

IS DAVID CASSIDY KILLING HIMSELF?

David is old enough to run his own life . . . but isn't there anyone who could make him look after himself?

Just how far can young David Cassidy push himself before he collapses? Almost without warning he was hospitalized for a gall bladder operation—which isn't fun—and "The Partridge Family" had to shut down for the duration of his stay there.

Even while he was being operated on ads were running in several towns announcing his personal appearance in a month.

At first, we watched the paper for cancellation of his appearance, only to find that the tickets sold out so fast in New Jersey they had to schedule an afternoon performance as well as the original nighttime show.

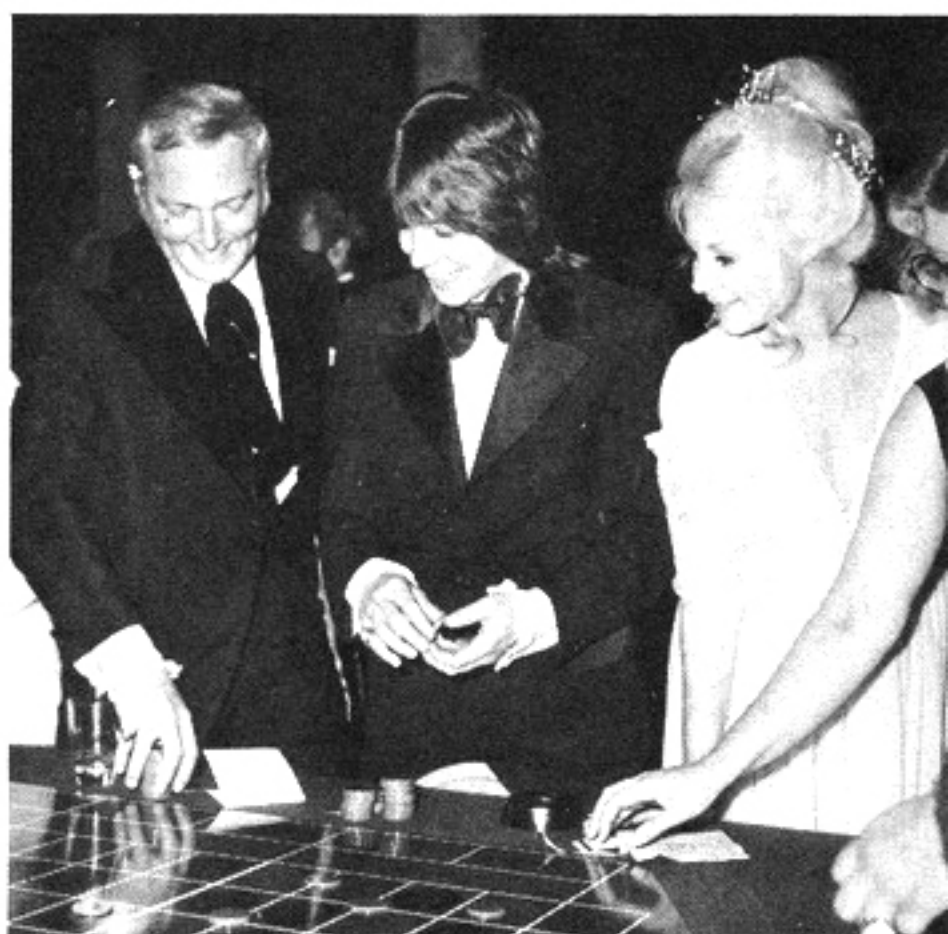
This was so unbelievable, coming on the heels of the announcement of David's operation that we checked to see if the operation had been postponed instead. No. David had entered the hospital and was now recuperating. He was swamped with flowers and mail from his fans and was looking forward to getting out of there so he could return to "The Partridge Family." He wanted to finish the scheduled shows before taking off on his tour to New Jersey and Texas.

Word is that David has been simply great at his singing performances and is drawing fantastic crowds. Naturally he wants to fulfill his commitments. The five foot eight, 130 pound star is at the height of his very new career. The only thing is, if he doesn't get some rest, how long will his career last?

Fortunately he is very young and the young have great recuperative powers, it is true. But there is just so much the body can take. We keep

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Jack Cassidy, Shirley Jones, David and his date Robyn Millan of "Where The Heart Is" went to the ABC-TV party together, before he got sick.



There were games and dad Jack Cassidy gave David a few tips on how it all worked.



David doesn't go steady with anyone and is going to wait to marry. Perhaps if there were a special girl in his life he wouldn't be so career minded.