

THE PARTRIDGE PANEL DAVID SUSAN

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wood Blvd., #800, Hollywood, California 90028. David and Susan are delighted to talk with YOU.

FOR DAVID:

Dear David,

I come from a large family and each of us has our given chores to do, including me. I'm 15 years old and I feel that it's childish and unfair for me to be assigned chores along with my younger sisters and brothers. I think my parents should relieve me of this duty. What do you think?

Linda Larken
Portland, Oregon

Dear Linda,

I'll have to go along with your parents. Life is full of responsibilities and having a given chore is just another responsibility. No matter what age we are, we all have those things which we have to do and it's up to us to make sure that they get done. Your father has his responsibility of providing for the family and look at all the responsibilities a mother has. When I was still living at home, I had several things which I was supposed to do and if I didn't follow up on them, certain privileges were taken away from me. We all have to learn how to carry out a responsibility no matter how silly it may seem to us at the time. So cheer up—you'll soon be on your own and then all the chores and responsibilities will be there for you to handle.

Dear David,

I read in a magazine that you kicked the smoking habit. I'd like to myself, but I find it difficult. Can you give me any suggestions as to what I should do?

Clara Melcher
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Clara,

Here's a few tips, but you have to find what works best for you. When I decided to quit smoking I allowed myself three cigarettes a day. Then one morning when I woke up I decided that was it, no more cigarettes from now on. And that was it. Why don't you try that first, just stop, but if it's too hard then allow yourself a certain amount. First a pack a week, then a pack every two weeks, then two a day and so on. You have to have a strong will and it has to be that you really are determined to succeed. Hope you win the fight!

Dear David,

I want to let my hair grow long, not real long, about like yours, but my folks don't want me to. They say that long hair is scruffy looking and they don't want their son becoming a hippie. How can I convince them that isn't true? I really don't want to go against their wishes, but maybe if I say the right thing it will change their minds. What can you suggest?

Johnny McGee
Newark, N.J.

Dear Johnny,

I think it's good of you not to want to go against what your parents say. You didn't say your age, but I imagine you're in your early teens. Sit down with your parents and have a good discussion about it. Tell them your side and how you feel and just because they see other

boys with long scruffy hair, this doesn't mean that you will be that way. Explain to them how you want to be part of what's happening with your generation, just as they did in their day. Long hair doesn't necessarily mean that you're a no-good hippie, these things all depend on the individual. Would President Kennedy have been a lesser person if he let his hair grow long? Suggest to them that if you can let your hair grow, anytime they find it dirty and unkempt looking, that you will cut it. Maybe by doing this they will realize that hair doesn't change an individual from anything less than he is at the moment. Good luck Johnny, let me know how you make out.

FOR SUSAN:

Dear Susan,

I am 14 years old and a freshman in high school and I've been very interested in acting for a long time. I can't afford to go to an acting school or anything like that, but I know that I want to make a career of it. What is the best thing for me to do?

Connie Austin
Tiffin, Ohio

Dear Connie,

Why don't you check and see if your school has a Drama Club that you could join? That's always a first step and it's good experience for you to be around other people so you can rid yourself of any hang-ups you may have. After all, an actress

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