

rolling, and I'm sure conversation will flow easily from there. If they respond enthusiastically about your visit, suggest you get together on a Saturday afternoon or something. That way they'll know you're interested, and I'm sure one of them (or both!) will feel the same! Write back and let me know how everything turns out! Good luck!

Dear Susan,

I was wondering if your Private Journal could help me? I'm only 12 and not very popular, which is probably because I'm shy. Please tell me what to do!

Jennifer  
Cincinnati, Oh.

Dear Jennifer,

I'd like to help you overcome your shyness (at least, just a little) by offering you advice, but the best thing I can suggest is checking out my Private Journal through TiGER BEAT on page 55. There's just too many things to mention in "Tell It Like It Is," but my journal is packed from cover to cover with tips I've picked up over the years! I really hope it'll be of some help!

Dear David,

Is there any truth to the rumor that you're going to star in a movie? If so, tell me all about it!

Cindy  
Guttenburg, N.J.

Dear Cindy,

At this particular time I have no plans to star in a movie, but Susan Dey is going to be in one! Watch for "Airborne" when it comes to your town—she's in it with Charleton Heston and James Brolin!

Dear David,

"Hi!" to one of my favorite Partridges! I don't know if you'll remember me, but I've written to you several times in the past, and you've answered my letters too! All I wanted to say was that I received your first solo album for my birthday and thought it was fantastic! Do you have plans of recording another album? I sure hope the answer is "yes!"

Love,  
Cheryl Barry

Dear Cheryl,

"Hi!" to one of my favorite letter-writers! I sure do remember you, and I'm really glad you wrote! I'm thrilled that you like my first solo album because I had a great time recording it! In the near future I hope to come out with a second album, and if all goes as planned, it'll include quite a few of my own compositions. On my recent trip to Europe I had lots of time to spend with my thoughts, so I spent most of that time working on music. As a result, I came back to the States with many fresh ideas for songs, and maybe someday soon I'll record them!

Dear Susan,

I've asked a lot of my friends for answers to this question, and everyone's surprised me with a different response! I'd like to know what your favorite word is? I kind of like the word "groovy!"

Sincerely,  
Karen Buchannan

Dear Karen,

I kind of like the word "groovy" too because it has a happy, cheerful connotation! But I think if I had to pick a favorite, I'd choose the word "understanding." It is the basis of love and trust, and works towards creating total compatibility. And when people get along and understand one another, it can really be something beautiful!

Dear David,

What do you do when you get mad at someone? Do you sulk and pout and keep it to yourself, or do you make it known what's irritating you?

Curious  
Houston, Tex.

Dear Curious,

No, I can't honestly say I sulk or pout, because that wouldn't accom-



**WHEN THE PARTRIDGES shoot on location the studio always provides the cast and crew with a good hot lunch. Tables are set up and meat, vegetables, and potatoes are catered in so everybody can have a nice lunch before working!**

plish anything! I have a tendency to be moody when I'm troubled, so I'm probably quieter at those times more than anything. But if I find it's something that I can't handle, I discuss the problem with one of my friends, or level with the person who annoyed me. But most of the time, I'm happy to say, I don't feel too down in the dumps about anything!

Dear Susan,

Since you've been dating for several years, maybe you can tell me what to do. I've recently begun dating, and unfortunately, have experienced breaking-up too! I'd like to know what's considered a "normal" period of time to spend being depressed about losing a boyfriend? I don't want to be overdoing it!

Thanks,  
Sally Rose

Dear Sally,

I certainly wouldn't want you overdoing the depressed phase of a broken relationship either, but that's something



**IT LOOKS LIKE David's playing peek-a-boo, but actually he's getting ready to film a scene in the Partridge's bathroom. Notice the towel rack and the tile floor—just like a real bathroom!**

I really can't help you with! There's no such thing as a "normal" length of time to be upset over breaking up, just as there's no "normal" length of time to be dating someone either. It's just something you have to decide for yourself. But I've always felt that being depressed too long does more harm than it does good. Naturally it'll bother

you if you really liked the boy and were seeing him steadily, but the more time you spend sulking keeps you out of circulation, and denies you the time to meet someone else. I'd say let it bother you for the most for one week, and then get out there and meet other people! There's plenty of fish in the sea!

Dear David,

Is Brian Forster the original "Chris Partridge," or was there someone else before him?

Rhonda Updyke  
Dalton, Ill.

Dear Rhonda,

Jeremy Gelbwaks was the original "Chris Partridge" when the series first began, but his father's job required that he move with his family to West Virginia at the time "Partridge Family" entered its second season. So Brian has been with us since last September, and even though we were sorry to lose Jeremy, we were very pleased to get such a groovy replacement!