

Fax On Faves

by Sandy Stert



"ROOM 222" CAST

album "So Long Bannatyne" a very "impromptu album." All songs were created from simple ideas—including the album title. Group member **Kurt Winter** explained they came up with the name after he moved from his home on Bannatyne Street... The saying that "One hand washes the other" applies perfectly when it comes to music, as **Alex Harvey**, composer of **Kenny Rogers'** "Someone to Love," is releasing his first LP which **Kenny** will be producing... \$20,000 worth of jewelry was stolen from the **Pat Boone** family... **Donny Osmond's** parents gifted him with a model mini-chopper, which he races in the family's garage... **Jan-Michael Vincent** jetted to Africa to star in Disney's "Greatest Athlete in the World"... The **Jackson Five** are planning a European tour for the very near future... When **Sonny & Cher** first began singing, they billed themselves Cae-

sar & Cleo... **Ringo Starr** is directing a film featuring **T. Rex's Marc Bolan**, focussing on his rise to success... **Karen Valentine** has been asked to appear in the Palm Beach summer production of "Glass Menagerie"... It seems like everybody's encouraging voting among young people these days, including many recording artists. Most recently **Blood, Sweat & Tears** and the **Beach Boys** have set up voter registration booths at their concerts... **Jethro Tull's** new LP "Living in the Past" will be a collection of old material released in England, but never in the States. It should be interesting considering the group has always been a smash in England, and to continue with **Tull's** original touch, the album will be packaged like an old 78 rpm disc... **Three Dog Night** was the first contemporary rock group invited to visit the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, Texas. Aside from checking out the lunar module and equipment used during last year's Apollo 15 mission, the group was given a tour at Mission Control by one of the United States' future astronauts. (See our photo)... If you're a fan of the **Grass Roots**, be sure to check out the "Grass Roots Songbook" complete with pictures and lyrics to the group's greatest hits... One of



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the most popular selections on **Don McLean's** "American Pie" album is a song called "Vincent," written by **Don**, and dedicated to the painter, **Vincent Van Gogh**... **Mike Clifford** and **Cherokee** performed for one super-week of shows at the Cat's Meow in Fort Wayne, Indiana... Did you know that **Larry Knechtel** of **Bread** played piano on the **Partridge Family's** "Sound Magazine"?... The publicity department for the Latin group **Malo** (featuring **Carlos Santana's** brother) sent out tortillas to members of the press with the group's name printed on them! Not only did they make a tasty snack for all of us hungry reporters, they served as a reminder to check out the group's latest album on the Warner Bros. label... And speaking of albums, the "Brady Bunch" kids just released their first LP. It's titled simply "Meet the Brady Bunch," and it's an album you won't want to miss... Happy birthday to the following faves: **Butch Patrick**, Aug. 2; **Maureen McCormick**, Aug. 5; **Danny Bonaduce**, Aug. 13; **Wayne Osmond**, Aug. 28; **Michael Jackson**, Aug. 29, and **Tony DeFranco**, Aug. 31.



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