



# teen talk

Come on . . . we want to hear from YOU! Join the chit-chat by writing to TEEN TALK, TEEN LIFE, 235 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10003 Speak up! We're listening!

Hi!

Hey—all you lovely letter-writers—it's that time again. The letters have been rolling in, much to my delight. In fact, because there are so many great letters from all you terrific TEEN LIFE readers, I decided to make *your* page two pages. Now, I'll be able to answer twice as many letters as before. Hope you like the change as much as I do.

As usual, things have been jumpin' around the TEEN LIFE office.

I met a new fabulous foursome—the Raspberries. For those of you not in the know—they are that sensational new singing group, who had that smash single recently called, "Go All The Way." You've probably heard it a trillion times on your radio, by now.

Well, believe it or not, as good as they sound on the air, they're even better in person. I had a wonderful time with them. They're darling to talk to and they're dynamite performers. Good-looking, too. But see for yourself by turning to page 39. The Raspberries are this issue's Groovy Newy. I love 'em. Hope you will, too. In fact, why not let me know how you feel?

This next item is for all you horror freaks! I just read two spine-chilling, blood-curdling books. The titles are "Eight Strange Tales" and "Satan's Pets." They're paper-backs, so don't worry about the cost—they're only 75 cents each. Not too much to spend to be scared out of your wits, right? Each book is a collection of scary short stories, so for those of you who dig this type of tale, dig in!

A final note about these two books. They were edited by a guy named Vic Ghidalia. Vic's an old friend. But more than that—he only edits books in his spare time. You see, Vic also works for ABC Television, with all your faves—like David, Susan, the other Partridges, the Brady Kids, etc. Now that's what I call luck. Who wouldn't trade places with him?

Before we get to your letters—and it's about time we did—I want to announce several contest winners. Because

we've been so busy here, we've neglected to do so recently. Believe me, our faces are red, but it won't happen anymore—cross my heart!

Lucky Cheryl Schuman of Sterling Heights, Michigan won our Love Talk Contest. And what was the prize? A personal phone call from that darling of darlings—Donny Osmond! Cheryl already spoke to him and she told me, personally, that it was the most exciting thing that's ever happened to her in her entire life. Congratulations, Cheryl. And for all her doubting-Thomas friends—it really did happen—just as she said it did.

Our Find-The-Face Contest in the November 1972 issue of TEEN LIFE was won by Kathy Hayes of Onalaska, Wisc. Kathy—your albums are on the way.

As for our Write Tite Contest, featured in the September 1972 issue of TEEN LIFE, another Kathy, this time Kathy Clark of Warminster, Pennsylvania was the winner. Gee, Kathy, you can really write tite, by golly! Kathy's prize is a year's subscription—free—to TEEN LIFE. So, Kathy, you don't have to go to your neighborhood magazine shop or stand for TEEN LIFE for one whole year. They'll be coming straight to your door, from now on.

Again—congratulations—to all you winners. And thanks to all of you who entered these contests. Don't feel bad about losing. Maybe the next time you'll come up the winner. So keep on trying!

Now, it's definitely time to turn these pages back to *you* and *your* letters. Remember keep those letters rolling in. I love hearing from each and every one of you. Keep in mind—even if *your* letter is not printed, I read them all and love them all.

That's it folks—for this issue. No more room! Till the next TEEN LIFE, peace for everyone all over the world and be happy!

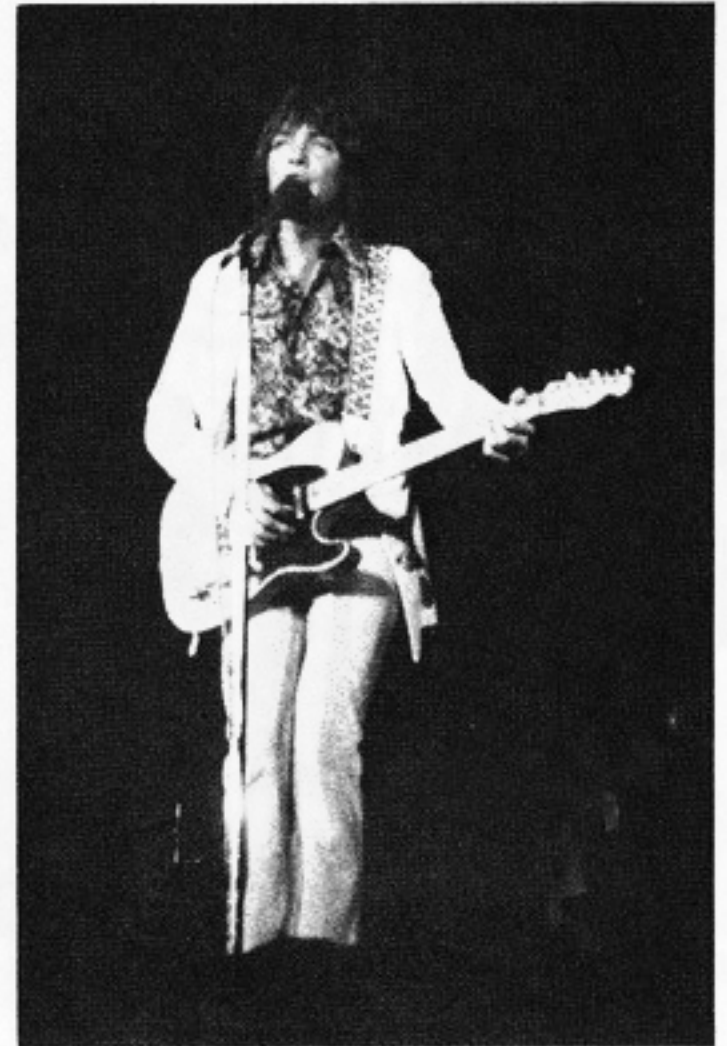
Dear Caryl:

Does either David or Donny swear? Do they think it's all right for girls to swear?

Serious Sally  
Tacoma, Wash.

Dear Serious Sally:

Neither David nor Donny swear in front of me, so I assume that they normally don't use these words when speaking to other people. David always



says he likes intelligent girls, and as you know, intelligent people make use of a wide-range of vocabulary words—making the use of limited 4-letter-words unnecessary and boring in social conversation. I'm sure Donny would be offended by a girl who swears since the Mormon Church is so against this kind of speech. Why do you want to know? Are you planning to start learning how to swear?

Dear Caryl:

Is it true that Susan Dey is engaged to Dale McRaven, associate producer of the "Partridge Family" and that they'll wed in mid-August?

Evangelina Reyna  
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Evangelina:

As we go to press it is now mid-autumn and I don't hear any wedding bells ringing yet. We'll keep you posted on this, though. I'm kind-of curious myself to see how this turns out.

Dear Caryl:

I've been wondering—does Donny Osmond have capped teeth?

Elise Wagner  
Fredericktown, Mo.

Dear Elise:

Donny had to wear braces and then a retainer for a while in the past, but he has never had to have his teeth capped.