

ness—it's no longer something that just sort of happened to me. I've recently purchased the movie rights to the story of the kidnapping of J. Paul Getty III and plan to star in the film. Also, music is still a tremendous part of my life. I never plan to stop singing and recording.

TeenView: The movie idea sounds fascinating; tell us more about it, please!

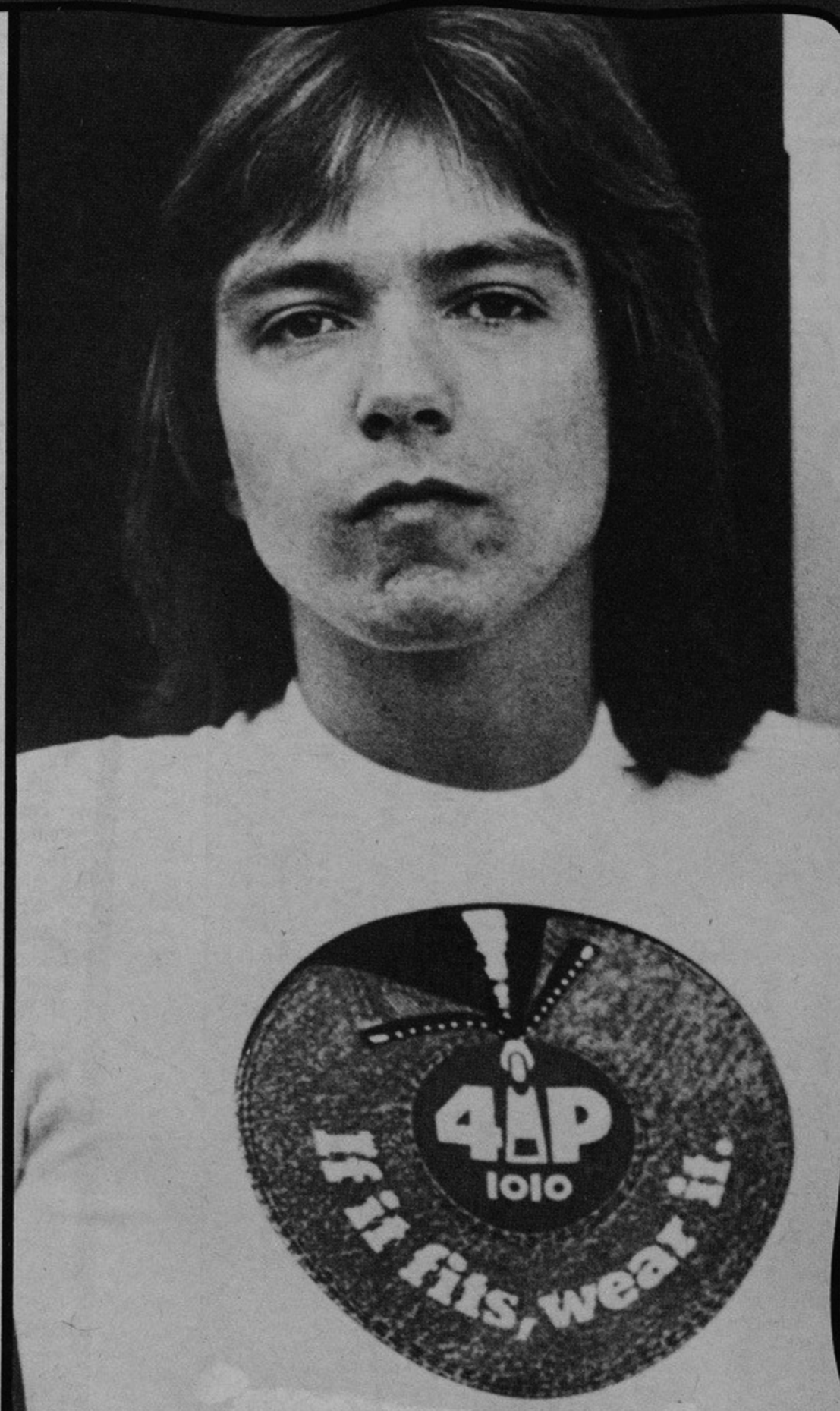
David: Sure. I'm really excited about the film because it is serious drama. It's also a true and interesting story. In the movie I play the part of J. Paul Getty III, one of the heirs to the J. Paul Getty fortune—at one time the richest man in America. In real life the character I play was kidnapped in Rome in 1973. He also loses an ear in the whole escapade.

TeenView: It sounds perfect for you! It really seems like it's exactly the type of acting you would enjoy. Will it be easy for you since it is high drama, and that's what you want?

David: Acting is rarely easy. There are some roles that you can relate to more easily than others, but I would never say acting is easy. I think this role, in particular, is going to be a big challenge for me—I can't wait!

TeenView: What are your personal feelings about acting as a career?

David: It's satisfying. It's something I love. The creation of a character is a thrilling experience. Someone tells you what a guy is supposed to be like, then it's the actor's job to make the person believable. To me, acting is the greatest. I enjoy every aspect of it. I love throwing myself into character. In this instance I've had to do a lot of reading and research about the entire Getty family, and not just my character. But I've learned so much in the process. That's just something else that's wonderful about acting, besides all the glamorous stuff, it's tremendously educational. With acting, you never stop learning and growing.



ALTHOUGH David does occasionally go to Hollywood functions, like December's 38th Annual Golden Apple Awards (where he presented an award), he prefers enjoying the good life at his home near Hollywood, California. David and pretty wife Kay Lenz love horseback riding, swimming and reading.

TeenView: How do you feel about your experience as a teen idol?

David: I feel fortunate to have gone through it. I wish everybody could. The best thing about it was the concerts, going out and exchanging all of that energy with thousands of people. When it first started happening, I

remembered it was like being a little kid and going to the circus. I thought, Gosh! Was this meant to happen? Was this me? You know, I can look at it now and think how lucky I was, but it took the time I spent away to put it in perspective. When you're involved in something like that, you can never be objective while the whole thing is going on.

