

HI THERE—and welcome back to the wonderful world of *The Partridge Family*! As you know, each month we meet here in the pages of 16 and I become not only your girl friend—but also your very own special “girl guide.” So come on along and join David, Shirley, myself and the *Partridge* gang as we continue our adventurous afternoon at California’s groovy Marineland & Amusement Park.

After having a snack with David, and snapping a few pix of him for some of his many fans—who just happened to be lucky enough to be at Marineland that day—you, David and I were summoned by the director. We were then led up what seemed to be an *endless* flight of stairs—that kept going up, up, *up!!* As we and the rest of *The Partridge Family* gang walked up *eight* long flights of stairs, we noticed something on our left that looked very much like the world’s biggest sliding board—only it wasn’t straight! It had eight or ten huge “waves” in it. Finally—when we were all at the very top—we were each handed what looked like a potato sack, and the director gave us instructions.

“Now, I want each of you to sit down on your sacks right here at the top of the slide—and when I give the signal from down below, you are to give yourself a little push and start sliding down.” Before anyone could answer, the director was gone—so all we *Partridges* started sitting down on our sacks and waited to see what would happen—which was plenty!

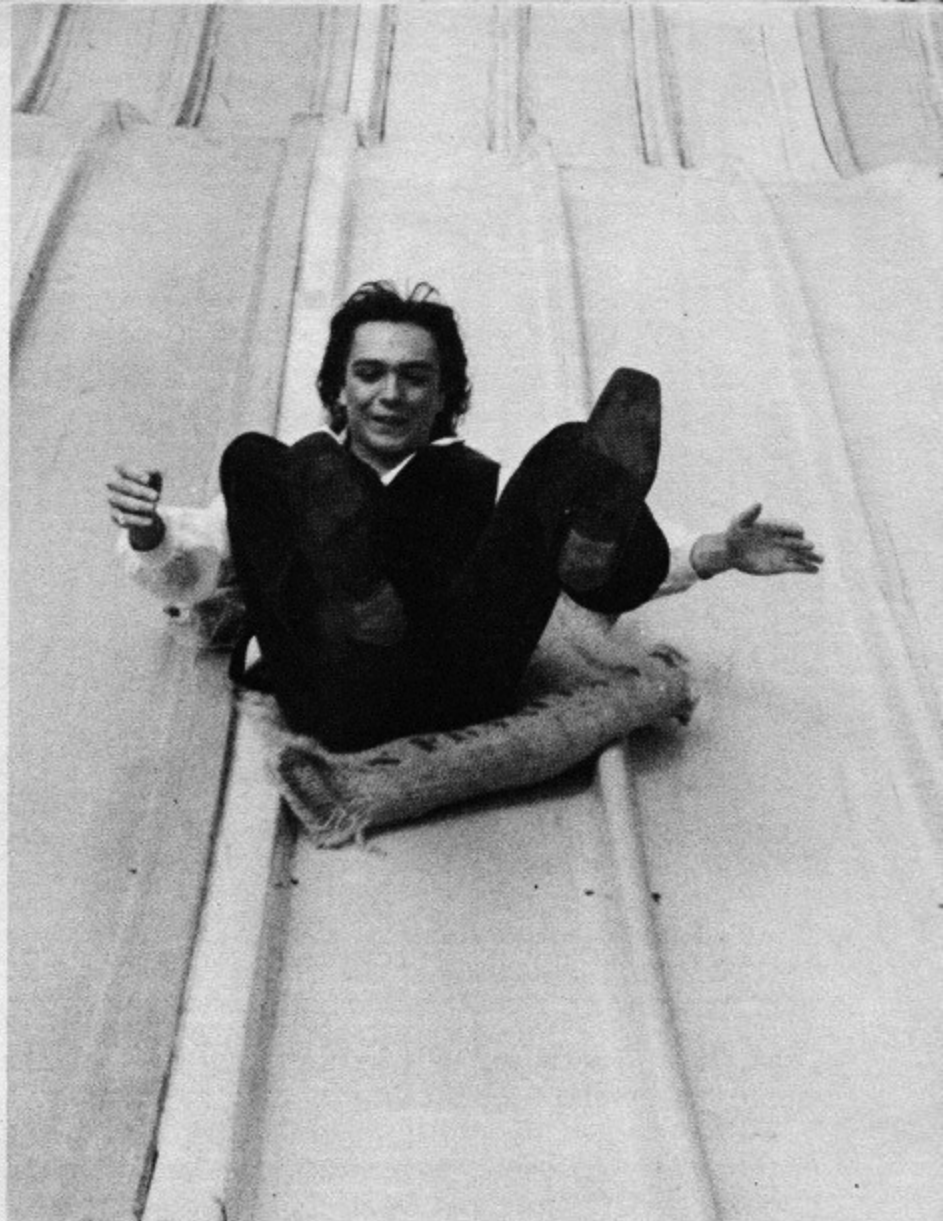
After a few minutes, we heard the director calling to us through a hand mike from below. “O.K., gang—line up! First, David—then Susan—then Danny—then Brian—and then Suzanne! O.K.—get ready, get set—GO!!”

Whoosh! With David in front, we all “took off” for parts “unknown”! At first, the slide was normal. You know—not too fast, not too slow. But as we crested over each “wave” in the slide, our speed got faster and faster. And at about the fourth wave, let me tell you—we were really *zooming* along! On the fifth wave, David lost his balance and sort of flattened out—and he ultimately ended up zipping off the end of the slide and into the grass *feet first!*

I’m very happy to tell you that we were able to complete that sequence in *one take*—not that it wasn’t loads of fun. In fact, Danny Bonaduce and David Madden went back and tried the slide again! But it was a little “spine tingling”, to say the least. Of course, you weren’t able to go down the slide with us during the *take*, but in a way you were super-lucky—for even though you had to go down all by yourself, David *himself* was waiting at the bottom to catch you!

DAVID THROUGH THE CAMERA’S EYE

While all the slide-shooting was going on, another cameraman had been lining up his sights on the whale feeding area. Both David and I had been taught how to feed Marineland’s two beautiful, docile and friendly whales—*Orcy* and *Corcy*. But we didn’t know which one of us was going to be chosen for the whale feeding scene. While we were waiting to find out, David and I took turns peeping through the camera, viewing the platform where the performance would be done—and where *gangs* of lucky young kids had already started to gather!



Down goes David—feet first!



David and I wondered which of us would get to feed the whale.