

## PAKISTAN BANS 'BABY'

The team of Akshay Kumar starrer "Baby" is in a state of shock over the film's ban in Pakistan. While producer Bhushan Kumar is still wondering why, actor Anupam Kher emphasised the need to move beyond borders and look into a universal problem - terrorism. Confirming the ban, Bhushan said: "Yes, we got a confirmation from my distributor that it has been banned in Pakistan. I don't know why this happened. If you watch the film, you will know we are not talking about a country, we are only talking about terrorism." According to the Dawn, a representative of the film's distributor, Everready Pictures, shared the news about the film being banned "because it portrays a negative image of Muslims and the negative characters in the film also have Muslim names".



## Julia Roberts To Produce, Star In Batkid Movie



Not even Oscar-winner Julia Roberts can resist Batkid fever. The actress and producer just closed a deal to adapt Batkid Begins, the Slamdance premiere documentary about the 5-year-old leukemia patient who got his wish to be a superhero granted when thousands of volunteers, and even President Obama, helped turn San Francisco into Gotham City for a day. On November 15, 2013, youngster Miles Scott became the hero Gotham needed and deserved as 25,000 supporters across the city, and even more on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, tracked his heroics through a series of staged missions. The event culminated with Scott receiving the key to the city from Mayor Ed Lee and sparked media attention and more than 400K tweets in 117 countries, reaching over 1.84 billion social media users.

## COMEDY 'BENCHED' will not return for 2nd Season

USA Network's comedy series Benched will not be coming back for a second season. The courtroom comedy starring Eliza Coupe and Jay Harrington had a quiet run, which concluded December 30. When USA scaled back its original comedy series portfolio, the network stressed its commitment to its current series — Sirens, Playing House and Benched. Sirens and Playing House have been renewed for a second season. Meanwhile, Benched, which received OK reviews, has not been getting a lift in delayed viewing, contributing to the network's decision not to go forward with a second season.

