

# THE BIG BREAK...

## ...AWAY FROM THE Partridge Family

So David Cassidy's quitting the Partridge Family ... It's as simple as that on the surface. But, dig deeper, and what do you find?

Reports of slanging matches on the set ... jealousy and rivalry between the stars ... a big scene between David and Susan Dey, and a Grand Canyon size rift between Shirley and step-son, David.

You didn't have to dig all that deep either. The Big Buzz is really going at it in Los Angeles, and doing a great export job of shipping all the latest 'news' over to us.

It certainly makes you stop and think ...

"What is it about David," asks Big Buzz, "that makes him fall out with the Partridge Family team and with record producer, Wes Farrell, at the same time? He's like all the rest of them ... They get the ride to the top, and everything's fine and dandy for a while. Then they start watching out for the first chance they get to bust up with the folk who gave them the leg up in the first place."

So it goes on. The knockers are back. And they're all revved up for another bout of Cassidy-bashing.

And — this is the big danger — somehow they manage to make it all sound very, very convincing ...

Okay. Let's take a closer look at what they actually do say, and see if we can throw any light on it. After all, it's the *truth* we're looking for. It's no good just turning a blind eye and hoping that it'll

'go away if we don't take any notice'. It won't. It'll just get stronger and stronger, till even we start to wonder whether it just might be true.

Some of you will probably be denouncing me as crazy, disloyal, and goodness-knows-what-else by this time! All right ... I'm glad you feel that way, 'cos it proves you've got faith in David, at least.

But calm down for a moment, and look at it this way ... At the worst, suppose we find out that every single one of these rumours is true? Are we going to ditch David and look around for someone else — someone the rumour-mongers haven't quite got round to yet?

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If that's what you're planning on doing, it just proves one thing: that you never really loved David in the first place! You just loved an image of him that was spread around by newspapers, magazines — and by Big Buzz in one of his more friendly moods!

Real love can't switch itself on and off like that ... Real love is for ever. And that's the only sort that David's interested in. It's the only kind he ever gives, and the only kind he really cares about receiving. That's one thing his superstardom has taught him: the value of true love.

So, if you love David deeply and for ever, there's no need to get uptight simply because I suggest checking out on a few rumours. Whichever way the truth-pointer goes, it's not going to make any difference to the way you feel about David, is it?

Right. Now you've dropped

the David Defence League idea and stopped making threats against my life, maybe I can go right back to where I started ...

Those rumours.

For a start, there's this notion of David 'dropping' the people who helped him to the top. Now that's the sort of talk guaranteed to make me see scarlet! The way they put it, you'd think that David needed to be shunted up from beneath all the time! As if he hadn't got enough talent in his little finger to soar to superstardom on his own strength, without needing crutches to help him on his way!

That's not to say that David isn't grateful for any help and support from his friends, both now and in the early days. As you must know by now, he puts his fans right at the top of that list of friends. He's often pointed out that a guy can have tremendous talent, but it won't get him any place unless he's lucky enough to have a lot of friends who are there, backing him every inch of the way.

He was lucky ... He had you. And that's why he's always looking around for the best ways he can find to say 'thankyou'.

But, as far as the Partridge Family show and the hit records are concerned, I honestly don't see why it should be David who's expected to give the thanks and bouquets all round. After all, he's deserved everything he's got. He's had to work mighty hard for it, too, sometimes! Nobody's come along and presented success to him on a plate. So why should he feel that he owes it to anyone?

In fact, it's occurred to me that



Above: David and Dave Madden battle a wood burning stove. Below: David lets out a yell. You can bet Danny's the cause!

