

# THE PARTRIDGE PANEL

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any other career, if you really want to be successful, requires a lot of hard work, long hours, and the willingness to accept criticism and make small personal sacrifices. I hope you join the drama club—maybe someday we'll work together!

Dear David,

My parents are getting a divorce and I don't think I can stand seeing them separate. I know they're going to ask me who I want to go with and I really can't say. You went through the same thing. How did you handle it?

F.T.  
Tampa, Florida

Dear F.T.

I'm sorry to hear that your parents are going to divorce. It's a very sad experience for everyone involved. I was young when my parents divorced so I wasn't expected to make a choice. However, I think it might be a good idea if you spoke to both your parents and, then, work out some kind of schedule that will give both your parents a chance to spend time with you but still give you a chance to lead your own life without the pressure of being pulled apart. Keep in touch and let me know how things are going, okay?



FOR SHIRLEY:

Dear Shirley,

What type of movies do you like making—comedies or dramas? Would you ever do a nude scene?

Karen Paez  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Karen,

I love to think that the movies I'm working on will make people laugh because laughter is such a beautiful thing! But I also get great pleasure in doing dramatic roles because I can get really involved. As for doing a nude scene—I don't really believe I've ever read a script where a nude scene would make it any better artistically.



FOR DANNY:

Dear Danny,

Do you feel funny that your sister Celia has a column about you? Have you ever gotten angry with her for writing something about you that you didn't want others to know?

Dale Seeley  
Sacramento, California

Dear Dale,

I am very proud that my sister has a column. I think it has something to do with that word—love! Usually, we talk to each other very easily and so she tells me what she might write in her column. If it's something that she feels might embarrass me or make me angry, she asks first then does it anyway! No, seriously, my sister and I get along great and she has great respect for a person's privacy—including her brother's.



FOR DAVE:

Dear Dave,

I hear you like photography. My parents gave me a camera for my last birthday and I like to take pictures of everything but mostly people. What do you take the most pictures of?

Nancy Jo Ontarin  
Pueblo, Colorado

Dear Nancy Jo,

That's nice of you to remember my hobby! Isn't it fun to have a camera? I like to take pictures of scenery but I think I have to agree with you and say that pictures of people are my favorites, too. Especially when they aren't expecting it!



FOR BRIAN:

Dear Brian,

Do you have to wear make-up like David, Shirley and Susan?

Janet Leighton  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Janet,

No. Danny, Suzanne, and I were given bicycles by the studio to ride around the ranch so we get lots of exercise that also keeps us in the sun. With a slight tan, we don't need to wear make-up for the cameras.