

## Gremlins take a bite out of The Big Apple



Yes I know - another sequel. And I think you can best sum up *Gremlins 2 - The New Batch* as one giant in-joke.

*Gremlins 2* picks up six years later and sees Billy Peltzer (Zach Galligan) and his girlfriend Kate (Phoebe Cates) having moved from Kingston Falls to New York City, where they work in the Clamp Centre, a futuristic skyscraper owned by Manhattan millionaire Daniel Clamp. The similarities to Donald Trump are purely intentional.

So through an improbable chain of events, Gizmo - the furry Mogwai and only creature to survive the first film - gets captured by malicious scientists who just happen to coincidentally work out of the Clamp building as well. As you can probably guess, Billy soon finds out that Gizmo is being held in the building and sets out to find him.

Well Billy eventually rescues him, but no sooner are they reunited than another accidental water spill of Gizmo causes more off-spring of evil Gremlins again, this time the gaggle of Gremlins multiplying by the hundreds and taking complete control of the Clamp building. And as an additional treat, the Gremlins locate the animal laboratory (headed by Christopher Lee) and go about wrecking havoc while conducting their own experiments, both on themselves as well as each other, resulting in highly imaginative, hilarious and colorful group of mutant Gremlins - hence the title *The New Batch*.

*Gremlins 2* is definitely for the fans of the first film, with that audience being the only ones to

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put up with the silliness.

*Gremlins 2* is on a much bigger and more elaborate scale than the first one and when you leave the

theatre, you suddenly realize what happens when you give 40 million dollars to self-indulgent filmmakers. But for the fun surprises and clever bits as well as sheer effort put into the film, it's definitely worth seeing.

Out of ten, *Gremlins 2 - The New Batch* rates a six.

### Two events for Harmony

Two community fund-raising events are now scheduled to benefit Harmony Bull, the 16-year-old Georgetown teenager seriously injured in a car accident last month.

This Sunday's "Picnic for Harmony" in Cedarvale Park is a fun-filled outing for the whole family, and Club 2000 in Norval has announced it will share proceeds from its July 1st All-Ages Night. It was erroneously reported in Wednesday's paper that the All-Ages Nigh was July 8.

Harmony was among Halton Hills young people who enjoyed dancing and socializing at the nightclub's alcohol-free all-ages events every Sunday evening.

Club 2000 has decided to boost its regular \$6 admission fee July 1st by \$1 and donate the extra money raised to the Harmony Bull trust fund.

The trust fund will also benefit from admission fees and other monies collected at this Sunday's picnic, organized by friends and supported by a number of generous businesses in the area.

The picnic has a rain date of Monday (July 2).

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