

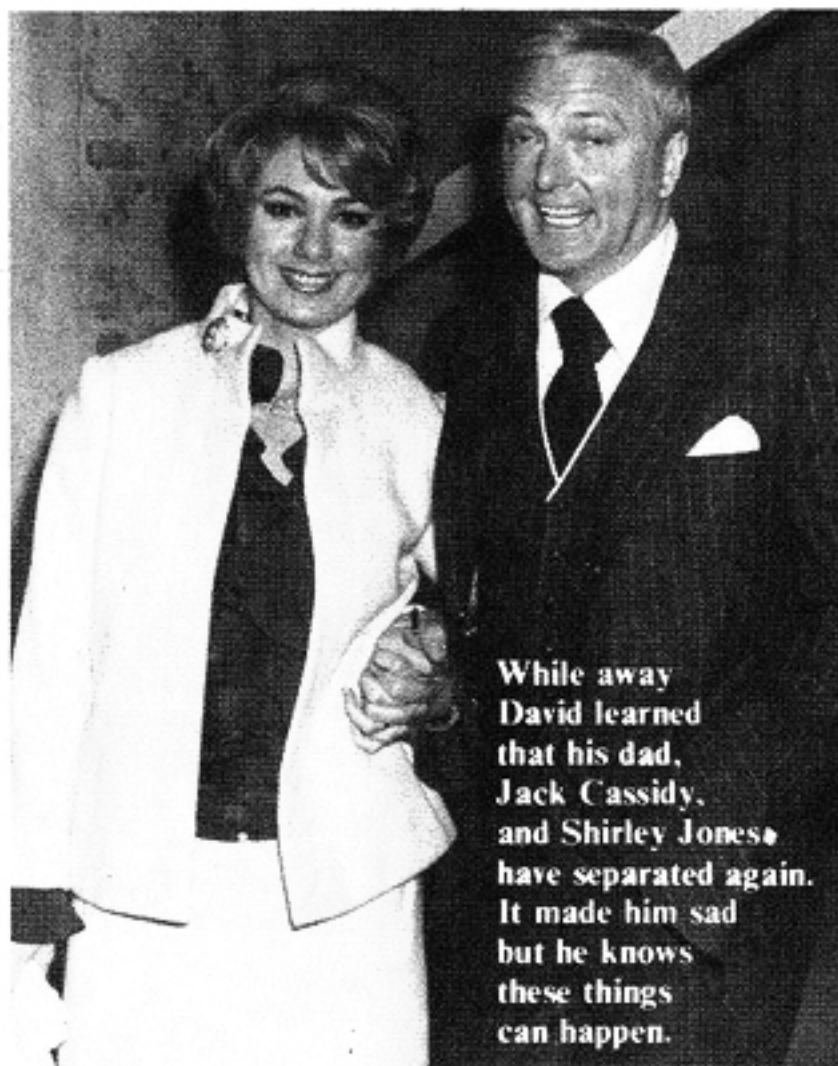
## By Michael Harp

■ David took off for Italy to plunge into *personal* pleasures! He was puzzled, but not downed when it turned out he had to face some disasters there.

Why has his recent month away from it all been such a big secret? Because he made up his mind to do what he wanted *his* way. Time out was the marvelous treat David gave the guy he really is.

On his very first day in Italy, he was robbed in Rome. He phoned 6,000 miles for help!

But he soon recovered from that shock. The way the girls there flirted with him was a better one. Particularly since they didn't recognize him! "The Partridge Family" and his records haven't been seen or heard in Italy yet. That's precisely why he picked it for his first super-holiday, the kind he's dreamt of going on *alone*.



While away David learned that his dad, Jack Cassidy, and Shirley Jones have separated again. It made him sad but he knows these things can happen.

What did he learn about himself and love? More than he expected. Today David's different in subtle degrees, undeniably more available for a fine romance, too.

His smartest fans always suspected there's much more to him than less perceptive people may suppose. My own talks with David have proved repeatedly that he's truly a remarkable human being. He'd told me how much he longed to adventure in distant countries, admitted he could never be content confined to a show business circle or living only in California. Acutely aware of the lucky young ones who already had traveled far, David never could because he was struggling for chances to act. After that, he'd had to concentrate on his work.

Usually he must be up at 6:15 on week mornings to be totally  
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# What David Cassidy Learned About Love in Europe!



Back home David's mother, Evelyn Ward knew all about his being robbed on his first day in Rome because David wrote all that. They laugh about it now.



David and his mother are very close but she rarely interferes with him, has a wonderful way of giving him advice only when he asks for it.