Rocker trying to shake image

Get ready for a comeback by David Cassidy, the '70s teen idol from "The Partridge Family." Cassidy, now 40, is trying to overcome his bubble-gum image and has a rock album due in October that features eight songs written with his fiancee, Sue Shifrin.

At least one disc jockey already is giving the album a good review. "Because of the very minor talent of other members of the Partridge Family, David took a beating in the press," said Danny Bonaduce, who co-starred in the series with Cassidy and now is on the air on KKFR-FM in Phoenix. "And he's one of the most talented musicians I know."

Bonaduce told The Washington Times he

will mock it. "Disc jockeys are going to slam the hell out of him," Bonaduce said. "Disc jockeys are ruthless. I bury Susan Dey (the "L.A. Law" star who is another "Partridge" veteran) all the time. If I could score some easy laughs off David, I'd do it but really, the fact is the record is good."

likes the new album but fears disc jockeys