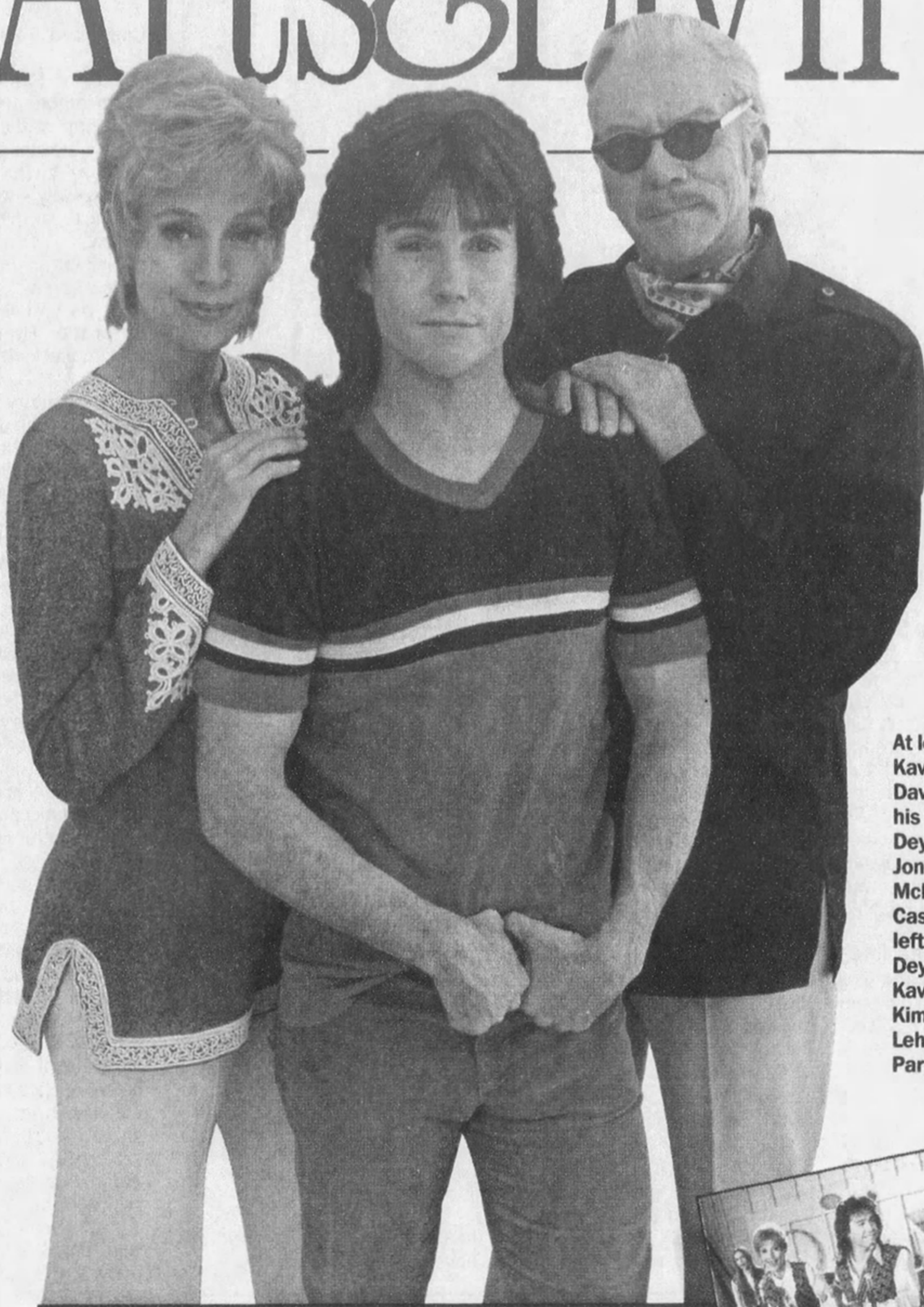


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At left, Andrew Kavovit, as a young David Cassidy, with his movie parents, Dey Young as Shirley Jones and Malcolm McDowell as Jack Cassidy. Below (from left), Katie Wright, Dey Young, Andrew Kavovit, Drady Kimball and Anna Lehw as the Partridges.

NBC photos



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## OLD SAD SONG

*Too-familiar tale  
of David Cassidy  
wears thin as NBC  
tells it one more time*

Memo to David Cassidy: I think you bore me. I woke up annoyed this morning. I won't meet you halfway.

In short, cherish is not a word I'd use to describe all the feelings I have for *The David Cassidy Story*.

The Cassidy movie, premiering at 9 p.m. Sunday on NBC, comes on the heels of numerous other chronicles of the former *Partridge Family* star, including his own 1994 memoir, two VH1 *Behind the Music* productions (one on Cassidy himself, the other on the *Partridge Family*) and an E! documentary.

There was also *Come On Get Happy*, a TV-movie, which aired last November on ABC, based on *Partridge Family* co-star Danny Bonaduce's memories of the show.

In sum, the new movie is on highly familiar ground. Too familiar, in fact, especially for those of us

who get a wee bit tired of hearing someone whine about how hard it is to have money, fame and groupies.

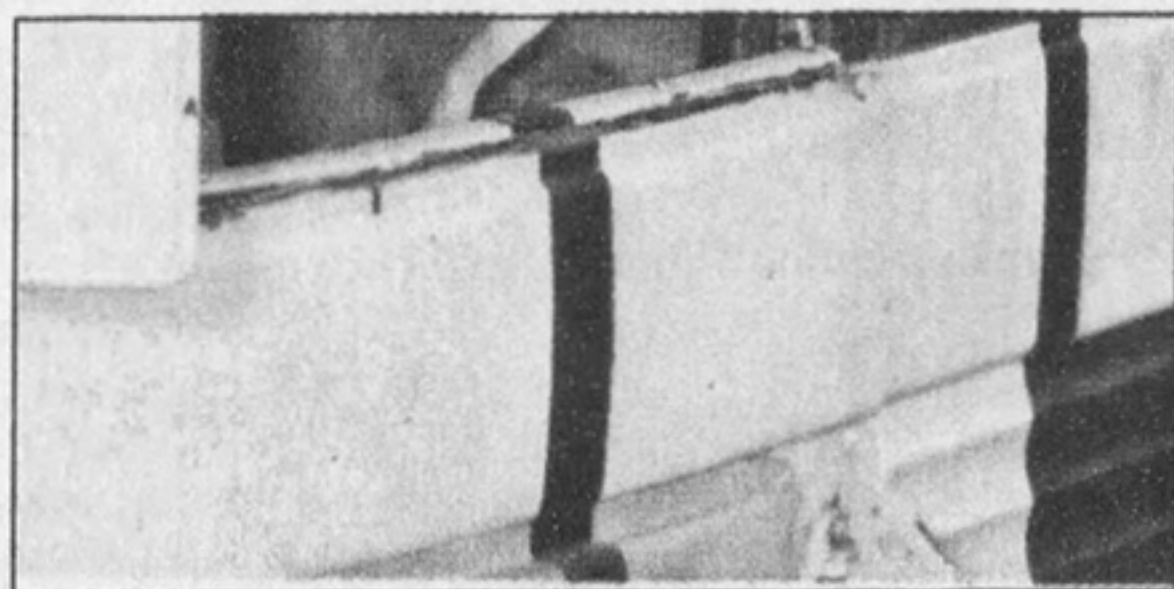
To be sure, there appears to be an audience for those tellings and re-tellings.

Numerous writers on amazon.com are crying out for a reissue of Cassidy's memoirs after rediscovering him via the TV portraits. ("My best friend will just die if she can't get this book!" said one. Added another: "Please reprint it for all of us out here who will die without it!")



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In a recent news conference,



The original *Partridge Family* (from left): Shirley Jones, Jeremy Gelbwaks, Suzanne Crough, Susan Dey, Danny Bonaduce and David Cassidy.

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