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Barb & Star Go To Vista Del Mar | Prime Video

While some films play by the rules, others are destined to chart their own mad course, like a cat up a palm tree who's decided to go up a palm tree. Barb & Star Go To Vista Del Mar is firmly in the latter camp – a deliriously daft comedy from Bridesmaids duo Kristen Wiig and Annie Mumolo and debut director Josh Greenbaum that channels SNL-style anything-goes sketch comedy with a surreal Tim & Eric edge. Together, Wiig and Mumolo play a pair of middle-aged Midwestern besties who head off to a Floridian resort on holiday, before getting tied up in a love triangle with Jamie Dornan's emotionally-vulnerable henchman and entangled in a supervillain's plot to, er, unleash killer mosquitos on the beach. It's weird, but wonderful too – from its distinct visual tone (the whole thing is an alt-universe Jimmy Buffet pastel daydream), to its rapid gag-rate, to that standout musical number. An instant cult (or, should that be 'culotte') classic.



Censor | Hulu



At the centre of Prano Bailey-Bond's beautifully-constructed psychological horror debut is one of the most captivating turns of the year – Niamh Algar plunging down a rabbit-hole of gore-fests and giallo lighting against the grim backdrop of '80s Britain. Film censor Enid is a woman on the verge of a nervous breakdown, burrowing

into the trauma she never truly processed – while the country around her is corrupted by Thatcher-era politics, and people's fear and anger is misdirected into a moral panic about video nasty horror films. When she's confronted at work with a scuzzy splatter flick that mirrors the harrowing disappearance of her sister as a child, Enid's search for the truth finds reality and fiction blurring together, her world dissolving between grey Britain and neon-lit horror hyperreality – with bursts of violence that permeate both. It's a thrilling high-wire act that Bailey-Bond navigates with vision and precision, crafting a love-letter to Argento and his ilk with an authorial stamp (and a thematic preoccupation with the reverberations of trauma) all her own.

Promising Young Woman | Apple TV

The fuchsia-saturated revenge romp that many expected Promising Young Woman to be never arrived. In its place came a bold and provocative romance / comedy / horror / thriller / drama starring Carey Mulligan as Cassie, a medical school dropout righting the wrongs committed against her best friend, whose plan starts to fall away when she meets, and falls for, fellow ex-student Ryan (Bo Burnham). It's certainly stylish, slick and camp (and soundtracked by Paris Hilton amongst others), but this is the palette with which writer-director Emerald Fennell wants to tackle #MeToo, rape culture, justice, culpability, and – fundamentally – grief and rage. This is a film about what happens to women, out in the world, every day. About the consequences, and how we try – but don't always succeed – to live with them. It's brutal, unpalatable realism soaked in glitter and sugar – whatever it takes to make the medicine go down.



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Yella jeevialige bhoomi aadhara
Earth is the base for all living things



Nograj is back!

After the tremendous success of the Kannada comedy film *Humble Politician Nograj*, actor-comedian Danish Sait's character Nograj is now up to his antics in a web series

Raksha Arun

Actor-comedian Danish Sait who made his big-screen debut with the Kannada comedy film "Humble Politician Nograj" is all set once again to reenact the film's character Nograj which has a cult following.

Nograj will appear on screens in a web series of the same name. A launch at Forum Mall, Koramangala, was held to announce the series. On display was

a stand-alone statue of Nograj.

A huge crowd had assembled to see the actor and lend support.

"I am very confident about the show in terms of comedy, landscape, entertain-

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ment and the fictional world that we have tried to create. The success of the series depends on how the audience will embrace the meaning we have tried

to portray. Due to the response that we received from the film we thought of launching a web series. People wanted to see more of Nograj and hence we are here today," says Saad Khan, director.

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web series where he would play the role of the PM.

"This series is not just a lesson for the politicians but also for the voters as well. The actors have done justice to their characters. The series brings out humour as well as seriousness of the current situation. I can promise that it will definitely be binge-worthy," says actor Vijay Chendror.

"A great sense of humour and comedy are sprinkled

throughout the season. Nograj is loud and vicarious. I would like to lay emphasis on the fact that this series does not intend to talk about anyone or anything especially relating to the political sector," says Danish Sait, actor. It is a 10-episodic series in which Danish will reprise his role as the narcissistic and self-serving civil servant.

The series is playing on VOOT.

SANDALWOOD SNIPPETS

DNA release postponed



Y Maheswara Reddy

The week-end curfew to come into effect from today has an adverse impact on Kannada movie "DNA". The movie is scheduled to release at theaters across the state but has been postponed for two weeks due to the week-end curfew. "We have no problems with night curfew across the state but the week-end curfew would have an adverse impact on box-office collections of our movie DNA as Saturday and Sundays are crucial for any movie to

get more audiences. We have decided to postpone the release of the DNA movie for two to three weeks," says director Prakash Raju Mehu.

The director says that well-known writer Devanur Mahadeva's novel is an inspiration to make the "DNA" movie.

"It is about human relations. Our movie DNA has a message to society," he says, adding that he has worked under director Nagabharana for Kannada movie Janumada Jodi in which Shivarakumar played the lead role.

Tulsi Gowda, an environmentalist who received Padma Shri award recently, has released the audio of DNA movie.

Ester Noronha, who acted in multilingual movies, has said that she has agreed to act in "DNA" because of its script. "DNA will remain as one of the movies that are close to my heart," says Ester Noronha.

Roger Narayan, Achyuth Kumar, Yamuna, Anitha Bhat, Master Krishna Chaitanya, Master Dhruva Mehu and Niharika are the important star cast of "DNA".

Wedding Gift is ready

A 37-day single schedule of Kannada movie "Wedding Gift" was completed a few days ago. Its shooting was held in Bengaluru, Devarayana Durga in Tumkur district, Udipi and Mangalore.

"I want to convey a message to society how some women are misusing their rights meant for their safety. We had come across many women misusing their rights during Covid-19 pandemic," said Vikram Prabhu, who makes debut as a director in Sandalwood with "Wedding Gift".

He said that he had worked as associate for veteran director SV Rajendra Singh Babu for Kan-



nada movie Love that was released in 2004. Director Babu's son Aditya and Rajkshita were the lead pair in which Bollywood artiste Amrith Puri played the villain character.

Sonu Gowda has said that she was lucky to get an opportunity to play an impor-

tant character in this movie. Nishan Nanaiah, Sonu Gowda are the lead pair in this movie while Prema, known as Om Prema, has acted as an advocate in this movie. Achyuth Kumar and Pavithra Lokesh are the other important star cast in this movie.

Pratham releases Ganduli audio



Sandalwood artiste Pratham, known as Big Boss Pratham, has appreciated lyrics of Kannada movie "Ganduli". Pratham was the chief guest at an audio launch of "Ganduli" held at Renukamba theater at Mallewaram. "Kannada movies such as Bettada Huli, Huli Hebbuli, and Raja Huli became a huge success at the box office. I wish the latest movie titled as Ganduli a big success at the box office. I liked the

song – Ninna Orenota – rendered by playback singer Vijay Prakash," said Pratham.

He said that artiste-cum-director Vinay has been working hard to prove his mettle in Sandalwood. "I wish him great success in his future endeavors," he said. Speaking on the occasion, Vinay, director-cum-hero, has said that he was very happy to get a decent amount for Ganduli's audio rights. "I felt very happy when Dileep, an audio com-

pany owner, approached me on his own and offered me a good amount for the audio rights of my movie. Dileep has agreed to organize events to promote my movie," said Vinay, adding that he has been making arrangements to release "Ganduli" at 20 to 40 movie theaters.

Dharmendra Urs, Sudha Narasimha Raju, Ramanna, Ranjith, Punith, and Subbe Gowda are the star cast of this movie.

Garudaaksha ready for release

One more suspense thriller – "Garudaaksha" – is ready for release shortly. "Garudaaksha" is a suspense thriller made with a village background. Sridhar Vaishnav, who has been playing small character roles in Kannada movies, makes debut as a director in Sandalwood with "Garudaaksha".

"I entered Sandalwood in 2005 as a junior artiste. I acted in movies such as Gajakesari, Kaliveera, and Buddhivantha-2. I had also acted in many tele serials including Comedy Darbar, Kanyadana, and Rangoli. I am very happy to get



the opportunity to direct this movie," says Sridhar Vaishnav.

Narasimha Murthy, a priest of Anjaneya Temple on Tumkur Road, is the producer for this movie. Tele serial artiste Chethan Yadhu and Raksha are the lead pair in this murder mystery movie. The director said that movie is about a murder taken place in a

village and how the hero solves the murder mystery. "The script of this movie was written by the producer. In the movie, the hero's father dies in mysterious circumstances. The climax is whether the death is natural or a murder," said the director. Ugram Reddy, Rafiq, Pallavi, Sathyaraj are the star cast in this movie.