

## From the EDITOR



To approach the theme of this issue, I'll have to walk down the block from my childhood home to the big white house where one of my friends had a bedroom adjacent to one inhabited by an older sister and another that stood empty while their brother was fighting in Vietnam.

I can remember pausing to gander into the sister's bedroom when she wasn't there. She was a diehard Beatles fan, and her room was a fan shrine, with hand-drawn portraits of John, Paul, George and Ringo (special emphasis on JOHN and PAUL). Oh how she was crazy about those mop-tops! Declarations of eternal love were everywhere in that girly-girl room, with a little record player on the floor and a stack of Beatles 45s helter-skelter nearby.

Sweet 16, 1963: The plush lush abandon of that girl's affection for her two chosen Beatles was something effervescent pink. Much as my friend and I had important business with our G.I. Joes and James Bond action figures, the sugary appeal of that girl's Beatlemania was probably what made my first drink taste so good.

Later, when I was in junior high, the girls seemed to be all about Donny Osmond and The Monkees; but my wife says for her back then it was Bobby Sherman. She won't admit it, but I still see heartthrobs in her eyes when she says the name.

There's something about puberty and emotions hilarious that makes teen heartthrobs the champagne of young passion. It's something you never quite forget, which is why our 2016 Valentine issue is for all of you still struck with puppy love.

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## About the Cover

If you thought you loved him — well, you certainly weren't alone. David Cassidy was just 20 when he stepped into the role of Keith Partridge, the musically — and romantically — gifted eldest son on ABC's *The Partridge Family*. With his bedroom eyes and perfectly feathered dark hair, Cassidy quickly emerged as a worldwide sex symbol thanks to the G-rated comedy confection that also starred his stepmom Shirley Jones as the matriarch of the velvet-and-ruffle-clad family band. The series launched Cassidy's lucrative singing career, though he continued to act in television, film and stage productions. Now 65, Cassidy tours occasionally and advocates for Alzheimer's disease organizations.

## Who's That STAR?

Can you  
guess the  
identity of  
the star  
featured in  
this  
photograph?



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