

MY THANKS, IT'S COMING TO GERMANY!

David worked his way through an entire mailbag from the German Federal Post Office. Afterwards he was so happy that he played sack races with Frances

Karin sent the most original letter

A lucky penny for David: Birgit from Cologne was the sender

that I run from one Hollywood party to another with them. Fortunately, I always realized that after a short time. Now I've become more cautious. Many people want to know how I imagine my dream girl. Well, the girl would have to be natural, not wear too much makeup and not try to change me. She would also have to like animals and be nice to my friends. She has to be understanding and put up with being alone a lot because my job keeps me on my toes all the time. I smiled because so many people asked me if I would like to marry Susan Dey one day. Susan and I are the best buddies there are. Nothing more. And why am I stopping with the "Partridge family"? I'm 24 now, and I don't want to play a 16-year-old all the time. Besides, as an actor I'm tempted to take on new roles and the series never gave me the time. I'm a bit sad, of course, because after so many years I've grown very fond of the series and the whole cast. Two boys from Switzerland, Yves and André, want to form a pop group with friends. They want me to tell them a few tricks. I have to pass. There are no tricks at all. You have to love pop music and practise, practise, practise. That's all there is to it. But it's not as easy as it sounds...

Gerda from Bavaria wants to know why I enjoy skiing so often and so much. She says there isn't that much snow in the USA. That's a misconception: you can't just ski in the Alps. After all, we here in America have our Rocky Mountains. And there is the ski resort of Colorado Springs, and especially the Olympic resort of Squaw Valley. It is 2000 meters high, belongs to California and is easy to reach from Los Angeles. Babet from Lingen wrote to me that she has exactly 130 posters and photos of me hanging on her wall. Damn it! I think that's the absolute record, right? 14-year-old Monika from Velbert wants to know how it feels to be a star. Unfortunately I don't know because I don't feel like a star. It's just that I sometimes notice from the enormous publicity hype that I'm something of a star. Because otherwise I feel completely normal. Doris Müller from northern Germany confessed to me in a letter that she almost ran away from home once to somehow come to America and meet me in Los Angeles. As flattered as I feel about it: Los Angeles has around eight million inhabitants - so it would be a great coincidence to meet me on the street...

I found a letter from Knut from Schleswig-Holstein really funny: He complained bitterly that I had ever appeared on German television at all.

Because ever since then, the girls in his little hometown have only swarmed for me, not for him. That's why he challenges me to a friendly fight! We'd better save the fight: I'm sure Knut is exaggerating. There are certainly enough girls left for him... Many people want to know how I like Germany, unfortunately I still know very little about your country. I hope to get to know it better on this tour, so far I can only say that I like it very much. I was particularly impressed by the harbor last year. Last but not least, something else that I found very nice: Irene from Austria wrote me the saying "Love is a Ring, and a Ring has no End" at the end of her letter. I find this sentence very good because just as your affection for me is genuine and deep feeling, my love for you, to whom I owe my wonderful success, will never end. My dear German fans, I had hoped to see as many of you as possible again at my concerts in Hamburg, Frankfurt and Munich, I thank you for the affection you have shown me with your letters, I will try to answer as many of them as possible, at least with a picture or an autograph. But you know how little time I have, it can take a very, very long time. I hope you don't blame me for that. See you soon, Forever

David Cassidy