

He got happy

David Cassidy tells readers about 'who I am today'

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David Cassidy wowed teenage girls in the '70s in *The Partridge Family*, as perhaps the world's most perfect teen idol. Later came work in Las Vegas (he starred opposite Sheena Easton in *At the Copa*) and Broadway (working with Petula Clark in *Blood Brothers*).

He still records, with a new disc called *A Touch of Blue* on the British charts. An American release is forthcoming, but until then, fans can get their fill of Cassidy on Sunday at the Celebrity Theatre.

We invited readers to submit questions to Cassidy. Clearly, they still think they love him.

QUESTION: What was the toughest thing about being a teen idol? (Linda VandeVrede, Scottsdale)

ANSWER: I'd have to say it was not having any privacy. I am very grateful for all of the success and adulation, but I couldn't go anywhere or do anything without jeopardizing my safety.

Q: What is your favorite guilty-pleasure movie to watch? Mine is *Valley Girl*. (Sara Ellis, Phoenix)

A: I'm not really sure what you mean by "guilty pleasure" and, frankly, the only time I've had a chance to see movies lately is on airplanes. I did like the original *Matrix* a lot.

Q: Which members of *The Partridge Family* are you still in touch with? (Jennifer Scott, Phoenix)

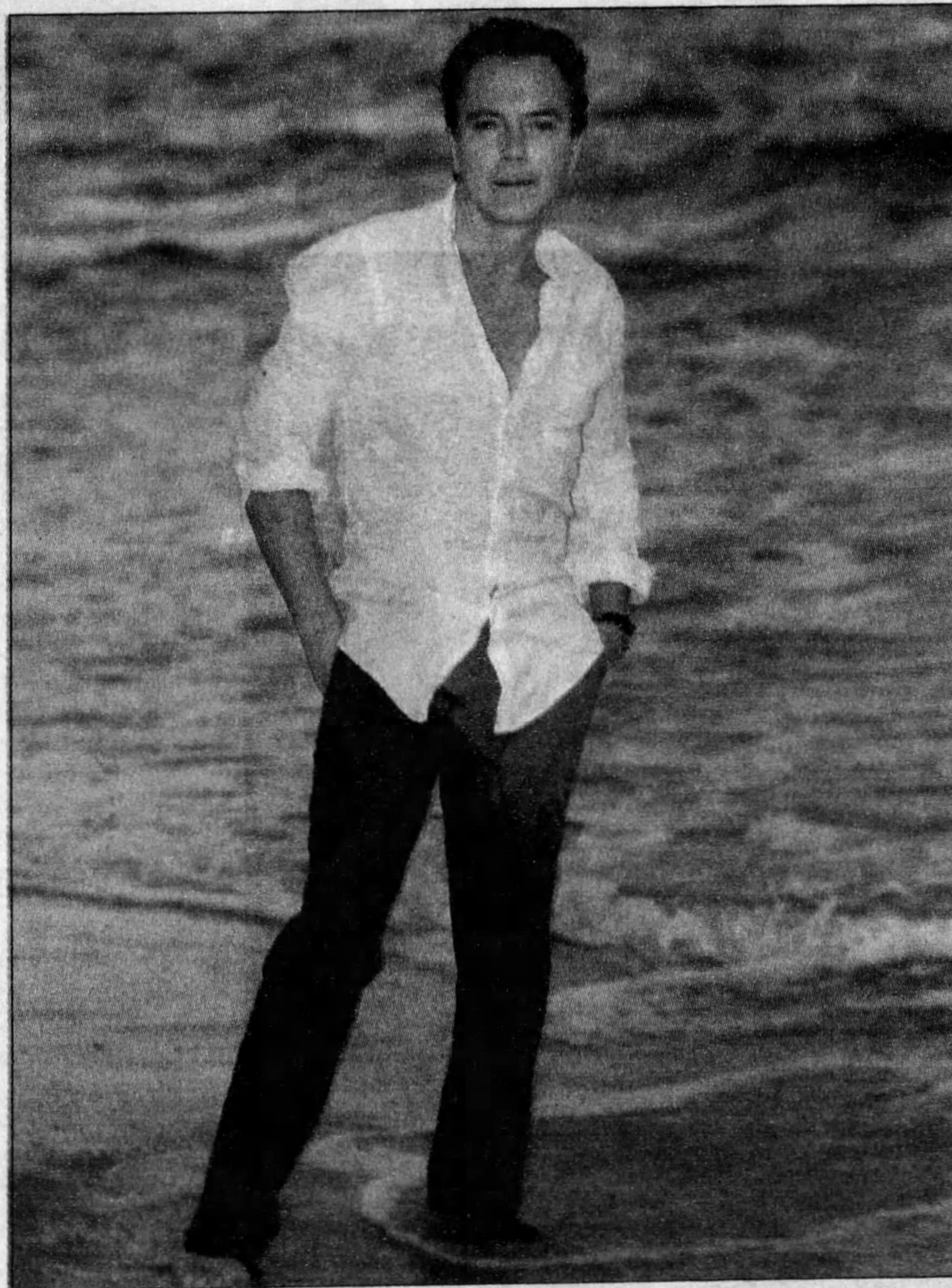
A: Danny (Bonaduce) is a deejay in Los Angeles, so I get to see him the most. He's doing very well. Dave Madden (Reuben Kincaid) has come to my concerts, as has Suzanne Crough (Tracy), who lives in Reno now. Of course, I see Shirley (Jones) because she is my brothers' mom and I'm very close with my brothers.

Q: What was it like working with Sheena Easton in *At the Copa*? You had great chemistry. (Michele Trejo, Phoenix)

A: It was a very good year. She's a very talented singer, which is why I cast her in the role.

Q: How old were you when you first discovered your love of music, and what was the first instrument you played? (Kathy Schulte, Tucson)

A: I was about 12. I saw the Beatles on *The Ed Sullivan Show*



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There's something about a live audience that still gets to David Cassidy.

If you go

David Cassidy

WHERE: Celebrity Theatre, 440 N. 32nd St., Phoenix.

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

ADMISSION: \$27.50-\$50. Available at (602) 267-1600, (480) 784-4444 or www.ticketmaster.com.

THE WINNER: Entries came from near (Phoenix) and far (England), but we liked the one from **Richard Baker of Scottsdale**. Not only was it a thoughtful question, he was the only man to enter the contest. He wins a pair of tickets to Sunday's concert.

and went out and bought my first guitar the next day. I learned every Beatles tune.

Q: In respect to your career in the entertainment industry, what are you most proud of? (Arleen

Duran, Mesa)

A: I'm proud of all of it, but the challenge of Broadway and live audiences is always a particular thrill.

Q: Who were your idols when you were young? Who were you crazy about and imitated and still have happy memories of? Thank you! (Paige Thomas, Phoenix)

A: I didn't have idols really, but I always admired the Beatles.

Q: If you could sing a duet with any female artist today, who would that be? (Ramona Syburg, Phoenix)

A: Norah Jones.

Q: As a longtime horse breeder, which horse or experience as a breeder is your favorite? (Renee Burdick, Santa Barbara, Calif.)

A: There isn't any one experience, but I was lucky enough to see the greatest horse of the 20th

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concert roundup

20 Living Colour, 7 p.m., Cajun House, \$20-\$22.

20 New Model Army, 7 p.m., Mason Jar, \$12.

20 GZA, 8 p.m., Marquee Theatre, \$8.75.

20 Slayer, 5 p.m., Mesa Amphitheatre, \$24.

21 Ann-Margret, 7:30 p.m., Dodge Theatre, \$25-\$30.

21 Larry Carlton, 7 p.m., Marquee Theatre \$32.

21 Guttermouth, 8 p.m., Bash on Ash, \$10.

21 The Anniversary, 8 p.m., Nita's Hideaway, \$12.

22 Headbanger's Ball featuring Shadows Fall, 8 p.m., Bash on Ash, \$16.

22 Chevelle, 8:30 p.m., Marquee Theatre, \$18.

23 Cristian Castro, 8 p.m., Dodge Theatre, \$35-\$55.

23 David Cassidy, 7:30 p.m., Celebrity Theatre, \$27.50-\$50.

23 Vagrant Tour featuring Alkaline Trio, 7:30 p.m., Marquee Theatre, \$13.75.

24 Drums & Tuba, 8 p.m., Rhythm Room, \$6.

24 Early November, 7 p.m., Mason Jar, \$10.

24 Ozmatll, 6:30 p.m., Marquee Theatre, \$22-\$23.

25 Captured by Robots, 9 p.m., Rhythm Room, \$6.

25 Good Charlotte, 7 p.m., Dodge Theatre, \$25.

25 Damlen Rice, 8:30 p.m., Marquee Theatre, \$12.

25 Twilight Singers, 7:30 p.m., Nita's Hideaway, \$12.

25 Dimmu Borgir, 8 p.m., Cajun House, \$23.

26 Big Sandy & the Fly-Rite Boys, 9 p.m., Rhythm Room, \$10.

26 Flathead, 6:30 p.m., Marquee Theatre, \$5.

venues

Bash on Ash, 230 W. Fifth St., Tempe. (480) 966-8200. www.bashonash.com.

Cajun House, 7117 E. Third Ave., Scottsdale. (480) 945-5150. www.cajunhouse.com.

Celebrity Theatre, 440 N. 32nd St., Phoenix. (602) 267-1600. www.celebritytheatre.com.

Dodge Theatre, 400 W. Washington St., Phoenix. (602) 379-2000.

Marquee Theatre, 730 N. Mill Ave., Tempe. (480) 829-0607. www.nipp.com.

Mason Jar, 2303 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix. (602) 954-0455.

www.masonjarlive.com.

Mesa Amphitheatre, 263 N. Center St. (480) 644-2178.

Nita's Hideaway, 3300 S. Price Road, Tempe. (480) 966-7715. www.nitashideaway.com.

Rhythm Room, 1019 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix. (602) 265-4842.

www.rhythmroom.com.