

SPEC'S ANSWERING SERVICE



HAVE YOU EVER had a question you couldn't find the answer to anywhere? Maybe it's a great big question or maybe it's just a "silly little one"—but it's something you really want to know! Well, your worries are over! SPEC has come up with SPEC's Answering Service—a new feature devoted to answering every single one of your questions, no matter how big or small! So no matter what's on your mind, frame it as a question, shoot it to SPEC's Answering Service, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022—and then look for your answer here in future issues of SPEC!!



Donny



David



Bobby



Marie in Japan



Elaine & Alan



Vincent

DONNY'S BIRTHDAY

In our local newspaper, they said Donny Osmond was 12—but a while back in 16, I read that he was 13. Could you please tell me his real age and his birthday? Also, where can I write to him and be sure that he gets my letter?

Cindy Megyes

Barberton, Ohio

• Donny's birthday is December 9 and he was born in 1957—which means that he just turned 14. If you'd like to write Donny a letter and be absolutely sure that he—and he alone—gets it, be sure to pick up the February issue of 16—which goes on sale December 23—and you'll find out how you can get Donny's home address!!

JIMMY'S AGE

Could you please tell me how old Jimmy Osmond is? On *The Flip Wilson Show*, Donny said he was seven, but in 16 I read he was eight. Please straighten me out.

Sue Nash

Collinsville, Ohio

• Donny made a boo-boo! Jimmy is eight—and his birthdate is April 16, 1963. Guess when you've got seven brothers, it's hard to remember how old each one is!

J5 BIRTHDAYS

Will you please tell me the correct birthdays of the Jackson 5—and how tall they are?

Denise Williams

Kirkwood, Mo.

• The Jackson 5 birthdates are: Jackie—May 4, 1951; Tito—October 15, 1953; Jermaine—December 11, 1954; Marlon—March 12, 1957; Michael—August 29, 1959.

To find out the height, weight and everything else you want to know about each of the J5—plus all your other favs—read the ad on the facing page.

DAVID'S "BLINDNESS"

Is it true that David Cassidy was blind when he was a baby? I read that in another magazine. Please tell me the truth.

Suzanne Dorman

Berkeley Heights, Calif.

• If you are a 16 and SPEC regular reader, you ought to know by now that David did indeed have eye trouble as a child—but he was never ever blind! The whole true story about David's eye trouble was detailed in a past issue of SPEC. Moral: Stick with 16 and SPEC and you'll know all the truth there is to know about David and the rest of the stars.

BOBBY'S SHOW

I love Bobby Sherman and I just heard an awful rumor. My girl friend said his show *Getting Together* is going to be taken off TV. I hope it isn't true! Can you help me?

Dotty Barnes

Kansas City, Mo.

• Keep your fingers crossed and say a little prayer for Bobby's ABC-TV show *Getting Together*—cos, indeed, the ratings on the show are low and ABC will probably cancel the series. The TV competition at eight o'clock on Saturday night is pretty rough, but if all of you Bobby lovers out there in 16- and SPEC-land turn on Bobby's show every Saturday night—his ratings might go up and who knows what will happen!

DONNY'S RECORD

I would like to know how old Donny Osmond was when he recorded *The Wild Rover (Time To Ride)*. I would also like to know what grade he is in now.

Joann Gray

McCloud, Calif.

• *Wild Rover* is the flip side of *Go Away Little Girl* and Donny recorded it in mid-1971. Donny doesn't go to regular school, but is under tutorage—and his grade equivalent right now would be around the ninth grade.

MARIE SINGS?

I was wondering why Marie Osmond isn't in the Osmonds' singing group. I thought it might be because they are called the Osmond Brothers, but they don't go by that name all the time. Could you please print a recent picture of Marie?

Joie Winfred

Fairfax, Calif.

• Twelve-year-old Marie Osmond has appeared on the stage with her brothers in Japan, where she sang *Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head* with them. However, Marie isn't really interested in pursuing a career in show business right now. She's much happier cooking groovy desserts for her brothers and watching them perform. The official name of the group is the Osmonds—not the Osmond Brothers (which is what the group used to be called).

OSMONDS CONTEST WINNER

I went to Disneyland on July 30, 1971, with my family, and while we were watching the carousel, my mom said, "Isn't that the five Osmonds?" I answered, "It is! It is!" After the carousel stopped, we went over and introduced ourselves, and my mom even introduced me to Donny. The Osmonds were all wonderful. Could you tell me what they were doing at Disneyland that day?

Karin Gage

Centerville, Ohio

• On July 30, the Osmonds were spending the whole day being host to 16's "Win A Day At Disneyland With The Osmonds" Contest. In fact, here's a picture of lucky 16-er Elaine Jacob on the carousel with Alan Osmond.

VINCENT VAN PATTEN

On the premiere episode of *Cannon*, I saw Vincent Van Patten—and I really dug him. Could you tell me a little bit about him?

Valerie Price

Houston, Tex.

• Vincent was born on October 17, 1957, which makes him 14 years old. Vincent is five feet and ten inches tall—and still growing. He has blue eyes and blond hair, and he has guest-starred on *Bonanza*, *The Bill Cosby Show* and others—plus a featured role on *Medical Center* this season. You can write to Vincent at the Mary Ellen White Agency, 8425 West Third Street, Los Angeles, California 90048. Be sure to put "I Am A 16 SPEC Reader" on the outside of your envelope.