

a mischievous little devil. But Danny has a very tender, gentle side to him, and I was lucky enough to get to know that part of Danny when he spent a weekend with Jane and me at our small house in the Hollywood Hills.

Just before dinner was ready, he asked if he could go out for a walk. At first, I hesitated, but then I thought, *Well, he's eleven years old and big enough to go for a walk by himself.* I told him to be back in 30 minutes and, indeed, he was—right on the nose! As he came in the door, he had a sort of dreamy, wide-eyed look on his face. He didn't say anything for a minute and finally he said softly, "Susan, it's very beautiful outside. All the stars are in the sky. I want you to see it after dinner." Well, after dinner my roommate, Danny and I went for a long, silent walk together. He was right. It was beautiful! And it was great to share it with Dante Bonaduce!

SHIRLEY JONES

How can you describe Shirley? I guess the best way is to say that she's always good-natured, always smiling and always taking care of us—for she immediately spots any way she can help out. She plays her scenes very professionally. When we kids have to do scenes over and over, I wonder what goes on in her mind. If it makes her uptight or bothers her in any way—she *never* shows it. She makes us feel so happy and at ease all the time. To sum it up, we *Partridge* brats are very lucky to have a "mom" like Shirley!

JEREMY & SUZANNE

Jeremy Gelbwaks and Suzanne Crough are not brother and sister, but somehow I always seem to lump them together. I suppose it's because in nearly every scene that *one* is in, the *other* is in—and when they aren't on camera, they're always hanging around together on the set. Of course, that's very logical, since they're so near to the same age. But—whew, can those two get into some "hair-raising" situations together!

For instance, recently they decided to have a pine cone fight. I guess it was something like playing dodge ball with pine cones. But for two little kids—well, they sure throw a *mean* pine cone! Needless to say, *I*—who was calmly sitting on the sidelines, chatting with a friend—found myself the innocent target of Jeremy's and Suzanne's pine cones! Of course, Jeremy and Suzanne aren't *always* into putting us "adults" on. Once in awhile they actually calm down, take lessons from their tutor or draw pictures and color them. I'm really beginning to feel about them just as you would about a *real* little brother and sister. And you know what *that* means—I love 'em, *natch!*

DAVE MADDEN

Dave (and please don't *ever* call him David) is a very, very funny man. If you've seen him on the show, you know what I mean. Having Dave on the set is like an extra added attraction for *The Partridge Family* gang. Generally, he's sort of quiet and minds his own business, but just at exactly the right moment he seems to suddenly appear, say something hilarious and—having carried on a bit—he vanishes! If we're overworked or tired and the situation gets a little tense, it takes Dave with his wonderful sense of humor to make us all laugh it up, forget our troubles and get on with it! He's very dear, and each of us has a special loving spot in our heart for him!

"SIMONE"

Last, but not least, is our puppy dog Simone. Simone looks sort of like an English sheep dog, but *he* is actually a mongrel from the Los Angeles City Pound! The original dog in the pilot film is *not* used anymore because she wasn't—well, *doggy* enough to be a family-type-puppy-dog. You can hardly see Simone's eyes, but that great big tongue is always hanging out and, behind his whiskers, there's always a friendly smile!

Putting the whole Partridge family together—as you can see, it's a wonderful, fantastically warm group of people to be with. I know that I'm probably the luckiest girl in the whole wide world and I deeply appreciate my good fortune in getting the part of "Laurie" on the show.

If you have any particular questions that you would like answered and they aren't covered in this, my monthly column in *16*, just drop a note to: Susan Dey *Girl-To-Girl*, *16 Magazine*, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022—and let me know what it is you want to know. See you in the next issue of *16*. It's the January ish and it goes on sale November 19. Reserve your copy now!



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