



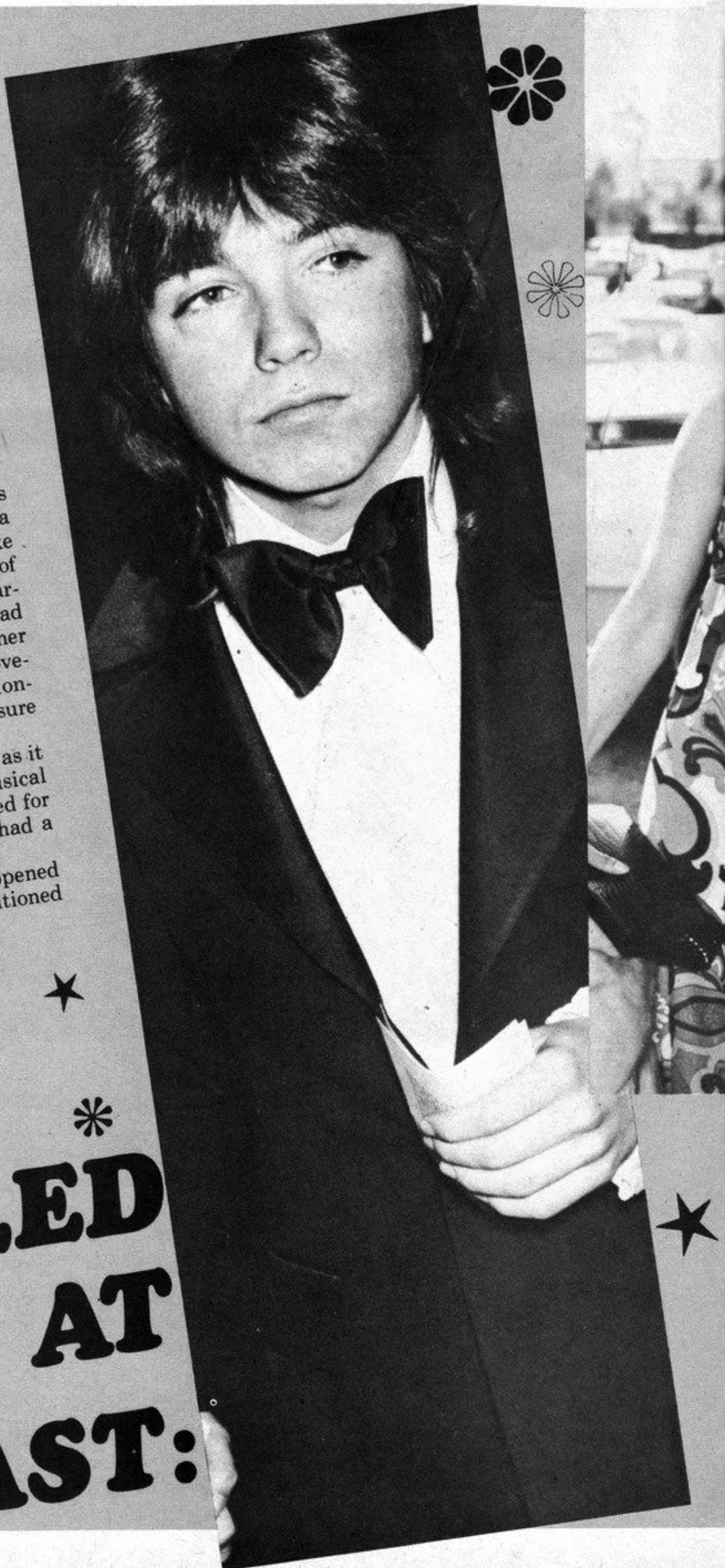
When *The Partridge Family* made its debut on ABC, many hoped, but few knew, what a tremendous success the show would turn out to be—and most of the credit has been laid on the shoulders of the handsome star, David Cassidy.

Fan mail poured in for David at such a daily rate, that it was impossible to keep up with it. The part of Keith had been filled with one of the grooviest-looking guys to come along in a long time—and ABC execs were patting themselves on the back for making that choice.

Not since the popular Monkees came along has there been such a roar heard in Hollywood, for like the Partridge Family, most of the members were unable to carry a tune. Of course, they had Shirley Jones who carved her name in Hollywood via her lovely voice, but again like the Monkees, the show's execs were sure of little else.

The Monkees were saved, as it were, by Davy Jones' musical abilities. When he auditioned for the show, they knew they had a natural.

★ The same thing happened when David Cassidy auditioned



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