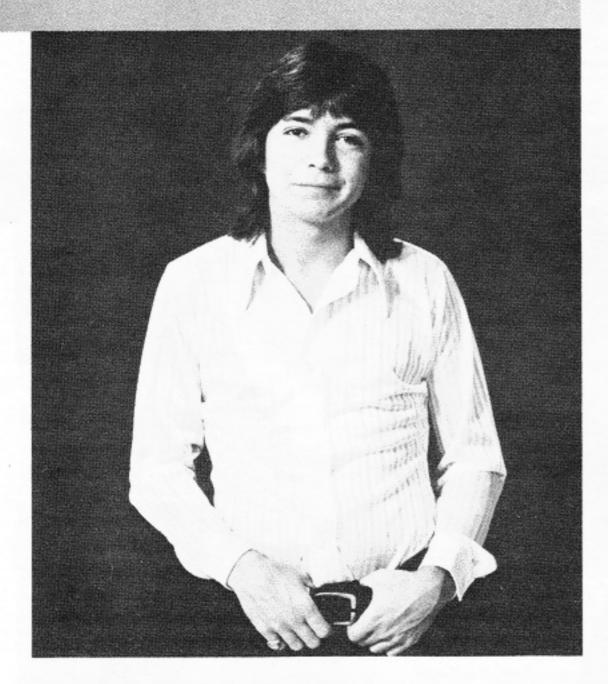
## DAVID WARNS: "WATCH OUT-I'M no ANGEL!"



## DAVID CASSIDY: HE'S SELF-CENTERED & SUCCESSFUL! DAVID DOESN'T BELIEVE IN MARRIAGE! DAVID SAYS, "I DON'T WANT TO BE A TEENAGE IDOL!"

When the magazine section of America's most circulated Sunday newspaper recently came out with a long, introspective article on David Cassidy, the writer of that article entitled his story David Cassidy: Self-Centered & Successful! In the story, the writer pointed out that David would "... much rather discuss himself than extraneous subjects." And then he went on to make his point by listing a direct quote from David himself: "I'm so involved in myself and what I'm doing for myself that nothing else really interests me. I don't deny it. I'm selfish."

But what that writer either overlooked or neglected to point out was that David has a number of very desirable qualities (some of which are getting rarer and rarer these days)-not the least of which is his insistence on being totally honest! For instance, in the same article, David points out that an actor's career has many ups and downs and that he himself may one day suffer the fate of most "instant idols" (or, as David called them, "hotshots").

"I really don't know whether the young girls will abandon me in a year or two," David explained. "Sometimes you're hot and 54 sometimes you're cold. But I do think I'm not on the same level as some other young actors. I think I have a lot going for me."

It's true that David does have a lot going for him and that he works harder than any other young performer today at perfecting his craft and delivering the absolute best that he can in his acting and singing to his loyal and adoring public. The difference in David and a lot of other performers is that he views his entire career-and his life, for that-with forthrightness and speaks of it with truthfulness, even when that truthfulness is painful for himself and others, as it sometimes inevitably is!

## MARRIAGE OLD-FASHIONED?

The naive and somewhat innocent David Cassidy who suddenly rose to stardom a couple of years ago as "Keith Partridge" on ABC-TV's highly-rated The Partridge Family series has learned a lot in the interim. The David who, in those days, might have day-dreamed of an old-fashioned wedding to an old-fashioned girl, has changed his style and attitude completely. Now-once again being forthright and truthful-David admits that he, quite frankly, is not so sure he still believes in the ancient tradition of marriage! In a recent article in an adult-type fan magazine. David said that the old-fashioned idea of marriage scares him. and that he'll make every effort to be absolutely sure that the girl he one day picks out to be the future Mrs. Cassidy is someone he knows well and is positive he can get along with-come rain or come shine!

And-to prove he's a man of his word-David has gone back to dating actress Robyn Millan and no longer dates actress Judy Strangis. Though, a few months ago, David seemed completely turned off Robyn after a brief romance with her, he evidently decided that he hadn't given their friendship enough of a chance -that he truly hadn't gotten to know Robyn well enough to decide how much he really likes her-if he does, that is. As for Judy, she is now steady-dating actor Richard Hatch, but she and David are still good friends.

## HE'S NO SUPER-PUPPY!

When David openly stated in an article in Life Magazine-"I want to be an actor, not a teenage idol!"-a lot of his admirers and fans completely misunderstood what their "teenage idol" was actually saying. What David really meant was that he doesn't want to be another one of those aforementioned "hotshots." He doesn't want to be a boy the nation's teenage girls love madly for a couple of years and then forget as they go on to other things. He wants to be known, loved and appreciated enduringly for his genuine talents as an actor and a singer-and a person. No one with an iota of insight and consideration can fault David for that!

The one nickname the press has thrown at David which he hates most is that of "super-puppy." That expression (which is probably the manifestation of unvoiced jealousy on the part of some older male writer) not only belittles David-it also belittles the millions and millions of TV viewers, record collectors and magazine buyers who are not just "madly in love" with David, but who sincerely appreciate him for his real talent and his human qualities.

David, meanwhile, goes happily on his way-working, playing, singing and acting. He has just returned from a vacation in Europe, topped by a rousing reception by the British press, TV and record world upon his arrival in London. When David got back to his home in Hollywood, he was regaled with the fact that his single Cherish was a gold million-seller record and that his new Bell Records LP, also called Cherish, is well on the way to copping a goldie too.

Of course, David is back in the swing of things now, making his first live in-person concert appearance in Pittsburgh on February 19 and following that with a concert in Philadelphia on February 20. In the ensuing weeks, David will be doing concerts in Boston, St. Louis, Toronto, Washington, D.C., Baltimore and Detroit-and the best news of all is-David has scheduled a concert for Madison Square Garden in New York City!!

Whatever else he is, David is a man of many dimensions and facets. He refuses to be pinned down. He refuses to wear the familiar tag of "teenage idol." He refuses to be today's "superpuppy" and tomorrow's forgotten star. He refuses to be a goodiegoodie-or anything that he is not. And he reminds you that he loves you, and he hopes that you love him, but he cautions you to bear in mind-"Watch out-I'm no angel!"