DEAR CAROL

- Q. I would like to know if Karen Valentine and Maureen McCormick are related.
 - A. No, Karen and Maureen are not related.
- Q. Can you tell me when Dennis Provisor's birthday is? And also can I have some information on the newest Grassroot, Terry Furlong?

N.B.—Canoga Park, Calif.

- A. Dennis was born Nov. 5, 1943 in Los Angeles, California. And Terry isn't officially a member of the group but he does play guitar on their sessions a lot. He was born December 31, 1942 in London, England. He's 5'1", 140 pounds with dark brown hair and hazel eyes.
- Q. My English teacher said that the Cowsills do the singing on "The Partridge Family." I really don't think so but could you please tell me for sure.

R.D.-Palmer, Mass.

- A. Heavens no. David Cassidy and Shirley Jones do the singing on the show, not the Cowsills.
- Q. Is it true that Elvis Presley has blond hair and not black?

S.J.-Westminister, Calif.

- A. Good grief no! His hair is very definitely black.
- Q. There's a rumor going around my school that Bobby Sherman has been shot. Please tell me it's not true. I'm so worried.

B.R.-St. Bernard, La.

- A. Hey, you've got some strange rumors at your school. No, it's certainly not true. Bobby is A-OK and has never been shot.
- Q. Please tell me if my beloved Tom Jones uses wigs! I don't believe it but people keep telling me it's true. If it is so, I will still love him, but I would like to know.

J.R.—Hato Rey, Puerto Rico

- A. No, it's not true. All that lovely hair is Tom's own natural hair.
- Q. I heard that Jay Osmond, whom I dearly love, is going steady. Could you tell me who the lucky girl is?

N.H.-Wellsboro, Penn.

A. You heard wrong. None of the Osmond Brothers are going steady presently.



MAUREEN McCORMICK

Q. Is David Cassidy any relationship to Butch Cassidy?

J.N.-N.Y., N.Y.

- A. Nope, David's not related to the famous bank robber.
- Q. I would like to know if Rick Ely and Linda Smith are going steady?

J.D.—Mineral, Ill.

- A. Rick dates Linda often, but they are not really going steady.
- Q. Did Joe Jr. really quit the Raiders because he wanted to or was there another reason? I thought I heard Mark say on "American Bandstand" that he was just sick.

R.F.-New Hyde Park, N.Y.

- A. Joe was sick at the time Mark said that, but he later decided he really wanted to go back home to Mississippi and be a session musician rather than stay with the Raiders. Joe has been replaced by former Raider Michael "Smitty" Smith.
- Q. I wrote to the address you gave in the December issue for Bobby Sherman—thanks. Now could you tell us the best address to write to David Cassidy?

P.C.—Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.

A. Sure—you can write to David and all of the Partridge Family cast at 6311 Yucca St., Hollywood,