But, according to the gossips, Robyn played the dating game the wrong way in David's eyes. His friends say he began to suspect she was 'using' him for publicity.

Whatever the reason, David and Robyn stopped seeing one another.

Another girl that David has been out with several times is the daughter of a family friend — Lynn Dubian. Lynn is a ton of fun and has a great sense of humour, the sort of companion whose gaiety is infectious.

David once said: "Though I *never* have time for a real date anymore, when I do have an hour or two to spare, I know I can call up Lynn and go out to dinner or a movie without any fuss or bother.

"I know I will always have a good time with her. She's very un-Hollywood, and I like that quality in her."

All stars have a stand-in when they're filming, but did you know David's stand-in is a *girl*? Her name is Jan Freeman and she's 22 years old, a warm and friendly personality with the same nose, the same shape of face and the same hair as David. Jan is very good for David because, while he worries about little imperfections on the set, she refuses to take anything too seriously.

A journalist asked David not so long ago how he felt about having a girl as his stand-in. Was he embarrassed in any way?

David just laughed and said: "Why should I be? She's beautiful and about the same size as I am. Well, actually I'm two inches taller, but then Jan's got a 22-inch waist!"

There's a very personal preference

wrapped up in that last sentence. David is five feet, eight inches tall and he likes his dates to be shorter than he is (certainly not taller) with slim figures.

The truth is David has always worried about his height, though his fans wouldn't change him for all the tea in China.

Any article about David's dates could hardly leave out the lovely Susan Dey, his co-star in *The Partridge Family*.

Theirs is a very special relationship, a fusing of personalities which a great many of David's fans persist in thinking is love.

Nothing of the sort! They are *not* in love. They have never been in love. But they're so close to one another they've become like the brother and sister they play on the screen.
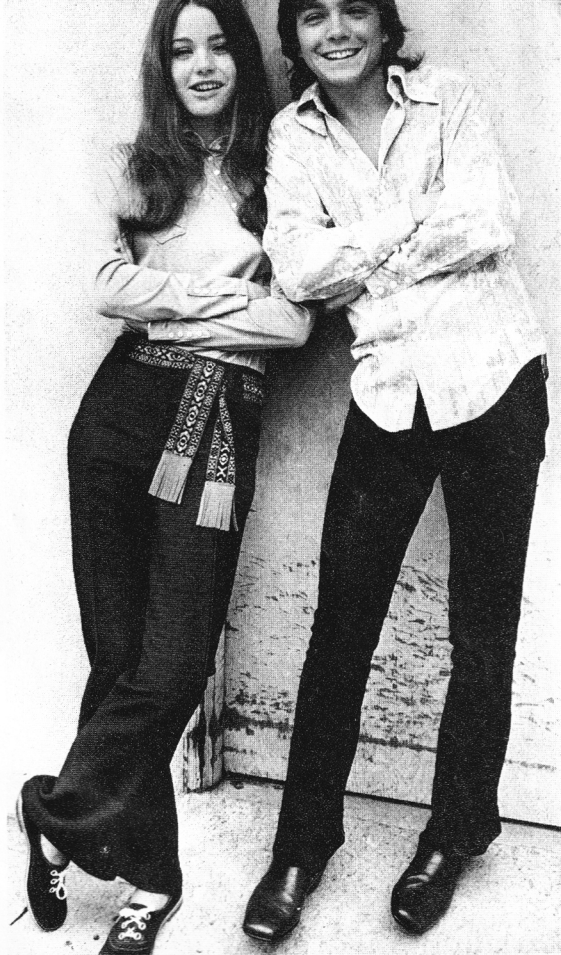
You can see how it happened. Working side by side in the studio from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. five days a week has made them friends, chums, pals, mates (pick the word you think denotes the greatest affection and regard!) but *NOT* sweethearts.

They have been to movies when Susan first arrived in Hollywood and once he went to Susan's house for dinner.

"I think it was just that David was trying to make me feel at home," says Susan.

They fool around together. They share jokes and laughs and lunchbreaks, but it isn't love. *So it's crazy for fans to resent Susan because they think she's David's girl off the screen.*

It's probably true to say David and Susan would never have got together if they hadn't been cast in the same TV

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series. If they'd met in other circumstances they might have talked politely at a party, but that's all.

As Susan says: "At heart we're totally different types. I'd like to marry a guy who'd come home to me every night, help me cook dinner, go for long walks with me, or just sit around talking to me while we watched television.

"I'm essentially a homebody while David — though he doesn't get the chance to go out very often, — is definitely a *non*-homebody!"

Is Susan right, do you think? David always swears he values peace and privacy before anything else, but has he a secret hankering for the bright lights when he steps out? In the old days, before his career became so hectic and demanding, he loved to go dancing in the discotheques along Hollywood's Sunset Strip.

It's almost sad to think of him now as a secret swinger, chained to his homework of learning lines every night for the next day's shooting! If this is the penalty of fame, how long can an excitement-loving Arian put up with it?

David has never said anything publicly about what he's missing, but no doubt the girls he dates could tell another story!

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