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Barbra, recently divorced from Elliott Gould, met Ryan at a party and, according to interested observers, was immediately smitten. Ryan, who had admired Barbra's singing for years, was just as taken.

The most obvious result is a movie in which the two of them co-star, and its titled, *What's up, Doc?* Get ready to stand in line at your local theater.

It just may be that the differences between Ryan and Leigh can be worked out. As far as we know, no overtures have been made, but Ryan isn't the type to spill his secrets in public.

So it wouldn't surprise us a bit if Ryan and Leigh had already gotten together to try and resolve their differences.

Barbra says that Ryan and Leigh are finished, but that may be just a case of wishful thinking. A close friend of Leigh's claims that she's still in love with Ryan, but just wasn't willing to change her life to suit his.

The child could change everything, and Leigh may decide that family-raising will be her vocation from now on. If so, Barbra and Ryan are kaput.

In the meantime, look for some surprising announcements to be coming out of Hollywood. Maybe the baby rumor has given Ryan and Leigh some ideas.

DAVID CASSIDY
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divorced lady around town. Now, not only is this lady, who works for another singer, divorced, but she also happens to have at least two children.

We've been told that David's managers and press-agents are furious. But in all honesty, we've been to get any real confirmation — beyond a lot of hearsay — as to what the situation actually is. But the talk does grow.

For example, we hear-tell that David takes this lady to various hide-a-ways, so as not to get caught by members of the press, and even has had her to his new home in Encino, California. We also hear that when she comes to visit him on the weekends, she brings her children along. A gay divorcee — with children, yet — it all sounds a bit too much!

But David has seen so much divorce in his young life and he has heard so many stories that divorced people, once remarried, make for better spouses that he may be gravitating to divorced women just to feel safe.

Then, of course, he just may dig, as so many guys do at David's age, older women. They feel it's chic or mysterious or sophisticated. Maybe it's just something he's "going through."

But whatever it is, as far as the talk

around Hollywood goes, he sure does seem to be going through something. David Cassidy is some swinger!

Aside from the divorced woman with children, there reportedly is also another divorced woman without children. This gal, or we've been told, not only dates David in Hollywood, but travels with him to places like New York. Reports are that he has taken her on those exhausting record-promotional tours across the United States.

Now this friend, said one source who claims to be a friend of Davids, he takes to the biggest restaurants in Hollywood. He doesn't care who knows that he is dating this lovely, our informant insists. But, if he doesn't care, why can't we find out her name — or what she looks like — mmmmm?

Anyhow, the alleged third and final lady in David Cassidy's young life is supposedly not a divorced woman *with* children, not a divorced woman *without* children — just a plain old married woman!

This lady is reportedly the wife of someone in David's own organization. We have learned that he had not, as of this writing, taken her out on a date. But sources swear that he speaks to her on the telephone many, many, many times a day.

We've been given to understand that dapper David often visits her home in Beverly Hills, and brings gifts galore. And if he really digs this lady as much as we hear, his phone bills just on calls to her — long distance when he is in New York or London — must be hundreds and hundreds of dollars.

He purportedly makes all kinds of excuses to visit her home, just so that he can see her, be near her and talk to her.

"Maybe," said one David Cassidy friend who believes the stories, "he is looking for a mother figure. Many guys who have had trouble with their mothers or who come from broken homes as has David, look for their mothers when they date or decide to get married. I am not saying," this gal continued, "that David is looking to get married. He is most surely not. But he can be looking for that mother figure in the gals he dates. Most men who do wind up marrying mother images, usually end up in divorce courts or very unhappy with their ladies.

"There are too many super-looking chicks, young and swinging, who are after David. Why should he settle for one, and an older woman and be sorry for the rest of his life. He, we do know, hates divorce. He's had his family broken by one — and now faces another. And to risk facing one personally, for making a mistake when he is so young would be awful. We sure do hope he wakes up before it is too late. . . "We sure do!" —
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NATALIE WOOD
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e started dating and so did she. Neither mentioned the other. They never seemed to run into each other at parties. People seemed to know enough not to invite them to the same gatherings. The divorce wasn't messy — just sad.

R.J. met a lovely lady, a divorcee, with two children named Marion Donen. They were wed. The ceremony wasn't grand or typically Hollywood. It was small and quiet and just a few close friends attended.

"But," commented one of the Hollywood folk who knew 'everything,' "Wagner finally got what he wanted, a family. Even though it was ready made, he finally got a family. Marion's sons were not babies. But they were sons and he could spoil them, play baseball with them and feel like a father.

"From what I heard," our informant said, "R.J. really wanted to have children more than anything in the world. But Natalie, who was at the height of her career at the time, thought she'd rather wait. As so many stars in Hollywood do, Natalie thought that having a child would put a curb on her career. Well, they didn't have any children and, be this the main factor or not, their marriage did come to an end.

"For a while R.J. was distraught. So was Natalie, I understand. But time healed. She went on with her career, and he with his. They each made their own mark on the industry and finally on other ppeople.

"Wagner met and married Marion very soon after. Natalie played the field for a long while, then married her agent, Richard Gregson."

Everyone was happy, happy, happy. Natalie decided not to work so hard. She even decided to have children, and within a year of her marriage, did. A little girl was born to them and Natalie couldn't have been happier. The marriage was going.

Meanwhile, however, R.J. and Marion and that ready-made family seemed to be suddenly falling apart. R.J. seemed much more interested in his career than them. And then, when it was all over except for some legal details, he began dating again, most notably Tina Sinatra, whom he was scheduled, though never did, marry.

Then just as suddenly, Natalie's marriage began to disintegrate — but fast! From what we could learn, seems Mr. Gregson who'd been so faithful before marriage, couldn't manage to say that way afterward.

"Natalie needed a shoulder to cry on . . . her ego was destroyed . . . and the happy private real life was ended. She called R.J. and they talked and all of that old spark came to the top again. I, and everyone else in this town, felt that they