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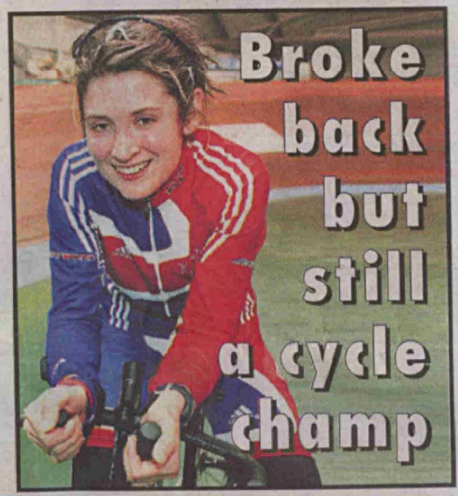
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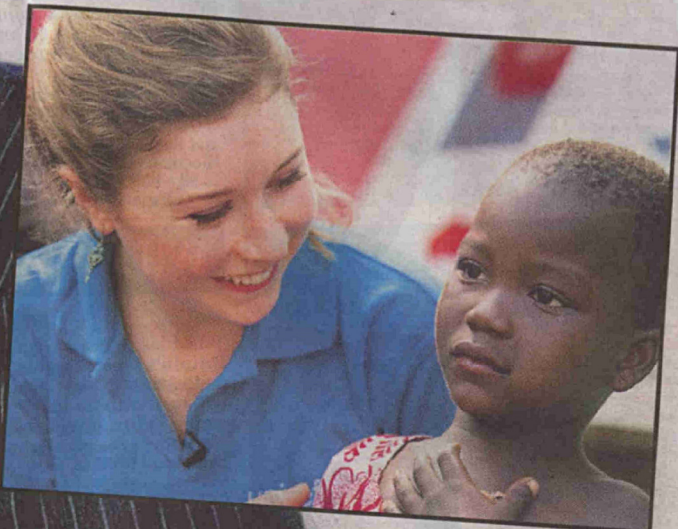


Singing star tells why this month's tour to UK could be his final visit

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David's last goodbye

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

by Bill Gibb

MADNESS and mayhem, craziness and crying followed him everywhere when he toured here at the height of his 70s superstardom.

Things may be just a little more sedate and restrained when David Cassidy returns to these shores this month — but there are still bound to be tears shed by fans.

David has exclusively revealed to *The Weekly News* that the three dates he's set to play may well be his final hurrah and farewell.

He's just signed up for a new American TV show and, if it proves to be as popular as anticipated, there just won't be the time for jetting across here for concerts any more.

And, at the age of 58, it seems his days of delighting British fans may have come to an end at last.

"I'm not saying rush to see me, this is it," says David, as he sits on the patio of his Florida home.

"But I'd have to say the chances are this will be my last tour.

"It will certainly be in my mind when I take to the stage for the dates in Glasgow, Manchester and London — three of my favourite places to play — that I probably won't return.

"With TV shows like this, they ask you to sign up to a seven-year contract.

"I'm not a person who lives in a world of unrealistic expectations, and I know what's real and what isn't."

"But I think if you sign for

something, you have to be prepared for it.

"And if the show is the hit everyone thinks it will be, I just won't have the opportunity to travel overseas for concerts."

The show in question is *Ruby And The Rockits*, which will star David and highly-rated young star Alexa Vega, who starred in the three hit *Spy Kids* movies. David admits it

was an offer he just couldn't turn down, as it'll be the family affair to beat them all, with brothers Shaun, a producer, Patrick, an actor and Ryan, all joining him for the project.

"This really is a dream come true for us — we've talked about doing something together for years," says David, enthusiastically.

Bust-up

"We've never all worked together before. Shaun and Ryan, who's a set decorator, will be behind the camera, and Patrick and I will be in front of it.

"We play former band mate brothers. We have a big bust-up and, while I go on playing the pop star, he's settled down with a family.

"Suddenly, the daughter I'd never seen shows up and I have to ask him to help.

"Alexa's great and very grounded.

"She's been doing

this for years when she was at school, so she's handled the attention at an even younger age than I did and doesn't need any advice from me.

"The only advice I would give anyone about acting is to definitely do it if it's your love and what you really want.

"However, with 98 per cent of Screen Actors Guild members out of work at any time, what does that tell you about your chances of making a living from it?

"I know I've been lucky to have success in this business for nearly four decades.

"I've just rented a house in Los Angeles at the moment, but it looks like I'm going to be on the move from Florida for a good while.

"My son Beau is 17 now and he's been in a very good school here, but has picked UCLA in Los Angeles as the university he wants to go to, so that would work out well.

"It's quite funny being involved in a half-hour TV show again all these years after *The Partridge Family* — but at least it's not a new experience."

After organising

things in Hollywood, David will be playing three dates at Epcot in Florida before heading to these shores.

And although he's excited by the TV show, he admits he'll miss the chance to perform in concert, and miss the UK.

"I've always got such a thrill from being in front of an audience," he says. "When I came to the UK at first, I hung out with Elton John at his house and he said the big thing was being able to do it live.

"And I always have. There's no lip-synching or tapes, I just strap on the guitar and sing. No tricks, nothing false.

Blessed

"And I never get tired of doing my old songs. I could see how someone maybe like Tom Jones, who does lots of gigs and only that, might get tired of singing *What's New Pussycat?*"

"But I've done lots of other things, acting, stage musicals. I didn't sing any of my hits for a decade.

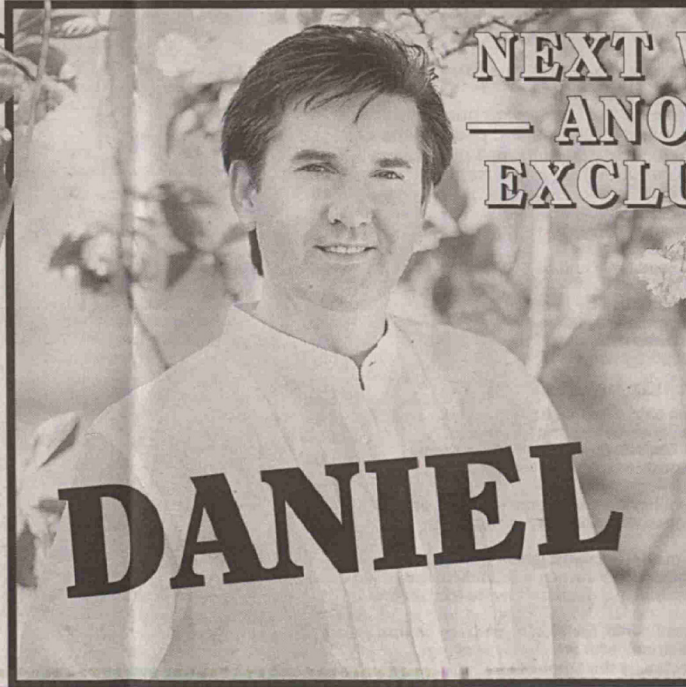
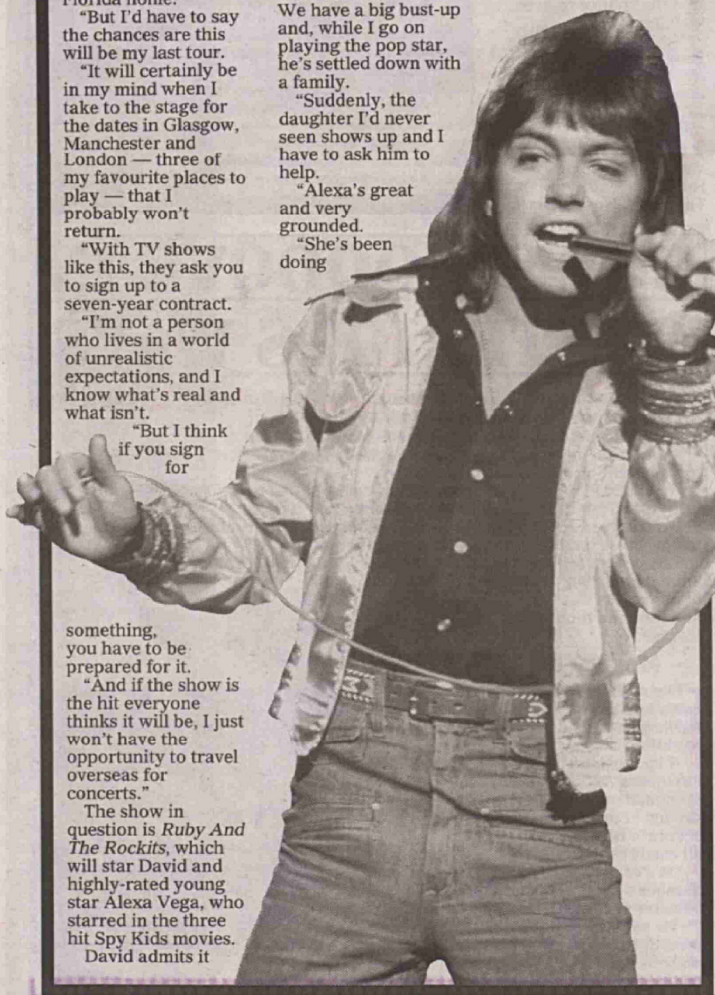
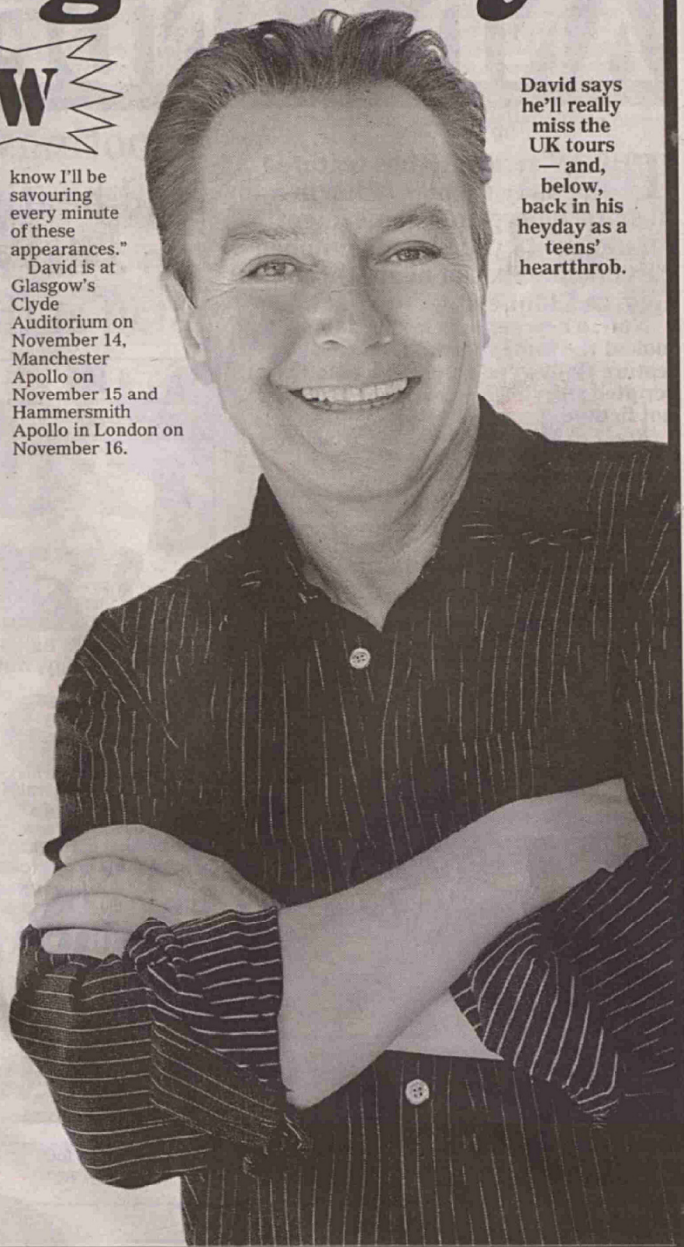
"So, when I get up, there's no way I'm not having fun.

"I really do feel like I've been blessed if I've been able to bring a bit of light into some people's lives through what I've done.

"And I'll really miss Britain. I have so many happy memories of concerts and places I've visited.

"My wife Sue lived there for six or eight years, so it's very close to our hearts and I

David says he'll really miss the UK tours — and, below, back in his heyday as a teens' heartthrob.



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Star talks about his new album and DVD and how he's abandoning plans to take six months off next year due to commitment to his fans. Plus, there will be five signed CDs to win.