

Prince in talks for surprise Glastonbury set

Prince is reportedly in talks to play a surprise set at Glastonbury festival this week. The 'Raspberry Beret' hitmaker, who was rumored to be headlining the event at Worthy Farm, was ruled out after Metallica, Kasabian and Arcade Fire were announced but sources claim he still wants to surprise festival-goers at the event in Somerset. A source told The Sun newspaper: "Prince wants to show up somewhere as a surprise. He has spent so much time in the UK lately, he'd love to do an impromptu set." Organizer Michael Eavis and daughter Emily previously

said Prince would not be playing the festival this year but they still hope to book him in the future. The 56-year-old musician, who was bookies' favorite the headline, has been touring the country for the past couple of months with his all-girl female rock band 3RDEYEGIRL. Meanwhile, Metallica were reportedly in talks to cover a track by the 'Purple Rain' singer but frontman James Hetfield was against the idea. The source added: "There was the suggestion of them covering Prince, reminiscent of when Jay Z came on to Wonderwall [by Oasis], but it got a firm, 'No,

mostly from singer James Hetfield." EE has installed a bespoke 4G network and card readers for contactless payments at the event this year and the 'Highspeed Herd' will bring festival-goers superfast WiFi. The cows were painted by legendary bin painter, Hank, who has decorated thousands of colorful bins for the festival since the '80s.

Kasabian triumph at homecoming gig

Kasabian proved why they are worthy of their Glastonbury headline slot by performing a triumphant career-spanning set in Leicester at the weekend. The band - made up of Tom Meighan, Serge Pizzorno, Chris Edwards and Ian Matthews - took to the stage at Victoria Park on Saturday and played for 50,000 fans, which Serge insists "made my year". The 'Fire' hitmakers, whose latest album '48:13' hit the top spot this month, celebrated 10 years since the release of their debut album kicked off the gig with 'Bumblebee' a fan favorite from the new record. Dressed in a 'Les-tah' t-shirt, paying tribute to their hometown, guitarist Serge put in a passionate performance as Tom bounded about the stage in a huge pair of sunglasses and black blazer, black t-shirt and jeans. Kasabian's 20-song set, which was a taster of things to come at Worthy Farm, featured hits such as 'Shoot The Runner', 'Underdog', 'Fire' and anthems from their latest record, including 'Eez-eh' and 'L.S.F.'. The band had the crowd in the palm of their hands as they jumped up and down, chanted 'Eez-eh', threw beer and ripped off their shirts in the heat. Tom got

emotional and told the audience: "We started this band in 1997, me, Serge and Chris, and now we're here and playing Glastonbury next week. Thank you." He added: "Ten years ago we were playing horribly ... and here we are now with you lot." An extended version of 'Treat' was a highlight from the new material and fans went wild for 'Fire' before the band exited the stage and came back on for a four-song encore made up of 'Switchblade Smiles', 'Vlad The Impaler', 'Praise You' by Fatboy Slim and 'L.S.F. [Lost Souls Forever]'. Serge appeared to be in his element as they closed the set and he pulled off his t-shirt and threw it into the crowd, along with the band's set list. The band members put their arms around each other and guitarist Chris grabbed the mic for a rare moment to tell the audience: "I never get a chance on the mic. So thanks Leicester. You've made my year." Kasabian will headline Glastonbury's Pyramid Stage on Sunday, June 29.



Adele finished recording third album

Adele has finished work on her third album. The 'Skyfall' singer has been busy in the studio, and fans won't have to wait long for her much-anticipated new record with reports it has been completed and is ready for release. A source told the Daily Star Sunday newspaper: "The album is written, recorded and finished. Theoretically it could be released tomorrow if she wanted." It is said Adele and her label are considering bringing out the album with little fanfare and no "publicity campaign", in a similar way to how Beyonce released her self-titled record earlier this year. The insider added: "The plan is to release internationally on iTunes as a complete surprise without any previous promotion or build-up publicity campaign." The shock tactics worked amazingly well for Beyonce and the feeling is Adele's new album is so widely anticipated it doesn't need a long promotional build-up. The project is still being kept a closely-guarded secret, with no release date set for the album - which will be the follow-up to '21', which sold almost 30 million copies worldwide.



Douglas' second Oscar was important to him

Michael Douglas felt like he was living in his father Kurt Douglas' shadow before winning his second Oscar. The 69-year-old actor - who won his first Academy Award as a producer of the Best Picture winner 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest' in 1975 - admits it wasn't until he was crowned Best Actor for 1987's 'Wall Street' that he felt like he'd become his own star. He said: "My Best Actor Oscar was extremely important to me because it was the first time I felt that I had stepped out of my father's shadow." However, Michael insists there are some positives to have a famous parent as he believes his dad has helped him stay grounded. He explained: "The biggest benefit of being a second-generation actor is being able to watch your father and his friends - i.e. Tony Curtis, Frank Sinatra, Burt Lancaster - as people and seeing their foibles and insecurities. You realize they're like anybody else. They've got their issues. So it keeps you kind of grounded." The actor still has a close relationship with Kurt and tries to see his parents as much as possible, but admits it can be difficult. He told People magazine: "We live cross-country and it can be hard to get out here, but I'm conscious of touching bases as much as I can. They're not demanding."



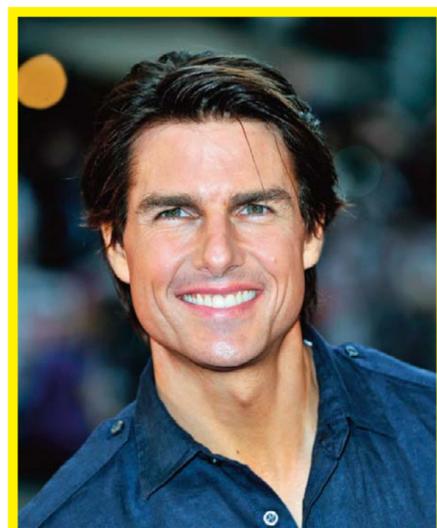
Affleck to get standalone Batman movie

Ben Affleck could star in his own standalone 'Batman' movie. The 'Argo' actor has reportedly landed his own solo outing set for 2019, which Warner Bros is lining up to follow on from 'Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice' in 2016 and 'The Justice League' in 2017. According to Latino Review, the film is speculatively called 'The Batman' and is being planned for four years' time because of Affleck's busy schedule. The rumors aren't as far fetched as they seem since the 41-year-old actor has signed on for multiple movies as the Caped Crusader. This comes just after Warner Bros announced their long-awaited latest DC Comics blockbuster would be called 'Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice'. The follow-up to 2013's 'Man of Steel' will see Henry Cavill reprising his role as Clark Kent/Superman and Ben Affleck making his debut as Bruce Wayne/Batman. Amy Adams, Laurence Fishburne and Diane Lane from 'Man Of Steel' have all signed on to reprise their parts and Jesse Eisenberg will star as Lex Luthor. Filming has also started on the superhero team-up movie, which was written by Chris Terrio and produced by Charles Roven and Deborah Snyder.



Radcliffe wants to play Robin

Daniel Radcliffe wants to play Batman's sidekick Robin. The 'Harry Potter' star believes he would be the "perfect" choice to take on the role of the superhero sidekick in the rumored upcoming 'Batman' reboot starring Ben Affleck. When asked which movie franchise he would consider starring in, he told Buzzfeed: "Batman. If they reboot that again, I'll do that, too. 'It's happening isn't it? With Ben Affleck. I could be Robin. I'm perfect." Affleck, 41 - who is to make his debut as the Caped Crusader in 'Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice' next year - will reprise the role in 'The Justice League' in 2017 and it's now been reported that he's landed his own solo outing, set for 2019. According to Latino Review, the film is speculatively called 'The Batman' and is being planned for four years' time because of Affleck's busy schedule. Meanwhile, Radcliffe, 24, is also said to be interested in joining the legendary 'James Bond' franchise as an "evil mastermind". A source said previously: "Daniel thinks he would be an excellent villain in the Bond films. He loves the franchise but admires the villains as much as Bond. 'He feels he could appear as a modern bad guy, an evil mastermind who wants to take down M5."



Tom Cruise to make Star Wars cameo?

Tom Cruise could make a cameo in 'Star Wars: Episode VII'. The 51-year-old star is close friends with the film's director J.J. Abrams - who helmed 'Mission: Impossible III' - and the pair reportedly met over the weekend to discuss a role for the A-list star. A source told The Sun newspaper: "Tom has been in London for over a week and met up with J.J. and some other people from 'Star Wars' at the weekend. 'On Saturday evening five of them met up for dinner and drinks at the Belgravia Hotel. J.J. loves working with Tom whenever he gets the chance.' The sci-fi production could use some star power after leading actor Harrison Ford, who reprises his role as Han Solo from the original trilogy, was rushed into surgery last week following a freak accident on set.

The 71-year-old actor is recuperating after breaking his leg and won't be available to film for several months. The source added: "Losing Harrison is going to set things back a little scheduling wise and there's some time to play around with." Cruise recently starred in a sci-fi summer blockbuster 'Edge of Tomorrow', which earned critical acclaim, and is next set to film the fifth installment of the 'Mission: Impossible' franchise. 'Star Wars' is currently filming at Pinewood Studios in Buckinghamshire, England. It's rumored 'Looper' director Rian Johnson could be in line to write and direct the follow-ups, 'Episode VIII' and 'Episode IX'. — Bang Showbiz



Pitt buys \$37k bike for stuntman

Brad Pitt splashed out \$37,000 on a motorbike for a stuntman. The 50-year-old actor reportedly scoured the globe for a rare 1936 Harley-Davidson VLD motorcycle when he heard his friend's bike was destroyed during a house fire. A source told the National Enquirer newspaper: "The guy had several bikes, but this was his baby and because it wasn't a street bike, he didn't have it insured." So Brad sprang into action, hiring a broker to search the world for a duplicate. When one was finally located in Germany, Brad wrote a cheque and had the boss machine delivered with a note that simply said he knew how much his buddy loved that bike, and just wanted to help out. Meanwhile, it appears Brad's kind personality hasn't gone unnoticed by his fellow co-stars as Clint Eastwood's son Scott - who worked with the Hollywood hunk on the World War II drama film 'Fury' earlier this year - admits he was moved by his kindness and humility. He said previously: "[Brad is] a kind and humble person, which is everything in this world. He's a great actor, but because he's proactive about developing material and getting stuff made."