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A DATE WITH

A trip to Los Angeles to meet the incredible David Cassidy. Nicci Mutch could hardly believe her good luck! But it wasn't just good luck that earned Nicci and her two companions—one also called Nicci, the other Paula—a date with David. They had all worked very hard to collect money for the charity that helps people suffering from muscular dystrophy.

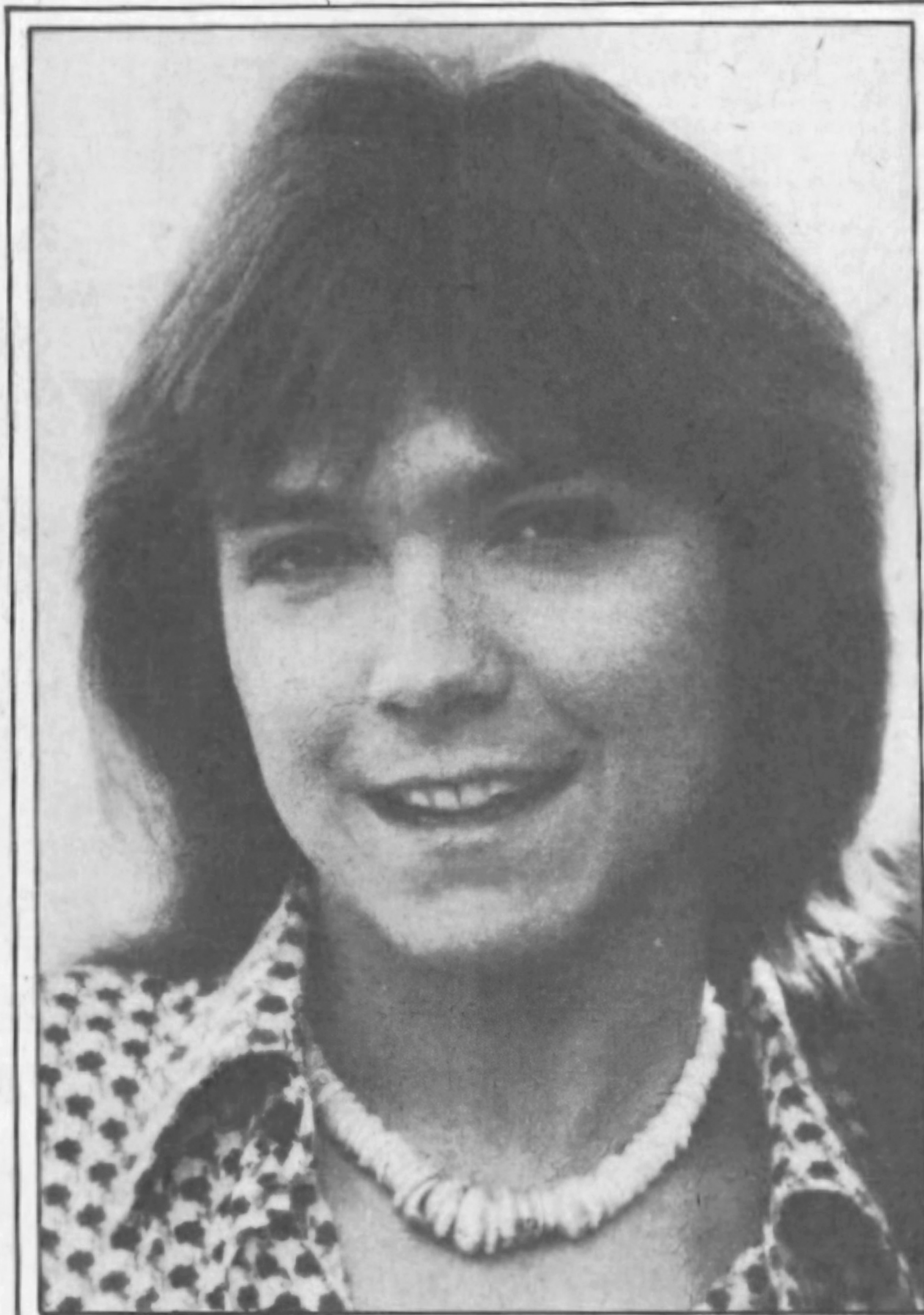
Nicci, for instance, had earned her trip to the States because she'd walked a distance of several miles and had got hundreds of people to sponsor her. Nicci won her competition by a long way and nobody can say that she didn't deserve to, with all the hard work she put in. Still Nicci was willing to put up with her blistered feet. She reckoned that the thought of meeting David Cassidy would soon put her feet on the road to recovery!

It seemed, though, that Nicci's date of departure would never arrive. "That was one of the worst things of all," she told us. "Once I knew I had won I could think of nothing but the prospect of meeting David Cassidy. I just couldn't bear having to wait around for what seemed like ages."

At long last Nicci's waiting came to an end. One windy Monday morning Nicci arrived at London's Heathrow Airport. Nicci's date with David Cassidy was getting closer and closer. Now Mirabelle brings you Nicci's diary of her trip of a lifetime . . .

MONDAY:

Nicci joined up with the two other lucky winners, Paula and Nicci, at London Airport. Ed Stewart, the famous Radio One dj, was there to give them all a big send off. Lord John, the lovable lion from the Walt Disney film 'Robin Hood' was also there to wish them luck. He was feeling a bit miserable, apparently, because he wasn't going to meet David as well.



Fancy meeting you here

Waving goodbye to Ed Stewart and a rather sad Lord John, Nicci and her two friends boarded the jet that was to take them to Los Angeles and David Cassidy!

On the plane Nicci and her friends ate three meals but none of them can remember the film that was being shown during the flight.

ELEVEN HOURS LATER. ARRIVE LOS ANGELES:

It was only just after lunchtime in Los Angeles when the jet landed. A black limousine drew up on the tarmac of the airport and the lucky girls were driven to their exclusive hotel by their resident chauffeur, Neil. The hotel was huge but Nicci and her friends were given adjoining rooms. Nicci reckons that meant that if they got lost they could at least get

lost together!

After unpacking it was time for lunch at a very posh restaurant often frequented by movie stars. After all, Hollywood is only a short step away! But all this excitement had proved a bit too much for everybody on this first day. So at seven o'clock (Los Angeles time) Nicci, Paula and Nicci were ready for bed. It had been an exhausting day but the great adventure was really only just beginning!

TUESDAY, 4 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING:

Nicci and her friends woke up early. They couldn't get used to the time change, but in the States there's always something on the television. Everybody had a television with nine different channels in their bedroom. So they decided to watch the early morning film and get

room service to bring them a much-needed cup of coffee.

EIGHT O'CLOCK:

The black limousine arrived.

This time possibly the most exciting journey was in store for the girls than they'd ever had in their lives. The stately black car wound its way through the very exclusive neighbourhood until it reached a film set. As Nicci and her friends approached they could tell that this was none other than the set used for 'The Partridge Family' show! Obviously their person-to-person meeting with the great David Cassidy could not be far away

First of all they were all shown round the set. Nicci couldn't help but notice all the fans waiting outside the set just for a glimpse of David. Nicci was just beginning to think that she wasn't actually going to get a glimpse of David Cassidy herself when she turned round to see that David was saying something to her and her friends.

David surprised them all by knowing exactly who was who. Nicci certainly thought this was the right way to flatter any girl. After this pleasant surprise Nicci found herself talking to David as if she'd known him all her life. David has this remarkable ability to put people at their ease. Nicci had never met anyone with quite the same knack before. But since she'd never met David Cassidy before we suppose that's to be expected!

Nicci answered a lot of David's questions about Britain. He was very interested to know how things had changed over here since he was last in this country. He was also very interested in the lives Nicci and her friends led. David told Nicci that he thought it was very good for people to learn what life was like for people in different coun-