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I hold a pillow to my head and spring up in my bed screaming out the words I dread: PARTRIDGE FAMILY SHOW?"

Are you cute like KEITH? Bratty like DANNY? Sweet like SHIRLEY?



Photo by PRESTON MACK Crystal Dawn Heffernan of Boynton Beach is trying out for the role of Laurie.

'You need to be able to sing and act. And drive a multicolored bus.'

Danny Bonaduce on the Partridges, then and now

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We think we love him.

Danny Bonaduce, who originated the role of money-minded middle kid Danny Partridge on The Partridge Family, has come a long way since his days of drug addiction and all-around tabloid shenanigans.

Now a married family man and morning personality on Los Angeles' Star 98.7 FM, the ginger-haired Bonaduce, 44, acted as sort of a goodwill ambassador to the passel of potential new Partridges in Orlando last weekend. On a break between auditions, he philosophized about what it takes to be a Partridge, the allure of

David Cassidy and committing grand theft Partridge bus.

Q: Is it surreal watching all these young look-alikes and reliving your Partridge experience?

A: The only thing that would be surreal would be if I ran into one of the kids that looks like me. I'd just be sad for the kid.

Q: Do the young kids seem to know who you are?

A: I'm sure the parents have beaten it into their heads - "You need to recognize this guy." Now I look like Danny Partridge's dad.

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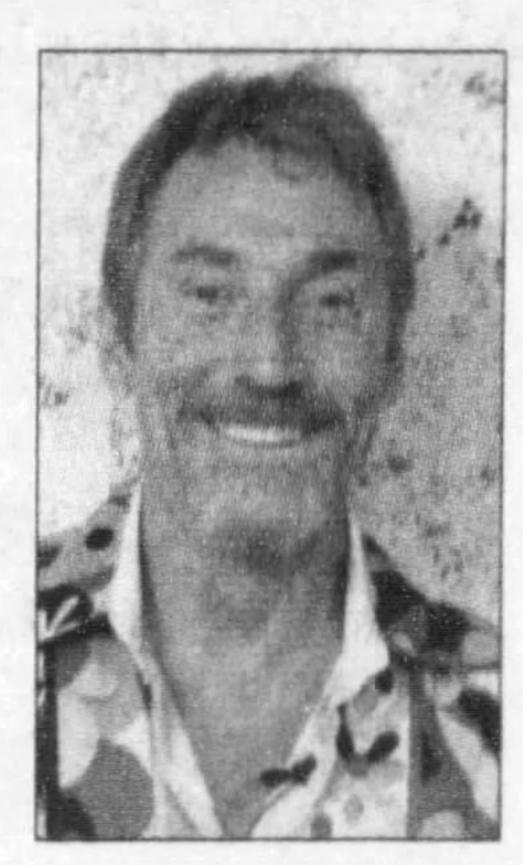


Photo by PRESTON MACK Danny Bonaduce plays goodwill ambassador.