

Dear Al,

Does David smoke? I hope not! Dawn Huntley (a concerned fan) Montclair, Calif.

Dear Dawn,

Nope! David quit smoking almost three years ago. He was the first to "kick the habit" and then a few months later Sam and I quit smoking too! A little hint for you Dawn: David doesn't really like to see girls smoking!

Dear Al,

First of all, I love your column! I'd like to know if you think David's changed a whole lot since he became Keith Partridge? Another magazine had a whole story about how much David had changed, but I'll only believe what you tell me!

B. J. Consgara Newark, Del.

Dear B. J.,

Glad you enjoy the column—it's loads of fun for me to do! I don't think David's changed at all. He's the same as he was before he ever even heard about Keith Partridge. Thanks for believing me—I'm telling you the truth. I have to say that I know David better than the reporter who wrote that story for that "other mag!"



Dear Al,
Does David talk in his sleep?
Melissa Neal
Ft. Mill, So. Carolina

Dear Melissa,

Sometimes I drop by really late at night and find David asleep on the living room couch—and I've never heard him say a word while he was "zonked out!" Sam says he's never heard any talking coming from David's room during the night—so it's safe to say that David is a "silent sleeper!"

Dear Al,

Does David's mom, Evelyn, spend much time over at his house?

Karen Wheeler Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Karen,

Yeah, once a year David's mom visits him and stays for about two months. We all love her and have a great time together when she's with us. She's a wonderful lady!



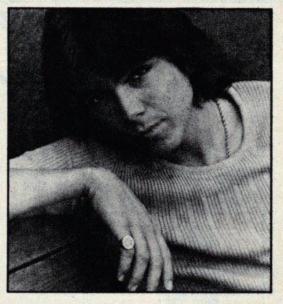
Dear Al,

Does the ring David always has on his pinky mean something special to him? Is it his high school ring?

> Elizabeth Lockhart Austin, Texas

Dear Elizabeth,

David's father, Jack, gave him the ring for his 21st birthday. The ring is designed with the Cassidy family crest and has "Life, Love, and Happiness" inscribed inside. Yes, the ring really is something special to David.



Dear Al,

What kind of girls are you, David, and Sam interested in? Thanks for listening and for the terrific column!

Julie Farren Timonium, Md.

Dear Julie,

Thank YOU for your kind words, Julie! The kind of girl who can really turn our heads around is one who shows us that she is truly interested in us for what we really are—human beings! After that, it'd be easy to share joys and sorrows.

Dear Al,

What is David's birthstone? Also please tell David that I love him and think he's the greatest!

Annie Powell Buna, Tx.

Dear Annie,

David's birthstone is a diamond. I gave David your message and his answer is: "Tell Annie I love her too!"

Dear Al,

What is David's favorite room in the house and why?

Stephanie Shipp Beverly Hills, Ca.

Dear Stephanie,

Like any other guy, after a hard day's work, David wants to have a few moments of total relaxation . . . so he heads for his bedroom. In his room, he puts on some music, lies down, and lets the day's tensions drift away!