-bent on destroying humankind.

David Harbour has already been cast as Hellboy and will be joined by Milla Jovovich, 41, as the Blood Queen and Ian McShane, 74, as Professor Broom, the scientist who adopts the titular demon child. (TOI)

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OffSide

An Iranian comedy about female football fans? An Iranian Bend It Like Beckham? It sounds pretty unlikely. (I can't really imagine Iranian arthouse master Abbas Kiarostami directing Juliet Stevenson doing her "There's-a-reason-Sporty-Spice-doesn't-have-a-boyfriend" speech, unless perhaps she were to do it unsmilingly and at a fraction of the normal speed, with the camera trained enigmatically on her deadpan face while someone else replies.) A football comedy is none the less what Iranian director Jafar Panahi has created with this likeable, gentle and charming film about young women football fanatics, disguised as boys, doing their darnedest to defy the all-male rule and get in to see the Iran v Bahrain qualifying international for the 2006 World Cup.

With audacity and flair, Panahi filmed it at the actual stadium, at the actual match, and appeared to have two improvised outcomes broadly in mind in case of victory or defeat - though Iran did in fact qualify and their first match, against Mexico, takes place this Sunday.

Comedian Omid Djalili had a routine about the reaction of the British Iranian community's reaction to Iran's sensational 2-1 victory over the United States in the 1998 World Cup final. Well-wheeled professionals and store-owners poured out on to the Edgware Road in west London, got in their cars and drove slightly faster and more happily than usual up and down, honking discreetly, waving flags modestly, smiling benignly: the best-behaved victory celebration in the history of football. (theguardian)



Cyrus releases single 'Younger now'

Los Angeles

Singer-actress Miley Cyrus is out with a new single titled "Younger now".

The title track of the upcoming album by the same name is set for release on Friday while the album will be released on September 29.

Lyrics of "Younger now" have been penned by Cyrus and she has also co-produced the track with Oren Yoel.

The video for "Younger Now" directed by Diane Martel and co-directed by Cyrus has been choreographed by Michael Rooney which also features the singer paying homage to the late King of Rock and Roll Elvis Presley, timed with his 40-year death anniversary.

The album, her sixth, is expected to be the more or less official follow-up to her 2013 hit album "Bangerz", which debuted at No.1 on the Billboard 200. (IANS)

