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## Marina was worried about working with boyfriend Patterson on new music

**M**arina vowed to never work with her boyfriend Jack Patterson again after her first collaboration with his band Clean Bandit. The 33-year-old pop star - whose real name is Marina Diamandis - worked with the dance group on 2017 song 'Disconnect' but after that track she made an initial decision to avoid more studio time with Jack because she thought their songwriting would be too influenced by their romance. In an interview with V Magazine, she said: "After that we didn't write together again, because I just found it too weird. I thought, what am I going to write

about? Being in love with you? It won't work." However, Marina changed her mind about working with her man and features on 2018 Clean Bandit tune 'Baby' along with Luis Fonsi and that track will be included on her upcoming new LP 'Love + Fear' which drops on April 26. The album is the singer's first studio effort since 2015's 'Froot' and will be the first released under her new singular Marina moniker as her previous three records were credited to Marina and the Diamonds. It is split into two eight-song collections, with each collection exploring psychologist Elisabeth Kubler-Ross' theory that humans

are only capable of experiencing those two emotions. The record took two years to make and was recorded in London, Sweden and Los Angeles with several songwriters and producers, including Noonie Bao, Sam De Jong, Oscar Gorres, Camille Purcell, Justin Parker and Joe Janiak. Marina also announced a UK and North American tour in support of the album, including a show at London's iconic Royal Albert Hall on May 3.

## Jackie Chan to star in mountain epic Climbers

**J**ackie Chan is to star in mountain climbing epic movie 'Climbers'. The 64-year-old actor will appear alongside Wu Jing in the upcoming action film - helmed by Hong Kong filmmaker Daniel Lee and produced by the Shanghai Film Group - about the first Chinese mountaineers to conquer Mount Everest, according to The Hollywood Reporter. The movie will tell the story of the real-life expedition of Wang Fuzhou, Gonpo and Qu Yinhua, who made the first ever ascent up Mount Everest's North Ridge in 1960 and notably left a small statue of Chairman Mao on the mountain before returning to rescue another member of their group who was unable to make the whole journey. The other two climbers in the group will be played by Jing Boran and Hu Ge, whilst Zhang Ziyi will also be part of the cast as a Chinese meteorologist who assists the expedition. Shooting on the project is underway in China and is expected to be released on China's patriotic holiday National Day of the People's Republic of China or during Chinese New Year in 2020. Action legend Chan will soon reprise his role as Detective Inspector Yang Naing Lee in a new 'Rush Hour' film alongside Chris Tucker as Detective James Carter in a fourth installment in the buddy cop franchise. The series kicked off in 1998 with Brett Ratner's first film which saw the two police officers from Los Angeles and Hong Kong respectively thrown together to bust an international crime syndicate. The last film, 'Rush Hour 3', was released in 2017. Spilling that the two stars are actively "working on a few things for the script" for a new sequel, Tucker, 47, said: "It's not in pre-production. We're working on a few things [for] the script. Jackie wants to do it. I want to do it. The studio wants to do it. We're trying to get it together. It looks like it's coming together."



## Pulp Fiction theme writer Dick Dale has died



**D**ick Dale, who provided the theme song for 'Pulp Fiction', has died at the age of 81. The legendary surf guitarist - whose 1962 version of Greek folk song 'Misirlou' played over the opening credits of the classic 1994 movie - passed away on Saturday evening, his bassist Sam Bolle has announced. The musician - who was credited with pioneering a genre based on Californian surf culture and was known for his fast strumming style, inspiring acts like The Beach Boys and Jimi Hendrix - had a long history of ill health, including renal failure, diabetes and cancer, however the cause of his death is not yet known. 'Pulp Fiction' director Quentin Tarantino previously praised the guitarist and believed his version of 'Misirlou' "throws down the gauntlet" and set a standard for his movie to live up to. He said in the rock critic Gary Graff's book 'Pulp Fiction: The Complete Story of Quentin Tarantino's Masterpiece': "Having 'Misirlou' as your opening credit, it's just so intense. "It just says you're watching an epic, you're watching a big, ol' movie. "It just throws down a gauntlet that the movie now has to live up to." Hollywood actor Seth Rogen was among the stars who took to twitter to pay tribute to Dale. Replying to a Tweet by Rolling Stone magazine, who described Dale as the "King of Surf", Seth said: "Once I drove an hour and half to see Dick Dale perform at a horse track, and it was wonderful. RIP. (sic)" Billy Idol also paid tribute to the late guitarist, writing on Twitter: "Sad 2 hear the 'King of the Surf Guitar' Dick Dale has passed on, RIP..(sic)" Dale was born in 1937 as Richard Anthony Mousour in Boston, Massachusetts to his father who had emigrated from Lebanon and a mother who was Polish Belarusian and his guitar style was inspired by his his heritage - using Middle Eastern and Eastern European melodies as well as "exotic" scales. He is survived by his wife Lana and their son Jimmie.



## Rak-Su: We'd never ride a trend to top the charts

**R**ak-Su would rather stay true to their roots than "ride a trend" just to top the charts. The popular four piece - made up of childhood friends Mustafa Rahimtulla, Ashley Fongho, Jamaal Shurland and Myles Stephenson - had a taste of chart success when their 'X Factor' winner's single 'Dimelo', featuring the Fugees star Wyclef Jean and producer Naughty Boy, shot straight to number one in the iTunes chart within 24 hours of them being crowned winners of the ITV talent show in 2017. The band - who released their second EP 'Rome' last month - are quite happy to make music that they know their huge following will love, and would never makes songs for commercial gain. Ashley told the Daily Star newspaper: "We are so happy to be doing what we love and to have such huge support. "We don't think about charting or riding a trend at all. "I'd love to say we are geniuses but we just write the

music we love. "We've grown a lot since then [The X Factor] and although we look back at all our songs really fondly, I'd like to think we've bettered ourselves." Jamaal added of their "old school" sound: "We've always been into old school R&B. "It's a really big influence. "All our preferences are slightly different, so it's all our influences that have created us." Meanwhile, the group has set their sights high on collaborators for the future, with the likes of Jay-Z, Frank Ocean and Camila Cabello on their wish-list. When asked who they'd like record with, the four-some said: "There are so many artists we'd like to work with, in the future. "All the people we kinda grew up listening to and that our tastes have been molded by like Usher, Babyface, Jay-Z, Skepta, Frank Ocean, Camila Cabello. I mean she's good in it, Little Mix there's actually so many."

## Larson's Captain Marvel will lead 'entire' MCU, says Feige

**K**evin Feige says Captain Marvel will lead the "entire" Marvel Cinematic Universe in the future. The president of Marvel Studios has revealed that Brie Larson's Carol Danvers from first Marvel female led standalone film will be at the "forefront" of the next wave of MCU movies and insisted that introducing Brie, 29, at this year's Comic-Con was one of the "highlights of his career". In 'Captain Marvel: The Official Movie Special', Kevin said: "When we found out that Brie Larson might be interested in joining our world, we had a number of meetings. She was a huge fan of the character in the comics. One of the highlights of my career at Marvel was introducing her at Comic-Con and having her come out on stage and stand there with literally almost everybody else from our movies. There she was at the forefront, and it was a great foreshadowing - not just for how audiences are going to embrace Brie as this character, but also for how Captain Marvel is about to take the lead and be at the forefront of the entire Cinematic Universe." 'Captain Marvel' has so far grossed \$760 million worldwide making the highest earning film of 2019, so far. Meanwhile, Brie previously revealed she hopes 'Captain Marvel' will spark a global conversation about diversity. She shared: "With films like this, that do end up going international, because a lot of the time, with smaller movies, you don't know if they will or not, it means you get to have a really extensive conversation, and I'm so grateful that this film has so many pockets in it." — Bang Showbiz



## Paul 'would love' to star in Breaking Bad movie



**A**aron Paul "would love" to star in a 'Breaking Bad' movie. The 39-year-old actor played Jesse Pinkman in the acclaimed drug drama from 2008 to 2013 and showrunner Vince Gilligan revealed back in November that he is working to create a new movie set in the same universe as the original TV series. Aaron is keen to reprise his role as Jesse but he insists he "hasn't heard anything" about the project. Speaking at the Sun Valley Film Festival, Aaron said: "Rumors are funny - I once heard a rumour that I was being cast as Han Solo, I haven't heard anything about the 'Breaking Bad' movie but if there is one and it comes together I'd love to be a part of it." The 'BoJack Horseman' star went on to explain that his co-star Bryan Cranston - who portrayed mild-mannered teacher-turned-drug baron Walter White - isn't likely to make it into the movie because he dies, so the film "has to star Jesse". He said: "If it were to happen, yes, I would love to do it. In case you haven't caught up on the TV series, Walter dies, so ... it has to star Jesse." Bryan, 62, previously admitted that although it doesn't seem very likely he'll appear in the film, he would jump at the chance to reprise his role in any capacity should the screenwriter ask him. He said: "I would, absolutely [be in it]. It's Vince Gilligan. If Vince Gilligan asked me to do it, sure, absolutely. He's a genius." Though not much is known about the potential plot of the 'Breaking Bad' movie, 'Why Him?' actor Bryan hopes it will allow some of the other characters' journey's to be completed. He added: "It's a great story, and there's a lot of people who felt that they wanted to see some sort of completion to some of these storylines that were left open. "This idea, from what I was told, gets into at least a couple of the characters who were not completed as far as their journey. "I can't wait to see all those people again ... even if I just come by to visit!"

## Chang Chen joins Dune reboot

**C**hang Chen has joined the cast of the 'Dune' reboot. The 42-year-old actor is set to portray physician Dr. Yueh, who serves the Atreides family, in Denis Villeneuve's take on the sci-fi literary classic. Chen and the legendary filmmaker were both on the jury at the Cannes Film Festival last summer. The Taiwanese actor joins the ever-growing cast for 'Dune, which is being adapted from Frank Herbert's novel of the same name. 'Dune' tells the complex story of a fallen noble family's attempt to control a desert planet named Arrakis and its export, a rare drug called melange - also known as "the spice" - which is vital to space travel and the most sought after commodity in the universe. 'Bird Box' star David Dastmalchian recently joined in the role of Piter De Vries - played by Brad Dourif in David Lynch's 1984 film - a Mentat human who serves the Baron Vladimir Harkonnen (Stellan Skarsgard) and is addicted to the spice. De Vries is a human who is specially trained to perform mental functions rivaling the computers that are forbidden in this universe. The all-star cast of the production also includes Timothee Chalamet as the lead character Paul Atreides, Rebecca Ferguson, Dave Bautista, Charlotte Rampling and Javier Bardem, whilst Jason Momoa has also been attached to the project. Zendaya and Oscar Isaac are also in talks for roles. The project is being created by Legendary Entertainment, and Villeneuve will produce alongside Mary Parent and Cale Boyter. Villeneuve also wrote the script for the flick with the help of Eric Roth and Jon Spaihts. Legendary acquired the film and TV rights in 2016 after signing a deal with Herbert's estate for his iconic tome. Villeneuve previously admitted 'Dune' has always been his "dream project" as he was obsessed with the original film growing up. Filming is due to commence in Budapest and Jordan in spring and the film is set to be released next year.

