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LONG-TIME FAV **Darby Hinton** is back at work again after being confined in a leg cast for over nine months after an accident he had on his motorcycle. Darby will be seen this fall in an episode of ABC's *Owen Marshall: Counselor At Law*, and he's just returned from the exotic island of Jamaica after doing a feature film. Darby is playing "Darby" in *Jamaica Reef*, the fantastic tale of a young boy's hunt for a lost treasure. There's talk that the film might even lead to a new TV series for Darby—and that would be great! . . . Among the bright new faces you'll be seeing on television this season are those of adorable **Rob Gifford** and **Damaris Colon**, who are regulars on NBC's new series *Take A Giant Step*—which is on for a full hour, 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. (EDT), every Saturday morning. *Take A Giant Step* is sort of like a grown-up *Sesame Street*, so don'tcha dare miss it!

Raider Keith Allison has just signed for his first acting role. He'll be featured in a movie (starring Peter Sellers) called *Where Does It Hurt?* Keith also wrote the title song for the film. Another **Raider** you may be seeing in the "moom pitches" is none other than handsome **Mark Lindsay**—for 'tis rumored that AIP is looking for him to play the lead role in their upcoming film *The House Of Seven Gables* . . . Happy new daddy—he and his wife **Linda** just announced the birth of their second daughter, **Sarah Lee**—**ex-Monkee Davy Jones** is also super-proud of his smash hit, Bell Records' single *Rainy Jane*. After east coast concert appearances, Davy is now completing his first Bell Records LP—which, of course, will include *Rainy Jane*, to be released any day now.

You'll discover a bright new star in **George Spell** when you catch him in the brand new movie *Man And Boy* (co-starring **Bill Cosby** and **Gloria Foster**—she being the wife of **Clarence Williams III**). Or you can catch George in NBC-TV's *World Of Disney's Moreover*. George, who has been featured on such hit shows as *That Girl* and *Bonanza*, is also a concert pianist! . . . **Jeff Neal**, who used to write regular features about his buddy **Davy Jones** for *16 and SPEC*, now has his very own syndicated radio show. It's called *Jeff Neal's Can You Dig It?*, on which Jeff plays the host and interviews "in person" such artists as **Three Dog Night**, **Davy Jones**, **B. J. Thomas**, **Brewer & Shipley**, the **Carpenters**, **Ron Dante** and many others. If *Jeff Neal's Can You Dig It?* isn't being played on one of the radio stations in your home town and if you'd like to hear it, write to the Program Director of your favorite radio station and tip him to Jeff's fabulous five-minute syndicated radio show. Any Program Director interested in getting additional information on *Jeff Neal's Can You Dig It?* may do so by writing to Mr. Frank Beck, Mark Century Corp., 3 East 57th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022 . . . If you're a **Chris Stone** lover, and you're wondering where your golden-haired boy has gone, wonder no more—for beautiful Christopher will not only be seen in a *Marcus Welby* segment this coming TV season, you can also see him on an episode of *Mission: Impossible*.

DAVID'S ILLNESS

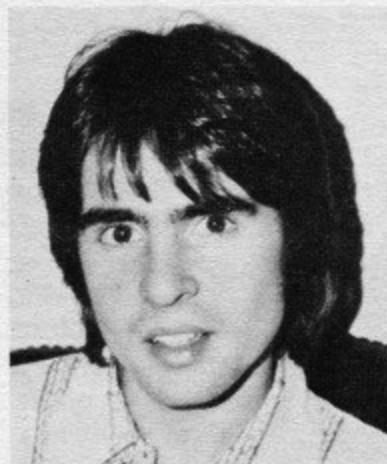
David Cassidy recuperated in record time from his July 13 operation for the removal of his gallbladder at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles. David, stricken a day and a half before his operation with another in a series of chronic gallbladder attacks, finally decided to have the operation — it had actually been scheduled for January, 1972 — and get it over with. It usually takes seven or eight weeks to fully recuperate from such an operation, but dynamite David was up and at 'em again after only four weeks. The only "side effect" of David's gallbladder surgery was that some of his "in person" concert appearances had to be cancelled — but David plans to make up every single one of these, so all of his disappointed fans will be able to see him eventually.



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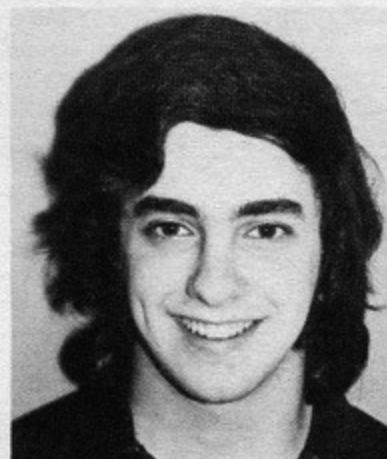
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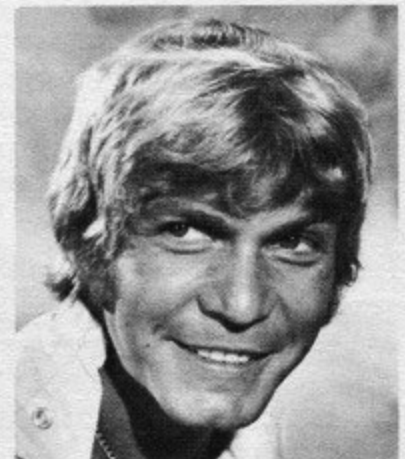
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