

DAVID CASSIDY'S PRIVATE MAILBOX



GREETINGS to each and every one of you out there in the wonderful world called *16-Land*! My name is David Bruce Cassidy and I play the role of "Keith Partridge" on *The Partridge Family*, which is shown on ABC-TV every Friday night at 8:30. I hope you have had a chance to see the show. If you haven't, try to find time to look in, cos—well, I think you just *might* like it!

One of the grooviest things that's happened to me since I've been on *The Partridge Family* is that I've gotten thousands — literally *thousands* — of letters from you! Though there's a lot of mail, each and every letter is very special to me. It's my sincerest hope that you will under-

stand that it is *impossible* for me to sit down and personally write an answer to all of your beautiful letters, so I'm doing the very next best thing I can possibly do—each month I'm going to personally answer as many of your letters as I possibly can, with the help of *16 Magazine*!

From now on, in each issue of *16* I will present my "private mailbox." *David Cassidy's Private Mailbox* will be the one place in the world where you can write to me, *know* that I get your letter, and *know* that *you* can get a personal answer from me. So if *you* want to write a letter to me and be *sure* that I will see it—and be *sure* that you will get a personal answer from me—just send your letter to *David Cassidy's Private Mailbox, 16 Magazine, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022*. Now, let's get down to the nitty gritty—and I will answer some of the letters I've received from you already.

Dear David,

I read in *16* that you spent your early childhood in a small town in New Jersey. I too am from a small town in New Jersey. Please tell me the name of the one you're from!

Deborah Kunica

Cartaret, N. J.

• *Dear Deborah,*

Though I was born in New York City, I lived in the town of West Orange, New Jersey (about ten miles from Cartaret, N. J.) until I was in the fifth grade. Then my mom and I moved to Los Angeles and, except for visits back east (as often as I can make it), California has been my home since then.

Dear David,

I usually read only *16* and *16 SPEC*, but I got another magazine to glance through the other day and it said that you were born on April 16, 1956. In *16*, it said that you were born April 12, 1950. Which is correct?

Virginia Redford

Spokane, Wash.

• *Dear Virginia,*

I was born on April 12, 1950, at 10 A.M. in a hospital in Manhattan, which is in New York City — that means I turned 20 on my last birthday. If you're interested in astrology (a lot of people find it fascinating, but I believe a man makes his own destiny), that means my sun sign is in Aries and my moon sign is Aquarius. Astrologists say that I am loyal, devoted, a humanitarian—and a bit moody! Thank you for caring!

Dear David,

Is Jack Cassidy, who played (among other things) "Oscar" on *He And She*, any relation to you? Love and peace,

Lynn Rimolasei

Raphael, California

• *Dear Lynn,*

Yes, indeed—Jack Cassidy is my dad! My stepmother is actress Shirley Jones (who plays my "TV mother" in *The Partridge Family*). My real mother is Evelyn Ward, who is also an actress. And all of us get on very well together!

Dear David,

I read in a magazine that you and Bobby Sherman were fighting over the same girl. It sounds like just idle gossip to me. True or false?

Anne Jarr

Muscoleen, Iowa

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