

# *David Cassidy Ill! Did He Work*

**T**his summer David Cassidy entered a Los Angeles hospital in order to undergo an operation to remove his gall bladder. Even for an older person, such surgery is considered of major proportions—extremely serious, possibly even dangerous. It is the kind of operation which doctors only perform when no other form of treatment is possible (i.e., when the gall bladder has become so diseased or non-functioning so as to impair the whole digestive system).

Naturally, David's parents were very concerned at the time and stayed at his bedside constantly. Both his mother Evelyn Ward and his stepmother Shirley Jones were there—putting whatever past private differences they might have had aside, in order to think only of David. Luckily, their fears would not be realized, for the operation went as smoothly and successfully as possible. Today, David is a healthy young man again, his recovery all but complete.

In a way David's illness brought him closer together with Shirley Jones. In a recent interview, Shirley had only the best to say about her part-time son and full-time costar.

