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Fearing That David Cassidy Would Not Return To The PF Series For The '73-'74 Season, The Producers Hired Alan Bursky And Ricky Segall To Fill The Vacuum David's Departure Would Cause. But Then David Decided To Do The Entire Season! Now, What Becomes Of Little Ricky And Alan? Not Very Much—If David Has Anything To Say About It. And He Probably Will!
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When David Cassidy returned from Europe late this past spring, the future of his career seemed very much up in the air. Exhausted from his phenomenally successful European tour, entangled in a web of legal hassles, and fed up in general with what he interpreted as attempts to manipulate him, David was extremely depressed and ready to drop out of show business entirely.

"My career may be finished, and right now I don't particularly care," he told an English reporter in May. "The rewards from live performances and tours simply do not make up for the price I have to pay doing them. It takes such a toll of me that I'm seriously thinking of giving it all up."

So, comfortably settled in his new L.A. home, David began concentrating on raising tomatoes and race-horses, and painting his house. No one really seemed to know what David was going to do next—not even David.

DAVID RALLIES

Then, David started to rally and to recoup his emotional strength—and his powerful sense of ambition. Legal complications involving his record producer, Wes Farrell, were settled with a minimum of trouble, and David found himself free to find—and begin working with—another producer, Rick Jarrard. This entire procedure was not nearly as messy as David was afraid it would be—he had actually believed that legal difficulties might keep him out of the recording studios for years! With the recording problem cleared up, David felt much, much better; it's not unlikely that the prospect of not being able to record the way he wanted to was at the very root of David's anxiety and depression. But now, David was ready to move again.

Another factor that got David going once more was the series of news "leaks" saying that he was being replaced on the **Partridge Family**. The well-publicized talent hunt for the "new Keith Partridge" certainly did not please David, nor did the items in the gossip columns announcing that he was being replaced by a four-year-old named Ricky Segall and/or a young stand-up comic named Alan Bursky. In fact, the producers of the **Partridge Family** did hire Alan to appear in a few episodes, and Ricky has been written into the script in the part of a neighbor's child, but neither was ever seriously considered as a new "Keith Partridge!" How could they be?!

But even the suggestion that he was being replaced was enough to rouse David from his thoughts of retirement into a new aggressive and positive frame of mind. David Cassidy can't be replaced! His fans know it, the PF producers know it (lately they've been releasing statements to the press saying "David can never be replaced!"), and David knows it. And it would be a shame for them if Alan Bursky and Ricky Segall **don't** know it, cos they're soon gonna find out!

As you are now aware, David will appear on every episode of the PF, from now until the spring of '74. And it will be a **new** David Cassidy you'll be seeing—confident, mature, nobody's tool and nobody's fool! David can hire someone to watch his tomatoes grow—for the time being, he's got other things to do.



A charming and buoyant David Cassidy, in his role as national youth chairman of the Special Olympics for Retarded Children, embraces Special Olympics Princess Amy Kjellgren.