

DEAR CAROL

Q. Is your last name really Deck or is that just a name you write under?

L.M. - Costa Mesa, Calif.

A. Honest, that's really my name.

Q. I heard that Elvis Presley is blind. Is it true?

D.K. - Brook Park, Ohio

A. No, it's not true. El had an eye infection a few months back and had to under go eye surgery but his eyesight is OK now.

Q. In the November issue of FLIP you had an article called "The Osmonds' Backstage Life." In the first picture Jay, Wayne, Merrill and Marie are watching TV. I would like to know what TV show they were watching?

M.D. - Chicago, Ill.

A. They were watching an old movie, some corny old western.

Q. I watched the Sonny and Cher show and I love it, but I heard that Sonny is just his nickname. If so, what is his real name?

S.E. - Mamaroneck, N.Y.

A. His real name is Salvatore Bono, but he's always been known as Sonny.

Q. There isn't a generation gap between Donny Osmond and his parents, is there?

N.I. - Grandville, Mich.

A. No, there's no generation gap anywhere in the Osmond family. They are a very close knit family who have no problems communicating with each other.

Q. Is it true that David Cassidy's father, Jack, was killed by a car? My father said he was but I hope he's wrong.

Y.A. - Union, N.J.

A. He's wrong—Jack Cassidy is still very much alive.

Q. I heard that John Lennon and Yoko Ono were accused of kidnapping a child - and I heard it on the radio news. Is it true?

M.N. - San Antonio, Puerto Rico

A. Well, it's a bit complicated but here goes - Yoko was married once before and has a daughter by that marriage named Kyoto. After she married John her first husband, Anthony Cox, wanted custody of the child and a big legal battle ensued. At some point he apparently had gotten a legal injunction to keep Yoko from taking the child out of England and when she did he accused her and John of kidnapping the girl. But now the legal battles are over and Cox has been awarded custody of Kyoto, although Yoko can visit her.

Q. In one magazine it said that Rick Ely was born on May 5th and in another it said May 4th. I need your help. Which is right?

D.L. - Howard Beach, N.Y.

A. Sorry about the confusion - Rick was born on May 4th.

Q. My sister told me a rumor that's been going around that the Osmond Brothers are slightly deaf and some are completely deaf! Could this be true?

J.W. - Brigham City, Utah

A. Actually the truth of the matter is that none of the performing Osmonds have any hearing problems, but their two older brothers, Virl and Thomas, are both partially deaf.

CHAD EVERETT & SHELBY GRANT



Q. Please tell me if Chris Stone and Steve Brooks of "The Interns" are related.

E.H. - Newington, Conn.

A. No, they are not related.

Q. Please don't let it be true, but is William Shatner really dead?

J.W. - Victorville, Calif.

A. It isn't true. William, who was the captain on "Star Trek" is still very much alive.

Q. How come in articles that David Cassidy writes he refers to his stepmother as Shirley? I realize that she's his stepmother, but why doesn't he call her mom or mother or something else when he mentions her?

B.B. - Morganville, N.J.

A. That's something that David and Shirley worked out between themselves. He calls his real mother "Mom" and his stepmother "Shirley." And they all like it that way.