



TWO teen idols side by side! Bobby Sherman's series, "Getting Together," was started on an episode of "The Partridge Family." Weren't they both cute?

D: Yes, in fact, when I look back on it now, I just remember the good things. If you balance it out, there probably was more good, anyhow.

S: How did Kay help you get back into the world again?

D: By being supportive. By talking with me, showing me it was okay to care, that you can trust people. She's been incredible. We've got a corny, old-fashioned kind of marriage. We sit and talk things out. I take her to the drive-in movies a lot. I was living the kind of existence where no one could get to me. No one had my phone number or address. Now I'm living like a real person again, and I like it. I feel good about myself.

S: What are you doing career-wise?

D: Well, I've already done several acting roles. I had a short-lived series, "Undercover Man," and I've done things like "Fantasy Island" and a TV-movie for fall called "The Night the City Screamed."

S: And musically?

D: I'm going to be going back into the recording studio in a couple of months. I've heard some songs I'd like to record. I want to start writing songs again.

S: What about your horse-racing ventures?

D: Oh, I love that. When I was still on "The Partridge Family," I started getting involved with racing. I've got a stable in Kentucky where I breed horses. I sell

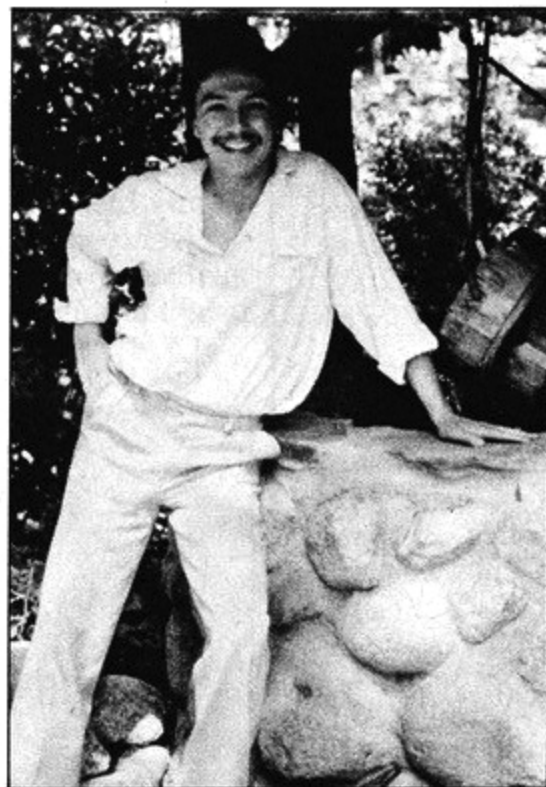
yearlings. I've got about 15 horses. They do fine racing, but basically I'm into raising them, not racing.

S: What kind of home life do you and Kay have?

D: We're really stay-at-homes. We just bought a new house in the Valley. We were living in a three-story Tudor-style house, but we'd get lost in that place. You can play hide-and-seek, but after it gets old, you just don't need that much room.

S: Are you planning on children?

D: Not for awhile. I'm definitely not ready. I've got to have more time to see where I'm heading. Children are a big commitment and responsibility, and I don't feel I'm prepared.



THE Cassidy's backyard even has a wishing well, and everyone at Tb wishes David and Kay the very best!

S: What was the roughest period you went through during your retirement?

D: I started drinking. I wasn't a drunk, or at least I didn't think I was. Still, I was drinking a lot and waking up in the morning with a hangover. I just couldn't stop after one or two drinks, I'd have six or seven. I went to see Dr. William Rader, a foremost authority on teenage drinking, and he said to me. "David—your father, your father's brother and your grandfather were all alcoholics, and so are you." I told him I didn't agree with his statement and he told me if I could leave his office and for six months not touch a drop of anything—no liquor at all—he'd believe I wasn't an alcoholic. So, I walked out of his office and never touched a drop. He believes me now, and it was an interesting experiment for me. I proved to myself I could do something I set out to do.

S: Do you watch the "Partridge Family" reruns on television?

D: Not regularly, but once in awhile I turn them on. It really breaks me up because I remember what went on that particular day on the set. Everything. It all comes back. I'd like to sit down and see them all in order. It's like my life during those years is documented forever! I could watch my skin go from good to bad to worse to good... I used to get these crazy attacks of breakouts—a lot from wearing make-up every day, but mostly from the emotional pressures inside me.

S: You said you tend to remember the good things about those days now. What were they?

D: The whole experience was actually very harmless. I think if it happened to me today, I would handle it differently. But I was young, inexperienced, and fame came so suddenly. It was like I had incredible power. Girls screaming, everyone wanting me, all that money. I just couldn't deal with it. But I did have a chance to go all over the world, meets lots of people. I've been fortunate to experience that. Very few people will or can. God bless the experience. God bless it all.

