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glance through fashion magazines to observe lengths of dresses. Mini's are still popular! You'd be surprised how old dresses can look new once they're altered and shortened a bit! It's really no problem to look "in" these days, even with limited funds. In fact, it's rather fun because there's so much you can do!

Dear David,

How many roommates do you have? You wouldn't believe all the different numbers I've been hearing!

> Gail Russell Thousand Oaks, Ca.

Dear Frances,

They certainly are—they're brother and sister!

Dear Susan,

I'm trying to lose weight and thought maybe you could be of some help. What my problem boils down to is that I have no will-power when it comes to food! The smell of a bakery or pizza parlor lures me from whatever I'm doing, and before you know it, I've eaten again! I'm never going to lose weight this way! Any suggestions?

Dawn Mueler Knoxville, Tn.



ARTE JOHNSON did a guest appearance on "The Partridge Family" this year and all the cast enjoyed his antics. David was scheduled to appear on "Laugh-In" last summer, but his operation kept him from doing the show.

Dear Gail,

I've only got one roommate, but I think I can explain why you've heard so many different stories! For the last few years I've been rooming with Sam Hyman, a friend of mine from way back in junior high. Then about a year ago, Steve "Cookie" Ross, the guitarist in my back-up group joined us making the total three! He stayed a few months and then decided to get his own place. And when he moved out, Al Rhodes moved in! But as of the last couple months, Al has also chosen to move out on his own, so now it's just Sam and I again! Hope that clears up the mystery for you! Write again sometime!

Dear David,

Are Danny Bonaduce and Cecelia Bonaduce related?

> Frances Orozco Union City, N.J.

Dear Dawn,

You said the right word in your second sentence-willpower! And that's about the only thing that'll work, as I learned when I dieted a few years back! Of course, cutting out all sweets

and starches would do the trick instantly, but it takes an iron will to stick to a diet like that. I admire anyone who can do it! But rather than being harsh on yourself, why not cut down on the "problem foods" gradually so that you don't miss them so much? Maybe just set aside a couple times during the month to have your pizza dinner (but have small portions), and stick to proteins the rest of the time. Do the same for your intake of sweets, and then cut it down to once a week and so on. When your craving for sweets strikes, chew some gum-it's a good substitute! And before you know it, those excess pounds will start coming off!

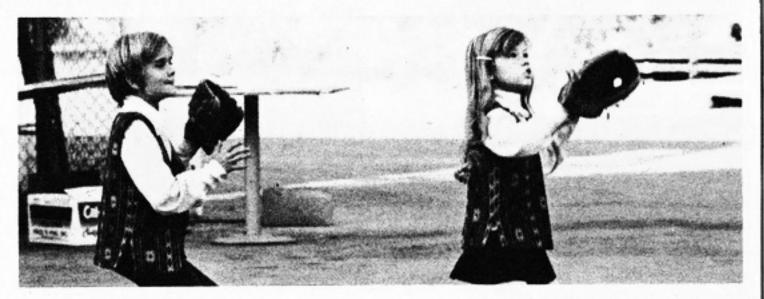
Dear David,

I visited the Universal Studios and since then have wished more than anything to become an actress! I read in the magazines how your mom did everything she could when you were younger to help your career, but my parents don't take me seriously. I know you can help me, so please tell me what to do.

Love, P.M. Antioch, Ca.

Dear P.M.,

I've suggested this to other people, and I'm going to tell you about it too. California is loaded with little theaters, and I'm sure there's one in your area. Get information on the closest one to your home and then go down to some of their meetings. If you find it to your liking, join them, and you'll probably be cast in one of their plays. Also, get involved in drama classes in your school. If you find that by the time you graduate you're still interested in becoming an actress, you may like moving to L.A. to get active in the Pasadena Playhouse or something like that, not to mention finding an agent to represent you! Let me know what you think of my suggestion, and remember, never lose that great enthusiasm! It's the people like you who reach their goals!



WHENEVER THE PARTRIDGE KIDS aren't working or in school, you'll likely find them playing ball outside the Partridge stage. That way, they're nearby whenever they're needed for a scene. Suzanne's a great catcher!