

upset me terribly — and I'd like to know the whole truth from you.

Mindy York

Durham, N. C.

• Dear Mindy,

The Partridge Family's star Miss Shirley Jones and yours truly David Cassidy take turns singing lead on all The Partridge Family records. And that includes singles and LPs. Susan Dey, Danny Bonaduce, Jeremy Gelbwaks and Suzanne Crough each contribute to the recording sessions musically and in singing harmonics. But — as on every record, including those of the Beatles, Bob Dylan and others — the recording sound is "augmented" by studio musicians and singers. These are people from the outside who are hired to come in and do back-up singing and special musical arrangements (such as violin and horns) in order to give the final production of the record a full rich sound. But indeed The Partridge Family does record their own records!

Dear David,

I read in another magazine that you're "romantically" interested in Susan Dey, who is co-featured on The Partridge Family with you. I can't believe this! Is it true?

Kelly Smith

Finleyville, Pa.

• Dear Kelly,

As I told all you 16-ers last month, rumors that Susan and I are a "romance" are just bound to slip out. Please pay no attention to them. Susan and I are real good friends — and that is all. I took her to the movies once and she and her roommate cooked dinner for me once. She's cheerful, warm and sincere — a true friend to everyone who gets to know her. I'm glad I'm one of those people — but there definitely is not a romance between Susan and me.

Dear David,

Now that you're a regular on The Partridge Family, does that mean that you will not be doing any other TV shows? Last season I saw you on Bonanza and Mod Squad, and I thought you were great! I hope you will be doing other TV shows!

Elaine Ladd

Washington, D. C.

• Dear Elaine,

I don't think my present schedule will allow me any time to do additional TV guest role appearances. You see, I work on The Partridge Family Monday through Friday

from 6 A.M. to 7 P.M., and on weekends I'm usually booked into the recording studio or doing personal appearances. However, occasionally I do have time to do guest appearances and I have already appeared on Dick Clark's American Bandstand. If I do have time to do a guest shot on another show, 16 will be the first to let you know!

PERSONAL THANK-YOU'S

To Lydia Cardova of Los Angeles: Thanks for the lovely poem you wrote to me.

To Billy Eidi of Beirut, Lebanon: An autographed picture has been sent to you.

To Riene Choma of New York City: Sorry I cannot give you my home address, but if you write to me c/o 16 Magazine, 745 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. 10022, you can be sure I'll get your letter.

To Jefferden Bedford of Stockton, California: Thank you for your cute letter-poem.

To Nancy Stout of Morrisville, Pa.: The groovy name plate you sent me is very handy to have.

To Cindy Reavis of Texarkana, Texas: Thanks for your lovely letter. I just sent a poster-size picture of myself to you.

To Regina Tickle of Keene Mountain, Va.: Thank you for thinking of me — and I loved what you wrote to me.

To Terri Grove of Bountiful, Utah: Keep hanging onto your dream — who knows, we may meet someday. Thank you for the poem.

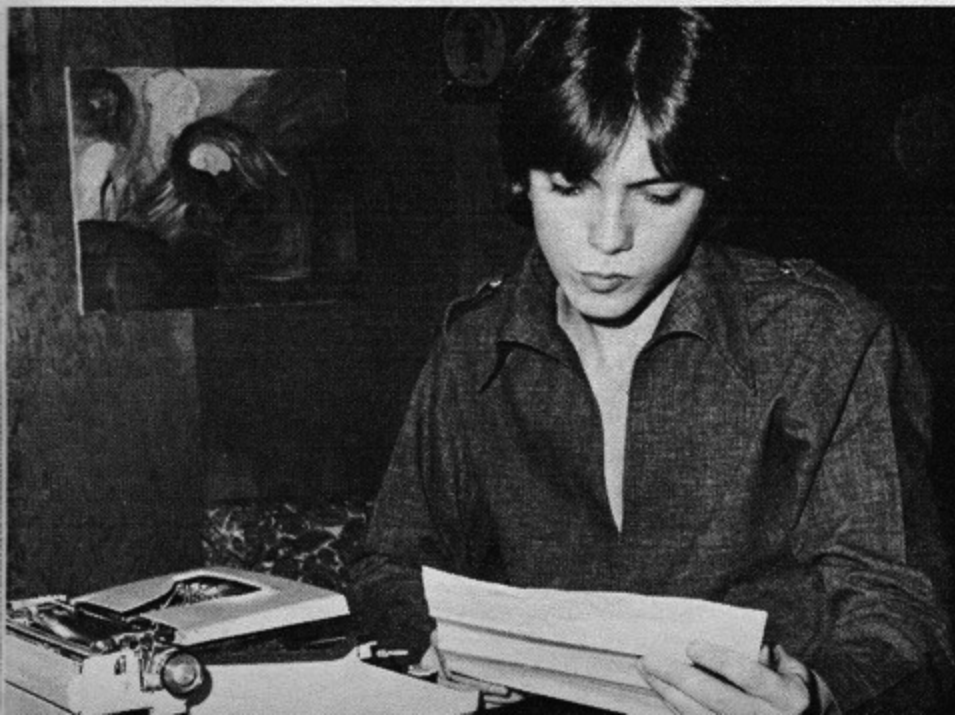
To Susan Potter of Belleville, Ill.: So glad to hear you've changed from a tree-climbing tomboy to a nice young lady — and I'm very complimented that you have a crush a "million miles long" on me.

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 that 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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Every letter you write to me is special to me.

Chatting with my good friend—Susan Dey.



To find out more about David Cassidy — turn the page!