

A Crawford, 54, injured his right hip in March 1995 doing a stunt in the strenuous \$40 million special-effects extravaganza he helped create at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. He continued to do 11 shows a week until August 1996, when he reinjured the hip in a fall. Despite constant pain, he did 20 more shows—including stunts like sliding down a 150-foot rope—before doctors insisted he quit “EFX.” An exam revealed a 1-inch hole in his hip bone, and he’s now undergoing water therapy in L.A. The English star won’t perform anywhere until fully recovered, probably around January. Four understudies have kept “EFX” running, but David Cassidy takes Crawford’s part this month.