

# Danny's new gig

**W**elcome back to DANNY WATCH, the column for fanatical fans of **Danny Bonaduce**! We stick by Danny through thick and thin! Surely by now, Danny's fans have heard that Danny – who charmed millions as precocious, freckle-faced bassist Danny Partridge on TV's "The Partridge Family" (1970-74) – has a new talk show! It's called "Danny!" The show airs weekdays at 1 p.m. on Channel 57, and 3 p.m. on Channel 9!

On the premiere installment, Danny threw a "Partridge Family" 25th anniversary reunion! His guests were **Shirley Jones** (Shirley Partridge),



**Dave Madden** (Reuben Kinkaid), **Suzanne Crough** (Tracie Partridge) and *both*

Chris Partridges – **Jeremy Gelbwaks** (1970-71) and **Brian Forster** (1971-74)! Danny even had on **Ricky Segall**, who played the Partridges' nauseatingly cute little neighbor Ricky during the final season!

**Susan Dey** (Laurie Partridge) – who had never before taken part in a "Partridge Family" reunion – called in from North Carolina! **David Cassidy** (Keith Partridge) couldn't make it, but sent best wishes to Danny on his new career!

Segments included a "Family Feud"-style "Partridge Family" trivia contest between "Partridge" cast members and audience members! The audience members won! The two Chrises kept

score! Then, the "Partridge" cast sang "I Think I Love You"! It was the first time they ever *really* sang without lip-synching! It sounded awful!

Danny had some poignant things to say during the show! Such as ...



**To Madden:** "Dave was more than just a friend to me. I was having some ... I guess it was pretty obvious ... in David (Cassidy's) book ('Come On, Get Happy'), he refers to the problem I was

having at home with my dad. My dad was a real violent guy. And it became rather obvious on the set that I was getting beaten up at home. It became a concern.

"And I just always wanted to thank you. At one point, Dave pretty much adopted me. Pretty much every weekend – I went several times to Shirley's house and several times to Dave's house. And it took me a while to realize what you guys were doing – that I wasn't *that* charming of a 10-year-old."



**To Dey, apologizing for making fun of her on talk shows and in standup routines:** "There was a time when things were not going this well for me, and I would do anything for a laugh and anything for a dollar. If I *ever* hurt your feelings, I'm sorry."

Danny also got some funny lines off during the show! Such as ...



**On the "Partridge" episode filmed at King's Island Amusement Park:** "I had to ride the roller coaster over and over and over. I spent the whole week just staggering around and throwing up. Which, coincidentally, is pretty much how I spent the '80s."



**To Dey, on "First Love" (1977), the film in which she appeared topless:** "By the way – can I tell you, Susan? When I saw that movie 'First Love,' I was about 14 years old. And I went, 'Oh, my God! That's *Susan*!'"



**On "The Partridge Family's" undiminished popularity:** "The 'Partridge Family' lunchbox is now in the Smithsonian. How weird is *that*?"

**To Jones, on her husband, Marty Ingels:** "I mean this in the kindest possible way. A lot of people say, 'Shirley and Marty? What was Shirley *thinking*.'"



**On his talk show past:** "I've been on talk shows before. You've seen me on those. I always sat next to (fellow ex-child stars) Todd

Bridges and Dana Plato."



**On lip-synching:** "('The Partridges') were the Milli Vanilli of the '70s."



**To an audience member who asked if there was**

**ever a "Partridge"/"Brady" rivalry:** "If it came down to it, David (Cassidy) could kick Greg's butt *any* day."

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● Danny Bonaduce gets "morphed" in a print-media ad for his talk show, "Danny!"

That's Danny for you! He can make you laugh, he can make you cry!

That's all for this DANNY WATCH! We hold Danny Bonaduce to a higher standard than this season's *other* freshman daytime talk show hosts such as **Carnie Wilson** and **Tempestt Bledsoe** and **Gabrielle Carteris** and **Mark Walberg** and **George** and **Alana**! We expect Danny to turn this tired genre on its ear! **X**

– Mark Voger

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