

DEAR CAROL

Q. I heard an awful rumor about Jay Osmond going steady with a girl named Dyanne Edwards who lives in Torrance, California. Please tell me it isn't true! N.N.—Torrance, Calif.

A. Relax, Jay is not going steady with anyone.

Q. Please help me. I heard a rumor that Donny Osmond failed a year or two in school and that he's ashamed to tell anyone and that's why we never hear what grade he's in. Is it true? W.G.—Phoenix, Calif.

A. No, it's certainly not true. The reason you don't hear what grade Donny or any of the Osmonds is in is because they don't go to a regular school. They are being educated by their mother through correspondence courses. The truth is that if Donny were in public school he would most likely have skipped a few grades by now!



MARK SPITZ

Q. I heard that Cher Bono has to choose between Sonny and Tom Jones. Is it true? I hope not! N.C.—Somerset, Ky.

A. No, it's not true. Sonny and Cher have had some problems but they appear to have them mostly ironed out now. And Tom Jones is just a friend of theirs.

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Q. Is it true that David Cassidy is married? My friend says he is and I say he isn't. Who is right? J.C.—Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

A. You are right—David is still very single.

Q. What does Mark Spitz plan to do now that he is not swimming? C.B.—Flanagan, Ill.

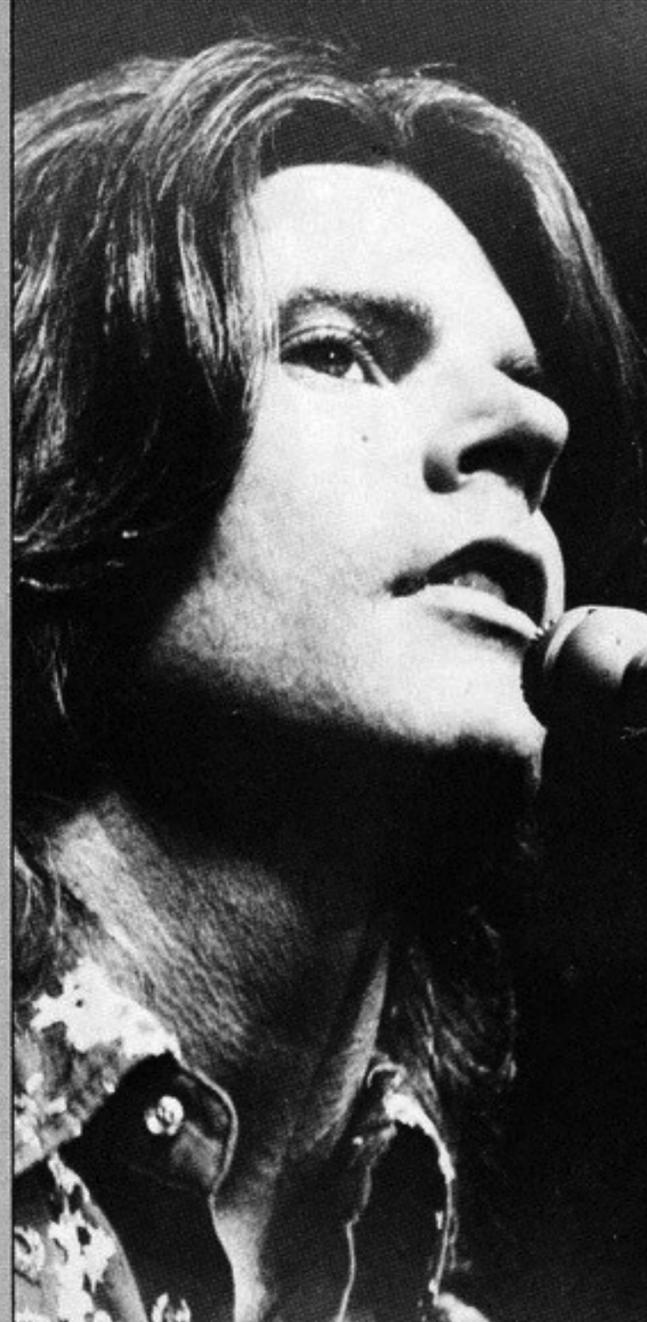
A. Mark hasn't given up swimming altogether—he just does it for fun now rather than competition. His plans for the future include getting married in May and doing magazine, TV and radio commercials for various products.

Q. What is Cher's maiden name? I've read it was LaPiere, Sarkisier and Sarkisian. What was it? S.J.—Abbotstown, Pa.

A. Cher was born Cherilyn Sarkisian but her parents were later divorced and her mother remarried a man named LaPierre.

Q. Everytime I call Donny Osmond at home a lady always answers and tells me to leave Donny alone! What should I do? F.R.—Dallas, Texas

A. I hate to tell you this but I think you should take the lady's advice. You see the Osmonds' home phone number is supposed to be a well kept secret, because it is also the number they use for business, but quite often it gets all tied up by fans who just want to talk and important business calls can't get through—so they have to keep changing the number, which means they all have to memorize a new number every few days. And besides, what with recording, rehearsing, taping TV shows, touring, eating, sleeping and what all they really don't have that much time to talk to anyone on the phone. The best thing to do is simply to write to Donny and give him your phone number. Then if he has the time he'll call you and you won't be responsible for him having to change his phone number.



RICK NELSON

Q. This is urgent! Please tell me if Creedance Clearwater Revival have split up? And is Alice Cooper's real first name Vince? And is David Cassidy planning to marry a girlfriend in Sweden in 1974? R.M.K.—Buffalo, N.Y.

A. Here goes—CCR have indeed split up to follow solo careers; Alice's real first name is Vince; no, David is not currently planning to marry anyone.

Q. Is the Osmonds' new recording studio in Utah or California? L.V.—Phoenix, Ariz.

A. They have a new studio in California near the MGM recording studios, but they are also building a studio in their new Utah home.