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Madonna's making her London comeback

MADONNA is hoping to make London her home once again – if she can gain a residence visa.

The 52-year-old singer has had an on-off love affair with the capital and left for New York in 2008 after her divorce from Guy Ritchie, saying she never wanted to live here again.

But she now appears smitten once more. A source says: 'Madonna has loved being back in the States since the divorce, but England is where she feels her heart is now.'

'She is deliberately focusing on work that will keep her in Britain.'

'She has had meetings with her London legal team, Mishcon de Reya, to arrange a visa that will enable her to move back for good. Now that she is no longer a British citizen by virtue of being married to Guy, she is having to apply like everyone else.'

Madonna's children – Lourdes, 13, Rocco, ten, and adopted David Banda, five, and Mercy James, four – were all born outside the UK although Rocco, as Guy's son, is entitled to a British passport.

'The other children will automatically gain visas as Madonna's dependants as long as she can get past the paperwork,' the source added.

Public school-educated Guy, 42, is said to be thrilled at the prospect of Madge moving back

★ **FOOTBALL-MAD Prince**
William had a double reason to celebrate last week. First the RAF search-and-rescue helicopter pilot completed his first rescue. Then he bailed out a pal by plugging a gap in his football team and scored the winning goal in a six-a-side match in Battersea, South London. 'He played really well despite the howling rain, and his side won 3-2. Harry cheered him on and there was a lot of banter. They all went for a pint at the end,' says a spy.

as he wants Rocco to go to a traditional English school. Lourdes and Rocco currently go to the Lycee Francais school in New York, which has a sister school in Kensington, West London. 'Guy misses the kids desperately and can't wait to spend more time with them,' says my source.

'The past couple of years have been the breath of fresh air Madonna needed after her divorce, but she is now ready to embrace the British lifestyle again.'

Horse-mad Madge relinquished the couple's country estate, Ashcombe House in Wiltshire, to Guy as part of the divorce settlement.

But she still owns a ten-bedroom house in Marylebone, West London.

Caprice's new man flips at her old flame

MODEL Caprice's hopes of a romantic night out with new boyfriend David Sonnetal almost ended in fisticuffs.

David, who has been dating the 'By Caprice' lingerie designer, right, for just a month, flew into a jealous rage when she bumped into her ex-lover, property mogul Robert Tchenguiz, at Annabel's nightclub in London.

'Robert came to say hello and put his arm around Caprice, which David found disrespectful and upsetting,' says a diner. 'David tried to flip the table they were sitting at, he was so angry. Fortunately the table top was steadied before the starters went flying.'

When I caught up with Caprice, 38, at the London Lifestyle Awards, she told me: 'Isn't it lovely that a man can be so gallant? David is amazing and gorgeous.'



★ **VICTORIA Beckham** didn't look like a woman whose marriage is in trouble when I bumped into her at Scott's restaurant last week. Victoria, 36, on a whirlwind trip to London, has laughed off reports that husband David cheated with prostitute Irma Nici, and was wearing her sparkling wedding ring. 'I never take it off,' the mother of three said. 'It's probably the dirtiest diamond ever – it's got Play-Doh stuck in it from playing with the kids.' Meanwhile, David may star in Strictly Come Dancing's Christmas special, according to dancer Brendan Cole's wife Zoe. 'His is a name I've heard as a contender,' she said at the Inspiration Awards for Women.

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★ THE Savoy reopens its famous doors today at 10.10am on 10/10/10 – but the £220million refurbishment has not gone entirely to plan. The opening of Gordon Ramsay's Savoy Grill has already been postponed for another month and now I am reliably informed that many of the 268 newly refurbished rooms still aren't ready for guests. 'The mood at the Savoy is one of panic. The fact is everything is behind schedule,' says a source. 'The feeling is the launch isn't going to be all the management hoped for.'

★ **SHEHERAZADE** Goldsmith has quietly fallen under the spell of Harry Potter director Alfonso Cuarón after her painful divorce from Tory MP Zac. Sheherazade, 36, and Alfonso, 48, have been dating since the start of the summer and last week made a public outing together at a pop concert. 'She took Alfonso as her date to see Sting at the Albert Hall,' says a friend. 'She's stepping out with him openly and they are close. 'It's going well for them.' Meanwhile, I'm told things are serious between Zac and Alice Rothschild, with whom he enjoyed 'poker' meetings while still married. 'They are living together and very much in love,' adds the friend.



Ros devastated as her ex weds Ravi Shankar's girl

WHEN Rosamund Pike's wedding to movie director Joe Wright was called off at the last minute, she was distraught. Now Made In Dagenham actress Rosamund, left, has been dealt another blow with news that Wright has secretly married – and is expecting a child with his new wife. Wright, 37, who made Atonement and Pride & Prejudice, married Indian musician Anoushka Shankar, 29, in London last month with only close family and friends invited. Anoushka, the daughter of sitarist Ravi Shankar and half-sister of singer Norah Jones, is now pregnant. 'Anoushka and Joe wanted a quiet affair with close family and friends,' says a pal of the pair, right. 'Ros was devastated when she found out as she hadn't been told. It was quite different to the big wedding she had planned with Joe. Anoushka believes a wedding is a spiritual affair. She had no interest in a media circus.' Rosamund, 31, was due to marry Wright in September 2008, but the wedding was cancelled after Rosamund sent out invitations with the couple pictured in a hot tub.



★ THE Duchess of York is trying to clear her debts by writing a book about how she landed in her financial mess. Fergie, who at one stage was said to owe close to £5million, has signed a deal to star in her own US show on the Oprah Winfrey network and hopes her book will also be a money-spinner. The move comes just months after she was filmed accepting £27,000 to arrange a business meeting with ex-husband Prince Andrew. But now she has told friends she has only 'a handful' of debts to clear. 'No one knows quite how she has settled so much so quickly, but she's had a lot of TV offers and plans to license her children's books,' says a friend. A spokesperson confirmed she has been asked to write a diary-style book to go with the Oprah show, but insisted it would not be an autobiography.

★ **SADIE FROST** is now trying her hand at fiction after penning her autobiography Crazy Days. Speaking at the premiere of Mr Nice, the actress said: 'I've written a script and I'm writing a series of short stories. I've been inspired by lots of people – Roald Dahl is one. I just thought a collection of short stories would be fun to do. I've only written three so far so I've got more to go.' Sadie, 45, added that her literary ambitions help to keep her on the straight and narrow: 'I've been sober for two years now – my evenings are spent writing.'

★ **MAKE** the most of Dannii Minogue in The X Factor. Simon Cowell has made a shock decision to reinstate Sharon Osbourne in the finals, and as a result Dannii, below, has told him she plans to make this series her last. The two women have been feuding for years, and Sharon erupted after Dannii, 38, lifted the lid on their battles in her autobiography, serialised in The Mail on Sunday.

Twilight bloods a new star with a crush on Rob

ROBERT PATTINSON'S on-screen and real-life girlfriend Kristen Stewart has a new Twilight love rival. Up-and-coming actress MyAnna Buring, left, has just been cast in a leading role for the next two movies – Breaking Dawn Parts 1 and 2. She will play Tanya, a vampire with a crush on Pattinson's character Edward Cullen. Swedish-born MyAnna, 26, has just starred in the BBC1 detective drama Inspector George Gently, but is being hailed as the next bright young thing in Hollywood now that she has landed the role in Twilight. 'I'm so thrilled I haven't come down from the ceiling yet. We start filming next month,' MyAnna excitedly told me. Kristen, 20 – who plays Bella in the vampire films – may want to keep an eye on MyAnna, who is said to socialise in similar circles to the Barnes-born actor.



'Dannii is furious Simon expects her to work with Sharon after all that's happened,' says a source. Sharon will mentor one of Louis Walsh's groups in the finals. The source says: 'Dannii sees it as a snub. She feels Simon has no respect for her. She feels she's come to the end of her time with The X Factor.'

★ **HAVING** gone head to head for the role of Catwoman in the next Batman film, Sienna Miller and Kate Beckinsale have put their claws away to co-star in another movie. Sienna, 28, and Kate, 37, will film the courtroom drama The Trials Of Cate McCullough next year. 'Kate has the starring role,' says an insider, 'but Sienna was happy to sign on for a lesser part. They've had their rivalry over the years but now want to put the past behind them.' Meanwhile the final casting has yet to be settled for Batman.

★ **ONLY** weeks after breaking up with Chelsy Davy, Prince Harry is pursuing another pretty blonde. Harry has taken a shine to Gemma Wilkinson, 27, below, with whom he has already enjoyed several nights out. Like 24-year-old Chelsy, party-loving Gemma is a law graduate. 'Harry's said he doesn't want a serious relationship, he just wants some fun. Who can blame him?' says a friend. 'They were at Raffles club together two weeks ago but she's only one of a few girls he's seeing.' Last week Harry, 26, was seen chatting to PR girl Charlie Hayes-Jones at the Chinawhite VIP area at the Olympic Ball.



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★ **MEANWHILE**, there is concern that Robert Pattinson could be on the verge of burning out. British actor James Lance worked with Pattinson, 24, on the set of new movie thriller Bel Ami, and said the vampire heart-throb was run ragged during a gruelling filming schedule. 'Robert and I didn't hang out at all. He was in every scene and was whizzed from one place to the next. It was exhausting for him,' said Lance, 35, after starring on stage in Celebrity Autobiography at the Leicester Square Theatre last week. Pattinson was clearly busy as girlfriend Kristen Stewart was nowhere to be seen. 'I didn't see her on set,' said Lance.

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