

**DAVID CASSIDY'S
PRIVATE MAILBOX**

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Dear David,

I'm really crazy about you and I want to know what your favorite flower is. Mine is the white rose.

Mary Young

Little Silver, N. J.

• Dear Mary,

Roses are my favorite flower too. I also like orchids.

Dear David,

Do you spend most of your time with girls or playing your drums or your guitar?

Maryanne Cualesi

Philadelphia, Pa.

• Dear Maryanne,

I spend most of my time working on our Partridge Family TV series — like I'm on the set from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. Monday through Friday! After that, I spend most of my time working on records. After that, I spend most of my time rehearsing (equally with drums and guitar) and after THAT I learn my lines for the show the next day. AFTER THAT—if I have any time left—I spend it with girls! If I had my "d'ruthers," the whole schedule would be the other way around!

Dear David,

No TV stars, or any stars for that matter, ever come to Belvidere, New Jersey. It's where I live and it's a very little town. My friends and I are asking you to please come to Belvidere one day and to urge some of your television star friends to come too. We want just one "little old star"! Thank you and peace.

Laura Finkbeiner

Belvidere, N.J.

• Dear Laura,

If you will read my answer to the letter above just before yours, you will see that my schedule is very jammed at present. Hopefully, when I get some time off or when we go on vacation next spring, I will be traveling around the country, meeting some of the friends of The Partridge Family! Also, I still have relatives living in West Orange, N. J., and it's very likely that I will be visiting there again one day. West Orange is only about 40 miles from Belvidere—did you know that? Anyway, I'll spread the word about Belvidere around and let's hope some "little old star" will visit there one day. If not, I hope that you and your friends can get to Newark or New York City when (and if) we PF-ers appear in person in these places!

Dear David,

I really had to write to you and tell you how I feel about you — I think you're cute and handsome and nice! You probably think I'm some crazy little kid, but I'm 15 years old — and I like *The Partridge Family* a lot! Do you enjoy working on the show? I'd like to be an actress some day. Could you give me some advice on how to get started? How old are you? I hope I get to meet you in person some day!

Becky Kissler

Glyndon, Md.

• Dear Becky,

Even though I'm 20 years old (I was born on April 12, 1950), I don't think 15 means that anyone is a "crazy little kid". Chronological age has nothing to do with where you're at — it's what's in the heart that counts. I dig doing *The Partridge Family* show very much, except that I hate, hate, hate the waiting part — and there's a lot of that when doing a TV series! As for advice, the best I can give you is to study drama in junior and senior high school, enroll in your nearest community theatre or playhouse, and eventually try to go to acting school. If you keep trying and you really want to be an actress more than anything else in the world — chances are you may make it!

PERSONAL MESSAGES & "THANK YOU'S"

To Lisa Buttny of Chicago, Ill.: Thank you for the beautiful "tribute" you wrote for me. I hope you will always feel that way.

To "N.N." of Lincoln Street, Jersey City, N. J.: Thank you for your very lovely letter. You forgot (or was it intentional?) to sign your name, but you know who you are — and this is a special note just for you. And thank you for caring.

To Jane Zipay of Bayonne, N. J.: Thanks for your groovy letter and for the cute jokes. Don't worry about your handwriting, it's very clear — so just keep writing.

To Becky Winters of Oskaloosa, Iowa: There's no need to "fib" about your age. I think 13 is a super age to be — but, anyway, I wish you happy 14th birthday next February 8 — and I hope we get to meet one day too!

To Veronica Neira of San Antonio, Texas: Thank you for your very sweet note.

Well, here I am out of room — and I feel like I've just begun! It's O.K., though, cos I'll be back here in 16 next month to answer your personal letters to me! **Remember: my private mailbox is the one place where you can be absolutely sure that your personal letter will get to me and that my personal answer will get to you. To those of you who have already written, thank you for writing and please don't hesitate to write again — cos I love reading your letters! And to those of you who haven't written — if you have time, drop a line, cos I really dig hearing from you! Send all of your letters to:**

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