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The gossip column

Q: It's so super for David Cassidy to have outstripped his father Jack in success. Tell us a bit about his life. — N.E., Redondo Beach, Calif.

A: Well, the 22-year-old rock idol of "The Partridge Family" spends long, lonely hours locked in his hotel suites on tour, protected by two bodyguards. He lies on the floor of his limousine when being driven in or out of crowds and is terribly afraid of his fans mobbing him. David has to sleep eight hours a night or else he complains; and he won't let himself be photographed without makeup because of a slight skin condition. He has moved four times in three years, changes his phone number six times a month, and received a kidnap threat last year. David stopped seeing his psychiatrist because he never had time for regular appointments, but he tries to meditate 20 minutes a day. He has broken off three romances because he says the girls were "opportunists." You may call that "life," but we'd take actor Jack Cassidy's lively private fun and semi-anonymity any day.



David Cassidy: success no plum